

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022



*In the days of King Herod,
Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem,
saying "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do
him homage."*

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, January 3	Morning Mass	8:30 am	John Wiegand Mary Ann Slowik Phil Hannigan (Living Intention)	Barb Bovard Denise Granat Mike Flood
Tuesday, January 4	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Bill & Peg Gallagher	The Enderle Family
Wednesday, January 5	Morning Mass	8:30 am	John Kinahan	Bob & Cathy Schmidt
Thursday, January 6	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, January 7	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jim Martin	Mickey & Paula Lambrecht
Saturday, January 8	Mass	8:30 am	David Mulhern	Marge Branecki
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Jim Martin	Becki Jeka
Sunday, January 9 Baptism of the Lord	Mass	7:30 am	Richard Hofstetter	The Westerhoff Family
	Mass	9:00 am	Norm Wasz	Jo Neesvig
	Mass	11:00 am	People of the Parish	
	Mass	5:00 pm	Catherine Wilson Opper & Don Opper	Tom & Regina McAtee

Schedule for January 1-2, 2022~Mass Time

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

Please pray for . . .

Linda Bieniek Andrew Carney Jay Carroll Chili Challenger Blake Donegan Barbara Doyle Matthew Doyle Lily Fielding Lilli Gregory Wilson Gregory Jessi Hoffman Barbara Hudson Rose Ilo Mary J. Jane Jacobsen Mary Ann Jones Theresa Kandall Mark Kiley Kathleen McFadden Maher Enrique Martinez Teresa Martinez Lisa Massaro	Caitlin McNeily Ron Minella Patrick Morgan Mike Morrison Bernice Niemiec Gert Ogilvie Jane O'Reilly Ryan Patyk Donna Pekarek Baby Lucia R. Madison Raupp Anna Rose Kristin Sandoval Rita Scalcon Sr. Marlene Schemmel, Jerry Spearman, Sr. Barbara Stewart John Stopka Kate Frugoli Sullivan Albert Tassi Gregory Van Gorp Liz Wilk
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To add a name to the prayer list for friends and relatives 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:

Nancy Droste
Mother of Michel, Elizabeth and Geri

Weddings

Kim Krcmar & Jacob Mannos
Rachel Janus & Nick Donnelly



Readings For The Week of January 2, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/J 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Pastor's Letter

The magi from the east said, "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
Matthew 2:2

Merry "Little Christmas!"

The Feast of Epiphany traditionally was celebrated on *the twelfth day of Christmas*. Orthodox Christians waited to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child on this feast, when the birth of the Christ Child was revealed to the magi, and thus to all the peoples of the world. This remained the Orthodox tradition through most of my childhood. Hence, we got to celebrate Christmas a second time each year with my Russian Orthodox grandparents. Needless to say, my siblings and I were disappointed when the Orthodox Church moved their Christmas celebration to December 25th.

Many legends developed concerning the magi from the East. We do not know how many there were; they came to be numbered as three because of the three gifts they brought. We know not whether they were all men or whether the caravan included women. We are told they found Mary and the child in a house, suggesting that some time had passed since his birth and that the family had begun to establish a home in the town of Bethlehem. We have no idea whether they were kings or astrologers, or the lands of the East in which their pilgrimage began.

Matthew uses this story to tell us that the birth of Jesus was the light for all nations about whose coming the ancient prophets had testified. The star in the heavens was a sign that the religious authorities summoned by King Herod understood. They even told the magi the town in which the child would be found. But their understanding lacked faith, and they chose to stand with an earthly king rather than seek the promised king who would transform heaven and earth.

Epiphany challenges us to stay with the wonder of Christmas even as the world moves on to other things. The shepherds heard the song of

angels and found the Infant Jesus in a manger on the night of his birth. The magi travelled long and far by the light of a star to honor the Child Jesus in a humble home sometime later. For any one of a number of reasons, we may not yet have entered the warmth of the Christmas stable this year. Most certainly, none of us have comprehended the full meaning of God choosing to be born as one like us. Epiphany reminds us that the coming of God into our lives and into our world is a gradual dawning in our hearts; God's revelation in our lives may come after much seeking and with the guidance of others who may not fully understand what they are telling us. No matter the journey, God persists through signs, wonders, and guides until we open our hearts and kneel before the One who is the Light in our darkness.

Thank you for all you are, all you do, and all you offer to shape a vibrant parish that serves so many through our ministry and mission. Thank you for sharing the stories of your journeys with one another and continuing to come together to honor the One who desires to live in and through us. Thank you for continuing to live the faith that what we do here in God's name, imperfect though it may be, allows the Light of Christ to shine more brightly in our families, our community, and our world.

Christmas Peace,

J. Bill

Welcome

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

David & Josephine Urani
Matthew & Maureen Miller
Mike & Alana Porfirio



Thank You For Your Generous Christmas Flower Donations 2021

In Honor of:

Michael K. Bannach
Marge Chapello
Craig Chapello
Michael Cipriani
Theresa Cipriani
Jean Dabrowski
Mark Dabrowski
Ann Delaney
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Mae Fox
Don Kalkowski
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Dave Schultz

In Memory of:

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Love gives us memories and faith gives us strength.

May God's healing touch be your comfort. Our parish family prays with you.

We are so grateful for your donations in memory and honor of your loved ones. These generous contributions will be used throughout the year to add florals and seasonal décor to our worship space at St. Francis. We appreciate your continued support to help us create a peaceful, prayerful and beautiful space for us to gather together as one family. Please stay safe and healthy.

Celine Heraty
Arts & Environment Ministry



Weekend Mass Protocols at St. Francis Xavier!

The CDC recommends wearing masks in indoor, public spaces, following evidence that the COVID delta strain can spread rapidly even among fully vaccinated individuals.

- ◆ **Masks are required for everyone** over age 2, regardless of vaccination status.
- ◆ **We invite everyone to sing with your mask in place!** Pick up a bulletin as you enter church for the words to the hymns. As you leave, place any bulletins you are not taking home in the recycle baskets at each door.
- ◆ Please wait for an usher to invite your pew to come forward for communion. With your mask in place, receive the host in your hand and move six feet to the side before removing your mask to consume the host.
- ◆ **All church doors remain open** for all worshippers.
- ◆ **Unity Hall remains open to families with small children** to offer a remote viewing option on Saturdays at 5PM and Sundays at 9AM and 11AM. This is only for families with small children and no cold symptoms.
- ◆ Every other pew in the back of church and in the east transept is not available for seating. These areas provide social distance for parents with infants, those with immune issues, and those not yet comfortable being closer than six feet. All other pews are available for general seating.
- ◆ Please avoid physical contact with those not of your own household, especially during the **Sign of Peace**. A nod or a wave is always appropriate.

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

Fr. Bill



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SFX Virtual School Tour
<https://vimeo.com/506617250>

See the latest happenings at the SFX school:

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**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.

Thank You



Thank you so much for your support of the blood drive at St. Francis Xavier on November 30, 2021. We received 19 whole blood units which will help save up to 57 local patients! On behalf of everyone at Versiti, our hostal partners and patients in need, THANK YOU! We could not supply these lifesaving gifts without supporters like you.

We are looking forward to continuing this strong tradition with our upcoming drives, on Wednesday, January 26, Wednesday, April 6 and Friday, June 10, 2022.

Thank you again!
Lawrence Smith

**Follow the Parish
on Social Media!**

Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!



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St. Francis Xavier Parish
LaGrange, IL



*They opened
their treasures and
offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense
and myrrh*



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WE PRAY

Our goal is to help our students live a life of generous service, motivated by a love of Jesus & others.

We strive to instill & nurture the belief that God is found in everyday things & especially in one another



WE LEARN

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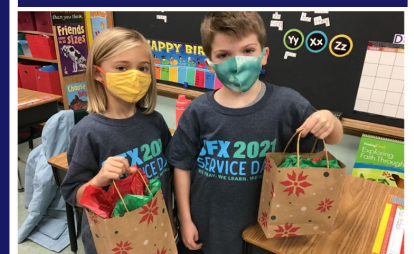
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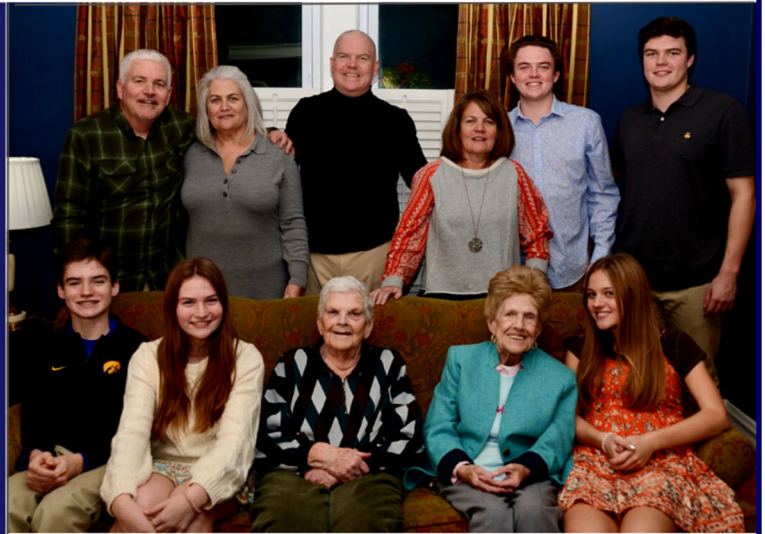
St. Francis Xavier School

Multigenerational SFX School Alumni Family

The LaFlaur, Mulvenna, McAuliffe & Brieske Families

As we prepare to graduate the 105th class in 2022, we would like to highlight alumni with a legacy connection to SFX School.

These connections made from parents to children, grandparents to grandchildren, aunts, uncles and cousins show the pride our alumni feel toward their alma mater.



Kevin Mulvenna 1975, Margie Mulvenna Griffith 1978, Brian Mulvenna 1981, Colleen Mulvenna McAuliffe 1982, Liam McAuliffe 2016, and Owen McAuliffe 2017.
Alec Mulvenna 2022, Tess Mulvenna 2022, Sr. Rosemary LaFlaur 1947 (former SFX Principal), Donna LaFlaur Mulvenna 1953, Maeve McAuliffe 2020.

St. Francis Xavier School and Parish are HOME to me. I have always experienced Faith, Family, Fun and Community there. ~ Sr. Rosemary LaFlaur

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Are you a multigenerational SFX School Family?

Please contact SFX Advancement Director, 708-352-2175 or mtassi@sfxlg.org



The Brieske Family:
Not pictured Joanne LaFlaur Brieske 1944, Jay 1972, Dave 1973, Steve 1975, Dustan 1977, Brian 1978, Janice 1980

The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

Songs for January 2, 2022
Epiphany of the Lord

Opening Hymn: "The First Nowell" 7:30 – vss. 1 & 2 only

Verse 1

The first Now-ell, the an-gel did say,
Was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep,
On a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
Now-ell, Now-ell, Now-ell, Now-ell, Born is the King of Is-ra-el.



Verse 2

They look-ed up and saw a star Shin-ing in the east, be-yond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, And so it con-tin-ued both day and night.
Now-ell, Now-ell, Now-ell, Now-ell, Born is the King of Is-ra-el.

Verse 3

And by the light of that same star Three wise men came from coun-try far;
To seek for a king was their in-tent, And to fol-low the star where-ev-er it went.
Now-ell, Now-ell, Now-ell, Now-ell, Born is the King of Is-ra-el.

Responsorial Psalm 72: "Lord, Ev'ry Nation on Earth"
Refrain: "Lord, ev'ry nation on earth will adore you."

Communion Hymn: 1. "What Star Is This"

What star is this with beams so bright, More love-ly than the noon-day light?
'Tis sent to an-nounce a new-born king, Glad tid-ings of our God to bring.

'Tis now ful-filled what God de-creed, "From Ja-cob shall a star pro-ceed";
And lo! The east-ern sag-es stand, To read in heav'n the Lord's com-mand.

O Je-sus while the star of grace Im-pels us on to seek your face,
Let not our sloth-ful hearts re-fuse The guidance of your light to use.

To God Cre-a-tor, heav'n-ly light, To Christ, re-vealed in earth-ly night,
To God the Spir-it blest we raise an end-less song of thank-ful praise!

2. "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Of the Fa-ther's love be-got-ten, Ere the worlds be-gan to be,
He is Al-pha and O-me-ga, He the source, the end-ing he,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu-ture years shall see.
Ev-er-more and ev-er-more!

O that birth for ev-er bless-ed, When the Vir-gin, full of grace,
By the Spir-it blest con-ceiv-ing, Bore the Sav-ior of our race;
And the Babe, the world's Re-deem-er, First re-vealed his sa-cred face.
Ev-er-more and ev-er-more!

Let the heights of heav'n a-dore him; An-gel hosts, his prais-es sing;
Pow'rs, do-min-ions, bow be-fore him, And ex-tol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be si-lent, Ev-'ry voice in con-cert ring.
Ev-er-more and ev-er-more!

Christ, to you with God the Fa-ther, Spir-it blest e-ter-nal-ly,
Hymn chant and high thanks-giv-ing, And un-end-ing prais-es be:
Hon-or, glo-ry, and do-min-ion, And e-ter-nal vic-to-ry.
Ev-er-more and ev-er-more!

Recessional: "Go Tell It On the Mountain" *7:30 – vss. 1 & 2 only

Refrain

**Go tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills and ev-'ry-where;
Go tell it on the moun-tain That Je-sus Christ is born!**

Verse 1

While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si-lent flocks by night,
Be-hold through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho-ly light. **Refrain.**

Verse 2

The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When lo! a-bove the earth
Rang out the an-gel cho-rus That hailed our Sav-ior's birth. **Refrain.**

Verse 3

Down in a low-ly man-ger The hum-ble Christ was born,
And God sent us sal-va-tion That bless-ed Christ-mas morn. **Refrain.**

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"The First Nowell" – Text: English Carol, 17th C./Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL

"Psalm 72: Lord, Ev'ry Nation on Earth" – Michael Guimont

"Psalm 72: Lord, Every Nation on Earth" – Scott Soper **Spirit & Psalm*

"What Star Is This" – Text: Charles Coffin/Tune: PUER NOBIS, LM

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" – Text: Aurelius Prudentius

"Go Tell It On the Mountain" – African-American Spiritual

Sunday
Collection



GIVING AT SFX

We are so grateful to all those whose financial support makes the mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish possible. Out of an abundance of caution, we continue to not pass a basket for our offertory collection. You can make a gift by using the boxes near the exits or by accessing these QR codes. For those joining us online, [click here](#) to donate or text SUNDAY to 708-340-6630.

Christmas
Collection



**Flourish Women's Bible Study
Begins January 13
9:00-11:00am
St. John of the Cross Parish Center**

All women of St. John of the Cross, St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus Parishes are invited to join the Flourish Women's Bible Study group as we begin two studies this winter/spring. Our 5-session winter study will be A Biblical Walk Through the Mass and our 5-session spring study will be No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, both written by Dr. Edward Sri. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. As the study guides you through the last hours of Christ's life, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you-grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

The group will meet twice a month on Thursdays from 9-11am in the SJC Parish Center beginning January 13. Cost per study is \$14.99-\$26.95 plus shipping. Interested in one or both studies? Please email Beth Korenchan at bkorenchan@comcast.net<mailto:bkorenchan@comcast.net> with your study choices and whether you plan to order study materials with the group or on your own. Deadline if ordering with the group is Wednesday, January 5. We hope you will join us!



The St. Francis Xavier Parish Catholic Women's Club cordially invites you to join us for our annual Ladies Day Out, on Saturday, March 5, 2022.

Those interested can put Passion into Action by volunteering locally in the morning from 10am-12pm. All are welcome to join us for our Ladies Day Out Reception at The Elm from 3-6pm.

Register online to volunteer and celebrate at: www.sfxladiesdayout.com.

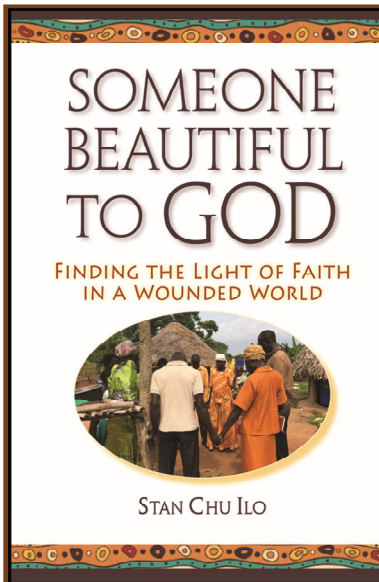
Angel Donations, Sponsors and Raffle Item Donations are welcome, as 100% of proceeds will be directed to St. Francis Xavier Church. Please visit our website at www.sfxladiesdayout.com.

Thank you always to this community for your incredible generosity. Questions? Please email Lindsey Mackenzie at lindseycotter@yahoo.com.

***"I alone cannot change the world,
but I can cast a stone across the waters
to create many ripples"***
Mother Teresa

Adult Confirmation Classes

St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Parishes will be hosting a Confirmation prep program for any adult Catholic who has received First Holy Communion, but not the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is open to all parishioners at St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross Parishes. Sessions will be held on Wednesday nights on Zoom, January 5, January 12, January 19, January 26, February 2, February 9, and February 16. We will meet on Zoom from 7:00-8:00 pm. Registration is required. Please use this link to sign up: <https://stcletusparish.com/learn/adultconfirmation/>. For more information, please contact Barb Campbell at St. Cletus (bcampbell@stcletusparish.com) or Steve Weigand at St. John of the Cross (sweigand@stjohnofthecrossparish.com).



SOMEONE BEAUTIFUL TO GOD

Finding the Light of Faith in a Wounded World, by Stan Chu Ilo
Fr. Stan Ilo is a regular weekend presider at St. Francis Xavier and a research professor at the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology, DePaul University. His recently published book, “Someone Beautiful to God,” can now be purchased through the parish office. It makes an excellent last minute Christmas gift to yourself and/or to lift the spirits of a friend or family member.

Taking personal reflection as his starting point, Fr. Stan writes as an African Catholic priest who has lived and ministered to God’s people in Africa, Europe, and North America. “Everywhere I go,” he says, “I see the beauty and purpose that give people so much joy and hope when they embrace transformational faith.” In addition to having grown up in a typical African village, his theological and biblical studies and pastoral experience and social ministries on three continents have contributed to

a treasure trove of stories about people with robust and expectant faith doing extraordinary things for God.

The book can be purchased for \$20.00. Please call the rectory (708-352-0168) to reserve your copy and arrange for pick-up at the rectory or sacristy.



Epiphany Celebration Join us on Thursday, January 6 from 7:00-8:00 pm with Facilitators: Kathy Sherman CSJ, Well Staff. On this feast of the Epiphany we celebrate the manifestation of God’s presence and profound love among us. In gratitude for who you are we will be offering this program of music and expressions of thanksgiving as a gift to you. Please join us for this free gathering.

Revisiting and Extending *Bridging The Divides, Tending The Gap* Conference. Five Tuesdays, starting on January 11—February 8 from 12:30-2:00 pm with Facilitators: Pat Bergen CSJ and Leslie Ritter-Jenkins. Do the divisions in this country cause your heart to ache, your blood pressure to rise, or leave you feeling helpless? Did you attend our *Bridging the Divides, Tending the Gaps* Conference and want to enter more deeply into the content of our presenters? Did you miss the event, but are drawn to experience some part of it? All are welcome to join! Cost \$15/session. Cost \$60.

The 13th Apostle

a retreat created by women,
for women,
about women.



Discovering our sisterhood rooted in
God's love

**Registration is now open for the
2022 SFX Women's Retreat:**

The 13th Apostle
February 5th-6th at the
Carmelite Retreat Center in Darien, IL

Follow the link to register or visit our
Facebook Page (SFX The 13th Apostle)

<https://forms.gle/mSnocxRC8i4jDZL68>

From Your SFX Parish Counselor

For Christians, Christmas is one of the most important holidays. It is the time of year when we remember Jesus' birth and God's promise of salvation to all humanity.

Christmas is a season that is traditionally associated with celebrations, music, family gatherings; more than giving and receiving it is a time to share. This Holiday brings happiness, family, and hope.

While many people enjoy this time of year, others may experience it in a very different way. For some individuals, Christmas may bring up memories that may make them unhappy, stressed, nostalgic, or frustrated. Some individuals associate it with overcoming grief following the death of a loved one, or with loneliness, melancholy, or periods of severe sadness.

A coworker once mentioned to me that she desire the Christmas season to pass quickly because once the holidays are over, all the joy is gone and the Christmas lights are switched off. Yes, once the holiday season is over, we no longer see the Christmas lights or the beautiful holiday decorations, but let us remember that Christmas is one of the most important holidays because we remember Jesus' birth and if we allow him to live in our hearts, we can feel happy and share that happiness and love with others.

It is important to understand and accept our emotions, as well as allowing ourselves to feel them and work toward a healthy way of coping with them. Spending time with family, talking with friends, and self-care are all efficient ways to cope with these challenging times.

Does the Holiday season bring you Joy? Or do you feel sad, melancholic, or angry? If you're having problems dealing with unpleasant emotions, give yourself the gift of therapy and consider reaching out to your Parish Counselor Georgina Lopez at 323-487-2359 or glopez.claret@gmail.com (Under supervisor Dr. Worden IL license # 071-005991)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Are You Registered As Parishioners? Do We Have A Record of Your Children?

We invite all to register as parishioners. If you are not receiving periodic mailings from the parish, you are not in our database. A registration form can be found on our website at www.sfxlq.org.

To help with our planning, we also ask that you let us know about your children, so that they can also be included in the database. Sometimes children are baptized elsewhere or families move into the parish after their children have been baptized. Consequently, we don't know about them until it is time to register for the Day School or for Religious Education. Again, the registration form is available on our website and can be used for this purpose.

Thank you for helping us keep our information as up-to-date as possible!



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

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Commander Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

At this time due to COVID-19 the rectory offices are by appointment only. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-5:00 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. The answering service will answer calls after that time.

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning9:00-10:00 am
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus

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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@sfxlg.org.

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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

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Marriage

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Parish Counselor

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.

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, Georgina Lopez, from the Claret Center (Georgina is also bilingual in English and Spanish. She can be reached by phone 323-487-2359 or email glopez.claret@gmail.com.

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