

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 16, 2022



JESUS
performed his
first signs at
Cana in
Galilee. Thus
did he reveal
his glory and
his disciples
believed in him.

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, January 17	Morning Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Tuesday, January 18	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Carol Pratali	Ernie & Clare Froemel
Wednesday, January 19	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jim Gecan	The Esch Family
Thursday, January 20	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00 pm		
Friday, January 21	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Dick Parlon	Pam Oplawski
Saturday, January 22	Mass	8:30 am	Lisa Forslin	The Boemo & Such Families
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Jack Kinahan	The Braasch Family
Sunday, January 23	Mass	7:30 am	John Cronin	Joan Potsch
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	9:00 am	Carmela V. Rosel	Lynnea and Amanda Paul
	Mass	11:00 am	Joseph Riden, Sr.	The Rogowski Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Gerald Mahoney	The SFX Sunshine Committee

Schedule for January 15-16, 2022~Mass Time

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

Please pray for . . .

Linda Bieniek	Caitlin McNeily
Andrew Carney	Ron Minella
Jay Carroll	Patrick Morgan
Chili Challender	Mike Morrison
Stephen Cunnane	Bernice Niemiec
Blake Donegan	Gert Ogilvie
Barbara Doyle	Jane O'Reilly
Matthew Doyle	Ryan Patyk
Joseph Falconi	Donna Pekarek
Lily Fielding	Baby Lucia R.
Jennifer McFadden Gregory	Madison Raupp
Lilli Gregory	Anna Rose
Wilson Gregory	Kristin Sandoval
Darilyn Hockenberry	Rita Scalcon
Jessi Hoffman	Sr. Marlene Schemmel, CSJ
Barbara Hudson	Richard Schmuhl
Rose Ilo	Jerry Spearman, Sr.
Mary J.	Barbara Stewart
Jane Jacobsen	John Stopka
Mary Ann Jones	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Theresa Kandall	Albert Tassi
Mark Kiley	Gregory Van Gorp
Lisa Massaro	Liz Wilk

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:

James L. Barrett
Father of Erin Burns
Brother of Ed Barrett & Jeanne Pridmore

Diane Bereckis
Mother of Jennifer Jacobucci

Weddings

Kim Krcmar & Jacob Mannos
Rachel Janus & Nick Donnelly



Readings For The Week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/
1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Pastor's Letter

Renew My Church: Creating Vibrant Parish Life

Last week I wrote about the importance of renewal and the vision of Renew My Church. Over the past few months, I have been meeting with Fr. Elmer Romero of St. Cletus and Fr. Marc Reszel of St. John of the Cross, the pastors from the other two parishes in our grouping. We have begun the process of discerning the best path forward toward a sustainable, vibrant and vital Catholic presence for our area. Each pastor has been forming a Feedback and Discernment Team (FDT). The team includes the pastor and associate pastor, the elementary school principal, and five or six people from each parish. Details on their selection and responsibilities can be found below.



Based on the experiences of the past four years, it is clear that those on the FDT are called to exercise tremendous leadership, and I deeply appreciate their contributions. Since the parishes in our grouping will *not* undergo any structural changes, each FDT will focus on sharing and evaluating its own parish strengths, challenges, and opportunities. This will build the base for creating a more vibrant parish that inspires a culture of evangelization within each parish. In such a culture, parishioners feel a deep sense of belonging; experience a fresh encounter with Christ; and are inspired to share their faith boldly. We must be good and prudent stewards of all the gifts we have been given by God, including key ministry leadership roles, programs, and activities that ensure our ability to support the faith lives of Catholics today and in the future.

There will be an opportunity for *everyone* in our own parish to learn about the details of those conversations, ask questions, and share their own points of view. The purpose of our FDT is to draw close to the Lord as a community of believers in collaboration with our grouping parishes. We will call upon the Holy Spirit as we prayerfully discern models of collaboration *among our parishes and within each parish* that can effectively carry out the spiritual renewal and mission of the Church in our area.

Let us pray that, above all, we allow the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts, our words, our actions, and our decisions in this important work. For more information, visit RenewMyChurch.org, or ask any member of the parish FDT.

St. Francis Xavier Renew My Church Feedback and Discernment Team

Fr. Bill Tkachuk

Fr. Rich Milek, Associate Pastor

Maggie McMahon, Pastoral Associate for Adult Formation and Evangelization

Sharon Garcia, Elementary School Principal

Lee Egan

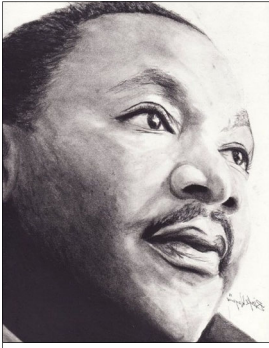
Tony Pangan

James Ward

Parishioner yet to be named

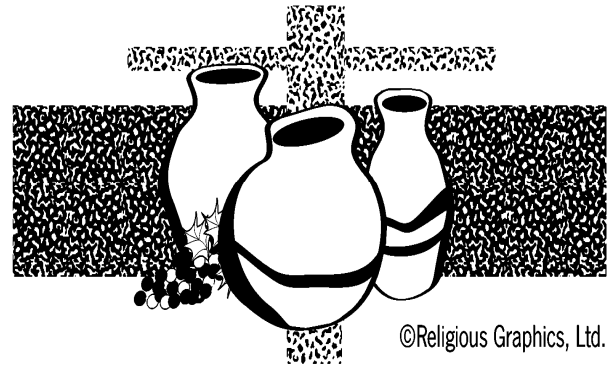
Special Note: Last Sunday our children preparing to receive First Eucharist this May were given wooden crosses to wear when they come to Sunday Mass. If you notice a child wearing one of these, please offer your welcome and encouragement.

Fr. Bill



Rectory Closed

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, the rectory will be closed on Monday, January 17. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 18 at 8:30 am.



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Temporary Adjustments for Weekend Mass at St. Francis Xavier

Due to the current effects of the omicron variant, the following temporary changes have been made for all weekend Masses.

- ◆ Every-other-pew seating has been restored in the east transept and in the back of church.
- ◆ The gifts of bread and wine have returned to the table at the altar for the time being.
- ◆ We will continue to have two communion lines in the center aisle for those seated in the main section of the church. Please stay toward the sides of the aisle to avoid standing next to the person in the other line. We will determine from week to week whether the side sections will receive simultaneously or only after the center section has received.

Please continue to respect social distancing guidelines, and pray for the health of all members of our community as we do what we can to maintain a healthy worship environment for one another.

Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Check out how you helped translate the Catechism into the Mayan language Q'eqchi' through the Collection for the Church in Latin America! #ShareYourFaith #1church1mission: <https://goo.gl/ZTq2zZ>



The annual national Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) will be the weekend of January 22-23. The 2022 campaign highlights the faith of Latin America and the many opportunities we have to *share faith* with them. We also recognize the tremendous benefit of having our Latin American brothers and sisters in the Church and the revitalization their fervor brings to the faith. In addition to offering our help and support to the Catholics of Latin America, we have much to learn from them.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invite you to aid our faithful brothers and sisters in the Catholic Church of Latin America. To learn more about who the collection benefits, review the information below or visit [How to Give](#) to participate this January.

For more information visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections. To donate, go to: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/29204> 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 box.

Giving



WARMS THE HEART

DONATE BLOOD

**Sunday
January**

23

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, LA GRANGE
LOCAL COUNCIL 6483 BLOOD DRIVE**

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

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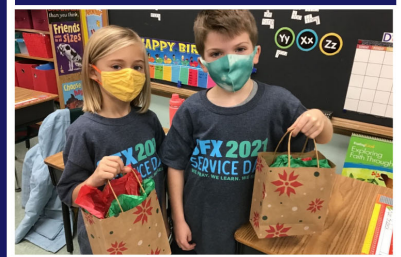
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Your support of St. Francis Xavier Parish helps our ministries thrive – especially during these ever changing times.

The music program at St. Francis Xavier is one of our most treasured ministries. Over the years, the volunteers who have shared their talent through our adult, teen, children's choirs and instrumental ensembles have helped our community experience God's grace through beautiful music. As our Music Director, Allen Sterwalt, shared: "Music during Mass not only ministers to those in the pews, it also provides a spiritual lift for our talented volunteers who sing and play that music."

In March of 2020, we had to reimagine this ministry in order to ensure volunteer and parishioner safety. However, for Christmas Midnight Mass this year, we were able to bring back the beauty of our choral ministry (albeit scaled back), with 11 singers present from the Gallery Choir, along with strings and brass. All wore special singer and instrumental masks. As many of you know, Christmas Midnight Mass is a time when our music ministry really shines, and so it was an especially sweet experience for all who were there. We look forward to having more opportunities to enjoy our incredible choirs in the months ahead.



We are excited to report we reached our Christmas offertory budget! Christmas Donations through January 9, 2022 totaled \$152,421 (budget of \$148,000)!

Christmas and Sunday offertory donations are a vital component of our overall annual financial goal of \$1,747,000.

Sunday Offertory Report

December 2021	\$178,690
December 2020	\$166,526
July through December 2021	\$764,545
July through December 2020	\$754,351

God bless you for your support!

SFX SCHOOL

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- FULL TIME KINDERGARTEN TEACHER
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PLEASE SEND RESUME TO
PRINCIPAL SHARON GARCIA
sgarcia@sfxlg.org

Songs for January 16, 2022
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Opening Hymn: "I Come With Joy"

I come with joy, a child of God, For-giv-en, loved, and free,
The life of Je-sus to re-call, In love laid down for me.

I come with Chris-tians far and near To find, as all are fed.
The new com-mu-ni-ty of love In Christ's com-mu-nion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, Each proud di-vi-sion ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, And stran-gers now are friends.

Responsorial Psalm 96: "Sing a Song to the Lord's Holy Name"

Refrain.

**Sing a song to the Lord's ho-ly name. May the won-ders of God be pro-claimed.
Sing a song to the Lord, now ac-claim. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!**

Give the Lord, you fam-'lies of peo-ple, Give the Lord glo-ry and pow'r.
Give the Lord a heart that is grate-ful. Let us tell of the glo-ry of God.

Tell the world our God rules with jus-tice. Tell the world it prais-es to sing.
Tell the world God's peo-ple know fair-ness. Let our voic-es pro-claim God is King.

Day by day we count on God's bless-ings. Day by day we seek for God's strength.
Day by day may love be our les-son. May our won-der of God have no end.

Communion Hymn: "Come to the Banquet"

Refrain:

**Come to the ban-quet, come to the feast. Eat the bread of life!
Share in the sing-ing, share in the joy. Drink the cup of love!**

Draw near and take the bod-y of the Lord,
and drink the ho-ly blood for you out-poured.
Saved by his bo-dy, hal-lowed by his blood,
with souls re-freshed, we give our thanks to God.

Refrain.

Sal-va-tion's giv-er, Christ, the on-ly Son,
who by his cross and blood the vic-t'ry won.
Gave up his life for great-est and for least,
Him-self the vic-tim and him-self the priest.

Refrain.

Come for-ward then with faith-ful hearts sin-cere,
and take the prom-ise of sal-va-tion here.
The Lord, who faith-ful ser-vants loves and shields,
to all be-liev-ers life e-ter-nal yields.

Refrain.

With heav'n-ly bread makes those who hun-ger whole,
gives liv-ing wa-ters to the thirst-ing soul.
Be-fore your pre-sence, Lord, all peo-ple bow.
In this your feast of love be with us now.

Refrain.

Recessional: "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning" *7:30 – [vss. 1 & 2](#)

Verse 1

As a fire is meant for burn-ing With a bright and warm-ing flame,
So the church is meant for mis-sion, Giv-ing glo-ry to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or cus-toms, But to build a bridge of care,
We join hands a-cross the na-tions, Find-ing neigh-bors ev-'ry-where.

Verse 2

We are learn-ers; we are teach-ers; We are pil-grims on the way.
We are seek-ers; we are giv-ers; We are ves-sels made of clay.
By our gen-tle, lov-ing ac-tions, We would show that Christ is light.
In a hum-ble, lis-t'ning Spir-it, We would live to God's de-light.

Verse 3

As a green bud in the spring-time Is a sign of life re-newed,
So may we be signs of one-ness, 'Mid earth's peo-ples, man-y hued.
As a rain-bow lights the heav-ens When a storm is past and gone,
May our lives re-lect the ra-diance Of God's new and glor-ious dawn.

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"I Come With Joy" - Text: Brian Wren/Tune: LAND OF REST

Psalm 96: Sing a Song to the Lord's Holy Name - Liam Lawton

"Come to the Banquet" - James J. Chepponis

"As a Fire I s Meant for Burning—Text: Ruth Duck/Tune: BEACH SPRING

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 this QR code. For those joining us online, [click here](#) to donate or text SUNDAY to 708-340-6630.

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

Ordinary Time

Living the Gospel
in Everyday Life

Is the Holy Spirit Nudging You?

St. John Vianney Seminary Visits

February 17-19

High school sophomore, junior and senior men are invited on a two-day adventure to tour the campus and shadow seminarians at St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, MN. All-inclusive, no cost road-trip – this is an official college visit, for which schools allow an excused absence. Transportation is provided from two convenient pick up/drop off points. Deadline to register is February 15 – see

www.vocations.archchicago.org/events/Vianney-visits

Contact Sharon Porter at shporter@archchicago.org with any questions. Please cc mmcmahon@sfxlg.org so we can support you as well!

Exploring the Diaconate

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session. It is a time to pray, discuss, and learn more about the discernment process and the formation program that aspirants and candidates pursue. Please join us, with your wives, if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step.

7:30–8:30 P.M.

Wednesday, January 19

by Zoom

Tuesday, February 15

by Zoom

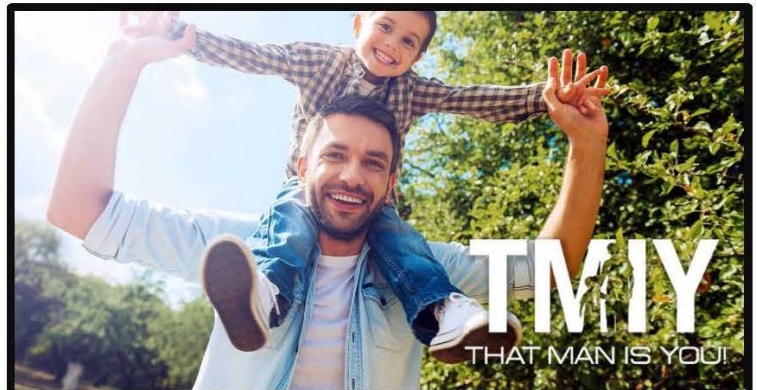
Tuesday, March 15 *Our Lady of Ransom, Niles*

Wednesday, April 2 *Our Lady of Ransom, Niles*

RSVP REQUIRED

Contact Sr. Caroline Onuoha, DMMM
847.837.4563 orconuoha@usml.edu

Please cc mmcmahon@sfxlg.org so we can support you as well!



TMIY: "BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART"

Spring semester begins soon!

Visit our webpage at:

Sfxlg.org -> parish -> faith formation -> groups

Interested? Contact mike.jakubisin@gmail.com
or [click here](#) to register.



JESUS IS SPEAKING TO YOU!

January is the perfect time to listen:

**Fr. Mike Schmitz's
"BIBLE IN A YEAR" Podcast!**

Available on Apple podcasts or wherever you like to listen!

Click [here](#) or visit our website for more information about Faith Formation at SFX.



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

Outreach Family Ministry

The SFX Family Outreach Ministry Committee is excited to bring volunteer opportunities for families. Please join us on Sunday, February 6, 1:30-3:30pm at Cradles to Crayons. This organization's mission is to provide children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive. We will be sorting and inspecting the donated items and prepare them to deliver to children that need them. Email Ana Dimailig at apd3@core.com by 1/30/22 to reserve your spot!

Become A New Eucharistic Minister

We invite you to share and explore your talents with us at Saint Francis Xavier Parish. We are in great need of Eucharistic Ministers at our Masses. If you feel like you have a calling to engage in this very special ministry of distributing the Body of Christ to your fellow parishioners, please contact George Rutkowski at grutkowski@aol.com or call the rectory office at 708-352-0168. Attendance at a upcoming training class is required. Upcoming classes will be posted when they are scheduled. Ministers are scheduled to serve once or twice a month. The invitation to serve as Eucharistic Minister is open to all (baptized and confirmed) adult and teenage members of the parish. We encourage everyone in the parish to consider this ministry.

Interfaith Career Network

Creative Job Searching/Career Changes

Ready to start the New Year? Looking for a career change but can't figure out how to begin or where to start? Are you in a job you never intended to have or no longer want? Be sure to join ICN on Thursday, January 20 from 7:00-9:00 pm for some creative ideas and direction.

As you evaluate your 2022 career path, our presenter, Teri Guercio, can help you focus on a solution that works best for you. Teri is an HR technology professional with earlier roles as Director of Career Development and Recruiter. Discover strategies to map your career future!

We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. This will be a Hybrid meeting both in-person and via Zoom. The link to the Zoom meeting can be found on our website at <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org/calendar>.

If you attend in person, masks are required. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.org for additional resources.



The Evolutionary Edge will take place five Tuesdays, January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, and May 17 from 10:00–11:30 am with Bridget Spurduto.

“Properly speaking, God does not make: God makes things make themselves”- Teilhard de Chardin

We live in an evolutionary Universe where the new is arriving in every moment. We, who co-participate in the creating of the new, must stand on the edge, listen in stillness and discern communally. As systems, both natural and manmade, are collapsing it is more essential than ever for us to stand on the evolutionary edge and co-create with God the future that our hearts know is possible.

Join us in a “we-space” where we will pray, listen and respond. This program is on Zoom until further notice. Registrants will receive Zoom sign-in information via email upon registration + a reminder the day before the program. *The cost of this program is \$20/ session or \$100 for the series.*

The 13th Apostle

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



Discovering our sisterhood rooted in
God's love

Registration is 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:
<https://forms.gle/mSnocxRC8i4jDZL68>

Please, visit our Facebook Page (SFX
The 13th Apostle) or Instagram
(#sfxwomensretreat)

Feel free to reach out with any questions:
sfxwomensretreat@gmail.com

St. Francis Xavier Scripture Study Thursdays 9:30 - 11:00 am by Zoom

January 13 - March 10, 2022
Gospel of Matthew (cont'd)
Peter, James and Jude

Please register with
Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ
708-363-6728 or
mrace@csjoseph.org

Thank You

On behalf of the Society for 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 most 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 www.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



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
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **PFC Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **1st Lieutenant Mitchell Ciszewski, USMC**—son of Bob & Pat Ciszewski
- **1st Lieutenant Michael Sullivan, U.S. Army**—son of Gene & Mary Pat Sullivan
- **Col. Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini

**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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Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Director of Community Outreach
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Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister
Weekend Sacramental Minister

Rev. William Tkachuk
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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

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday)9:00 am-Noon
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday)8:00 -10:00 am
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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.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
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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.

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

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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