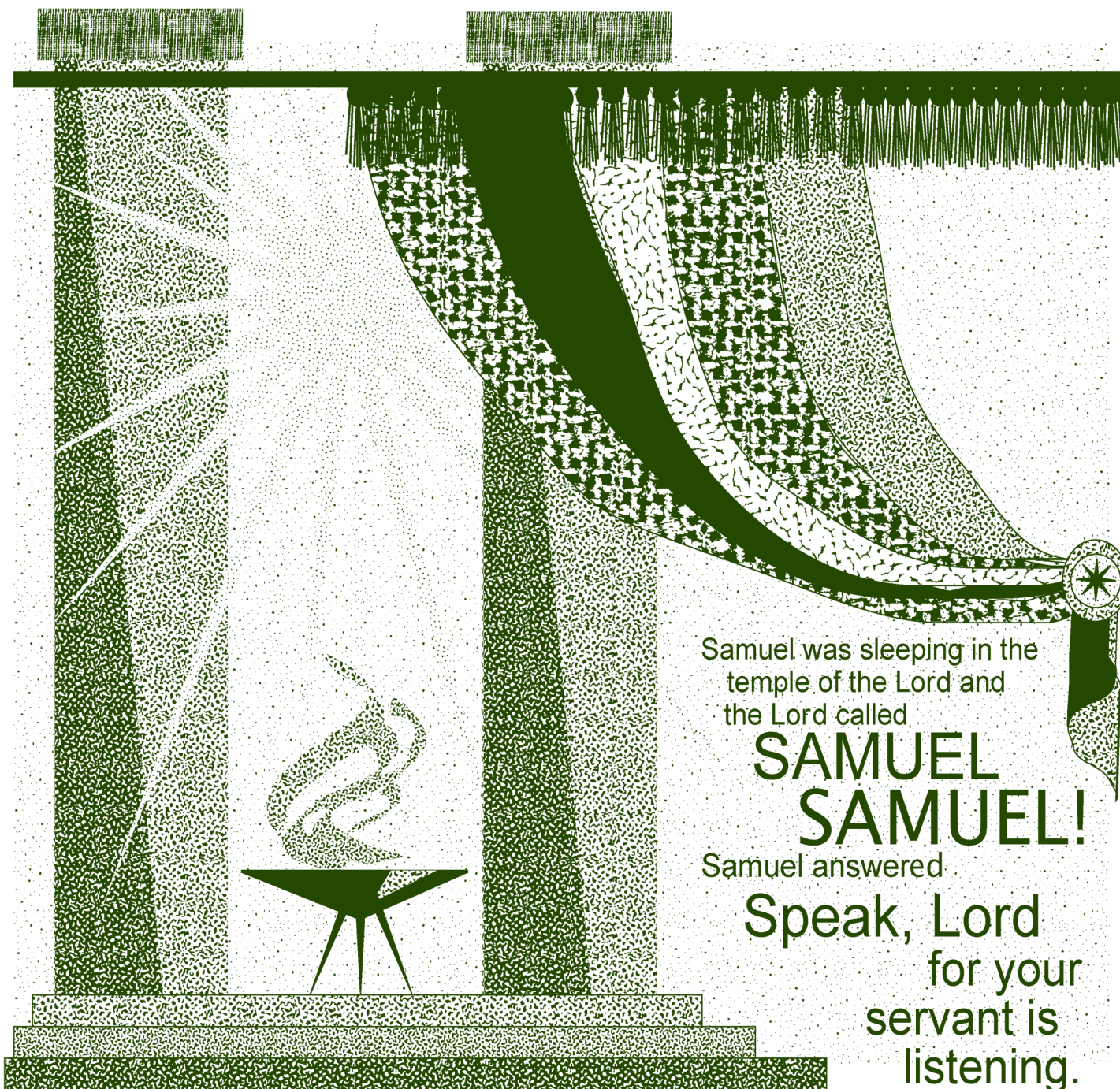


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2021



Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the Lord and the Lord called

**SAMUEL
SAMUEL!**

Samuel answered

**Speak, Lord
for your
servant is
listening.**

Week at a Glance

Monday, January 18	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Carol Grimes
Tuesday, January 19	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese
Wednesday, January 20	Morning Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish
Thursday, January 21	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00-7:00 pm	
Friday, January 22	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Dick Parlon
Saturday, January 23	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Terry Coyle
Sunday, January 24 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Shirley Parr and Sonny & Cindy Conte Kathy, Anne & Jerome Titzer People of the Parish



*Adoration will be held this
Thursday, January 21 from 6:00-7:00 pm.
Please reserve your spot on our website at www.sfxlg.org.*

Presider's Schedule for January 16-17, 2021~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

Please Pray For...

Diane Bereckis	Baby Amy Nesterowicz
John Bovard	Carolyn Nesterowicz
Jay Carroll	Bernice Niemiec
Chili Challenger	Gert Ogilvie
Mary Culin	Arnold Oppenheim
Americo DiGianfillippo	Jane O'Reilly
Anthony Dina	Shawna Palazzolo
Blake Donegan	Ryan Patyk
Matt Doyle	Donna Pekarek
Joan Dunne	Carolyn Peters
Wendy Einspar	Jessica Phillips
Lily Fielding	James Pridmore
Will Fleming	Baby Lucia R.
Lilli Gregory	Madison Raupp
Wilson Gregory	Anna Rose
Frank Hoos	Rita Scalcon
Rose Ilo	Matthew Schiek
Mary J.	Larry Skippet
Jane Jacobsen	Greyson Stanley
Michael Janus	James Stapel
Peter Johns	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Theresa Kandall	Michael Ungari
Mark Kiley	Gregory Van Gorp
Jim Martin	Helena Walden
Enrique Martinez	Marian Ward
Lisa Massaro	Maribeth Watkins
Mary McMahan	Liz Wilk
Patrick Morgan	Scott Young
Mike Morrison	

Prayers are requested for our relatives and friends who are sick. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

Names of the sick are listed for two months in the bulletin. If there is a recurrence of illness, names can be listed again. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

MASS INTENTIONS

We continue to accept requests for Mass intentions at a future date. Please call the office on weekdays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm or you can email Missy Westerhoff directly at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org. We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Readings For The Week of January 17, 2021

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
 Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25--8:6/Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
 Saturday: Heb:9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21
 Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Pastor's Notes

"Teacher, where are you staying?" Jesus replied, "Come, and you will see."
John 1:37

To whom do we go to seek wisdom? And who, or what, motivates our search? The apostles Andrew and John first were disciples of John the Baptist. When the Baptist points them in a new direction, they come to Jesus with questions and open minds and hearts; they "stay with Jesus" for a time to verify for themselves what the Baptist has told them. What they discover leads them to invite their brothers, Simon Peter and James, to come and see for themselves. Such is the process of making disciples.

We are living through a time of crisis on many fronts. Much of what confronts us today has been engendered over months and years by the efforts of some to "make disciples" in support of specific ideologies, power structures, or personality cults. Truth sometimes has become relative or even irrelevant. "Disciples" have been encouraged to act out of fear of losing something they have been told is vital, and to do *whatever is necessary* to "fight" for what might be lost. We are told we must "take sides" *against* those with whom we disagree rather than to seek the common ground from which we might build the more perfect union of which our founders spoke. And if you presume that I am speaking of the "other" person, position, or party, I challenge you to reflect upon how this may have begun to apply to you over the past year.

John teaches us that the process of becoming and making disciples of Jesus is radically different. It begins with an openness to discover more about something or someone that has stirred my heart or piqued my imagination of what might be. It is my response to an invitation to "Come and see" whether there is substance behind the excitement. Jesus persuades Andrew and John to become his disciples neither through theological argument nor pious acts. He invites them to spend time with him and to see how his message and actions affect

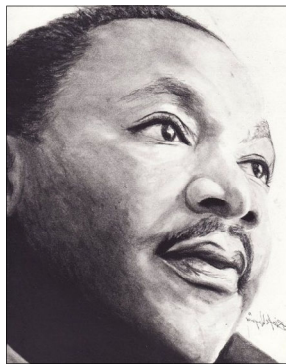
the lives of others. We are given no details of what they "saw" that afternoon. Yet it transformed their lives and sent them to each invite their brother to become disciples with them.

When did you last spend an afternoon with Jesus to see what he is doing in this world: through those who are living out his command to love all as God's beloved children and to show a special care for the poor, the vulnerable, the oppressed, and the sorrowing in our midst? When did you last proclaim this good news to another and invite them to come to know Jesus? In the tensions of recent weeks and the ongoing crises of illness, economic uncertainty, and systemic injustices, have you spent time with Jesus and placed a desire to be his disciple above all else?

January confronts us with the challenge to recommit to foster the common ties of one people out of the many; to pray with our Christian sisters and brothers for deeper expressions of our unity in Christ; and to advocate for the unborn and for all lives whose dignity is belittled or denied. To whom will we go to seek wisdom? If it is Jesus, will we walk the difficult path to embrace fully *his* teachings and *his* actions of love? And will we have the heart and courage to invite others to "come and see" with us?

Peace,

J. Bill



Rectory Closed

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, the rectory phones will be answered by the service on Monday, January 18. A staff person will be answering phones beginning Tuesday, January 19 at 8:30 am.



Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Near the Colombia–Venezuela border, Venezuelan emigrants and refugees present the Church with an urgent need for pastoral and material support. In response, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America worked with the human rights office of the Archdiocese of Caracas, Caritas Venezuela, and the social justice ministry office of the Colombian conference of bishops to organize a January 2020 pastoral visit to programs serving refugees. During the visit,

bishops and ministry leaders from Venezuela and Colombia met to assess and to raise awareness of the crisis in both countries.

Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America allowed the subcommittee to award an emergency grant of \$10,000 to support humanitarian aid to migrants in the Diocese of Cúcuta in Colombia in February 2020. Located on the border, the Diocese of Cúcuta is a primary point of entry for fleeing Venezuelans who migrate to and through Colombia. In 2018 and 2019, the diocese was awarded three grants totaling \$125,000 from the collection to assist with its migrant outreach programs. However, in 2020 the need became unprecedented.

By early 2020, two diocesan welcome centers for migrants were providing thousands of meals daily. What was once a parish initiative had become a systemic diocesan effort to support the growing number of migrants in need. This emergency grant provided a much-needed supplement to ensure that the programs continued. By supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America, you help local parishes address the immediate pastoral and material needs of these vulnerable refugee families. Thank you for your generosity to the collection.

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.



Parishioner Volunteers Needed

Our ability to celebrate Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and weekday and Sunday Masses depends on the ability of the parish to provide ministers to offer a welcoming and healthy environment. We have been blessed by scores of parishioners who share their time and spirit to keep us moving forward. To establish a regular rotation of volunteers, we seek additional people, especially to greet and seat people, or to wipe down the seating areas after each service. We welcome anyone of high school age or older who is in good health.

Please contact Maureen Pipal (mpipal@sfxlg.org) who will forward your name to one of our volunteer coordinators. Basic training is provided.

Bringing Communion To You

We are aware that there are many parishioners who are not homebound due to a physical limitation, but who are not yet comfortable returning to weekend Mass for a variety of reasons. We hope you have been able to view our weekly livestreamed Mass via the parish Facebook page or the parish website. In addition, several ministers of care are now available to bring the Eucharist to you at your home. Frequency and day of the week may depend on the number of requests we receive. Please call the parish office 708-352-0168. Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30, or Saturday morning, 9:00-Noon and we will forward the information to Scott McDonald, who coordinates our minister of care team.

From Your SFX Parish Counselor

“...the silver lining of coronavirus is that it is making more of us aware of our fear of mortality so that we are more likely to ask ourselves the questions of whether we are living in full accordance with our highest values...”

“...Say I love you to a loved one you have not said those words to before or recently. Express gratitude to those you have not yet thanked for something or for being who they are. Do something—even if it is small—to make this world a bit better or someone else's burden a little lighter. Smile to strangers. And I am sure you can think of a myriad of other ways to act on these principles...”

- Excerpt from “Sacred Anxiety and the Silver Lining of COVID-19” by Richard Zinbarg Ph.D.

Wanna learn more about self-care? Consider reaching out to me at (442) 264-7589 or lolanadan@gmail.com.

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online. Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisg-SrOcVM>.

Lolan P. Adan, MAPC~Parish Counselor

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Our Finances as of December 31, 2020



Note: This budget target of \$1,643,000 assumes an operating deficit of \$148,000 by the end of the fiscal year, which will be covered by operating savings.

Sunday Offertory	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket**	+	Other Offertory*	=	December Totals
December 2020	\$ 76,517		\$ 46,137		\$ 43,872		\$ 166,526
December 2019	\$ 70,210		\$ 67,179		\$ 35,328		\$ 172,717

** 4 Sundays in December 2020 vs. 5 Sundays in December 2019
 * Includes donations from stock, donor-advised funds, Holy Day contributions, and other miscellaneous gifts

As noted above, our offertory budget of \$1,643,000 anticipates an operating deficit of \$148,000. Typically, we set our collections budget to break even with expenses. However, with the restrictions in church attendance, we did not expect our collections to be at normal levels. This is evidenced in the graph above, whereby our collections to date are lower than the previous year at this time. The Payroll Protection Loan covered parish and school payroll from April until June, enabling us to conserve the offertory received during that time to cover the deficit with parish savings if needed.

Please note that our offertory through December is higher than where we expected to be at this time – every extra dollar reduces the anticipated operating deficit. God bless you for your stewardship of St. Francis Xavier Parish – we are so very grateful for your continued support through this pandemic!

Christmas Flowers

In Honor of:

- Henry S. Azzi
- Irene T. Azzi
- Bridget Doonan
- Terri Kostal
- Paul & Marian Lucas
- Bernard & Betty Martin
- Edwin G. Michalek
- John & Helen Potock
- Barbara Swanson
- Andrew and Florence Swiderski
- Gregg Swiderski
- Katherine Terrell

In Memory of:

- Kitty Angel
- Renee Challos
- Tom Challos
- Michael Cipriani
- Theresa Cipriani
- Esther Dunne
- Lillian Gentile
- John & Bernice Grzeslo
- Hayes & Roach Families
- Loretta Haxel
- Mary Moore Kearney
- Warren Kodl
- Roy Leslie

- Ben & Dee Lisek
- Louis Mangione
- Bob & Estelle Meehan
- Josephine Mega
- Eleanor A. Michalek
- Eleanor M. Michalek
- Elaine C. Michalek
- Marion Millas
- Chris Morkin
- Besse & Dick Parlon
- Karen Prue
- Gilbert, Isabel and Richard Riess
- Bill Riordan

- Rosemarie Russell
- Evelyn Rutkowski
- Marilyn Rutkowski
- Florence & Bob Schnauh
- James Schoenborn
- Mary & Joseph Simeoni
- Dorothy Sullivan
- Theresa Swiderski
- Lillian Zydel



GIVING TREE

A *heartfelt thanks* for the incredible generosity toward our Giving Tree outreach.



We received **\$14,853** in donations! Once again, our faith community has made Christmas brighter for others.

The St. Agatha community received **\$10,000** in gift cards and the rest was distributed to our Food Pantry guests.

God bless everyone for their continued generosity even in the midst of a pandemic.

RESPECT LIFE EVENTS

Sunday, January 17, Mundelein, IL: There will be a drive-in, socially-distanced rally, which will feature inspiring speakers, including Cardinal Cupich. For more information and to register, please visit www.marchforlifechicago.org/tour.

Friday, January 22 at 12pm: Archdiocesan Mass for Life will be livestreamed on the Archdiocese of Chicago YouTube channel from Holy Name Cathedral. This Mass, which will be presided over by Bishop Kevin Birmingham, will be on the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade and the eve of the final event on the March for Life Chicago tour. For more information, [visit the website](#).



*Almighty God, our Father,
you who have given us life and intended us to
have it forever, grant us your blessings.
Enlighten our minds to an awareness and to a
renewed conviction that all human life is sacred
because it is created in your image and likeness.
Help us to teach by word and the example of our
lives that life occupies the first place,
that human life is precious because it is the gift of
God whose love is infinite.
Give us the strength to defend human life
against every influence or action that
threatens or weakens it,
as well as the strength to make every life more
human in all its aspects.*

Interfaith Career Network

What To Do in the First 100 Days of Your Job Search

A new year means new beginnings. You may be in a position where you want to explore your job opportunities. This could be the case whether you are currently employed...or unemployed. Join us on Thursday, January 21, 2021 from 7:00-8:30 pm when Michelle Nacker, explains what to do the first few days of your transition. She will detail the key actions that you can take from day 1 to day 100 and beyond. Michelle will address items such as preparing for the job search, video interviews and how social media plays a part in your search. After spending most of her work career with one company, Michelle suddenly found herself in the job market. She will share her experiences of what has worked and what has not worked. Michelle has worked as a SaaS Product Manager professional for most of her career. She graduated from Benedictine University with degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science. She started her career testing video games and progressed to companies such as TransUnion, IBM, Acxiom and Donnelly Financial. We look forward to meeting you on ZOOM. See details below for joining us.

Topic: Interfaith Career Network Zoom Meeting

Time: Jan 21, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86724846950?pwd=MUpXZ08weHI5UFM0SzMxWHdydklHUT09>

Meeting ID: 867 2484 6950

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Free Virtual Resume Review

ICN will be available to do a resume review with you on Saturday, January 23 from 9:00-11:00 am...on your phone! Simply email a copy of your existing resume to Resumereview@interfaithcareernetwork.org. Please include the telephone number at which you wish to be called. You will be notified of your 30-minute time slot via an email from ICN prior to the review. **Please respond by 3:00 pm on Friday, January 22.** Join us for a helpful one-on-one conversation with a HR or other search related professional. Pick up some ideas and suggestions that may enhance or refresh your resume. Looking for some helpful job search strategies? Now is the time to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. We look forward to hearing from you!

There is no charge for this service. ICN offers job support through various programs. For further information, please visit us at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.





DOUBLE your DONATION

Your **Building Our Future** donation can make an even BIGGER impact!

Thanks to the generous support of a group of committed parishioners, we are able to offer a 2:1 donation matching program for our Building Our Future fund. This is the school's BIGGEST fundraiser every year; be sure to take advantage of this unique, LIMITED TIME opportunity in support of our school.

..... HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

Between **January 24 – February 6**, visit **SFXschoolfund.com** to make your donation. All funds received, up to \$10,000 total, will receive a 2:1 match. It's that easy!

..... WHY DONATE?

We all benefit from Building our Future fundraising – whether it is building or technology related, supporting required staff, providing tuition assistance to our neighbors or promoting the school's overall financial health.

We appreciate the decades-long support of our matching donors and to all of you who support the mission of Saint Francis Xavier School year over year.

Visit SFXschoolfund.com to make your donation and receive a 2:1 match (up to \$10,000 total). Don't delay, this offer is only available January 24 – February 6, 2021!

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Women of Faith

Are you thirsty for companionship, missing connection with familiar faces across church aisles, looking for the Spirit in these challenging times?

Save the date for

WELCOME BACK!!

(a virtual spiritual renewal, a mini pandemic Welcome Retreat opportunity)

February 13 (morning mass and kick-off)

February 15 and 16 (evening video speaker sessions)

More Details to Come!!

Looking ahead: LENT 2021

FORMED offers daily reflections and studies for parishioners during Lent. "Official" small groups will form around these reflections.

If you prefer the Lenten black book used in previous years, please contact mmcmahon@sfxlg.org by February 5.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 17, 2021

WATCH

JOHN PAUL II:

I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



FORMED NOW! MISERY MEETS MERCY: SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

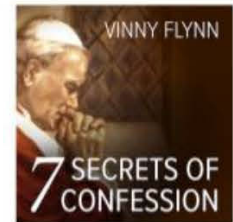
St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His incredible mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

LEARN

LISTEN

7 SECRETS OF CONFESSION BY VINNY FLYNN

The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best selling author and Catholic Speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession.



Happy week of Prayer for Christian Unity!

Invitation to Community Conversations:

Thurs. 7-8:15pm

Emerging from the Pandemic Together

Session One, Jan 21:

"To encounter and help one another, we have to dialogue." *Fratelli Tutti*, 198

Session Two, Jan 28:

"The Good Samaritan: Who is my Neighbor?"

Session Three, Feb 4:

"Self-gift as the Key to Deeper Fulfilment"

Interested individuals can attend one or more than one session. All background materials will be provided prior to the events. **It is not necessary to have read *Fratelli Tutti* to participate.** For more information or to register for any session, please [click here](#) or visit sfxlg.org -> Parish -> Faith Formation -> Events -> Fratelli Tutti

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



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. 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
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **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
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **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
- **Capt. Richard Hoover, U.S. Army**—nephew of Lorraine Donegan
- **Capt. Matt Waite, U.S. Army**—cousin of Justin, Maggie, Winona & Bea Waite
- **Neil Donegan, U.S. Navy**—grandson of Lorraine Donegan

**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
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister
Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister
Weekend Sacramental Minister

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-8:30 pm
 Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
 Saturday9:00 am-5:00 pm
 Sunday9:00 am-1:00 pm

At this time due to COVID-19 the rectory offices are closed. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 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 and Friday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning9:00-10:00 am
 Reconciliations are being heard in the lower vestibule of Unity Hall between the church and education building.

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

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.

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.

(Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisg-SrOcVM>)

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, Lolan Adan, from the Claret Center who can be reached by phone 442-264-7589 or email lolanadan@gmail.com.

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