

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

1st Sunday of Lent

March 6, 2022



Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, March 7	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Mary Ann Slowick Robert Louis Kostal	Ellen Cudzik The SFX School Community
Tuesday, March 8	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Nancy Droste	Clare & Ernie Froemel
Wednesday, March 9	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Robert Kuchler	The Donahue Family
Thursday, March 10	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, March 11	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Anna Marie Avram	Jennifer & Roger Setzke
Saturday, March 12	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Richard Bazzanella	The Somers Family
Sunday, March 13 2nd Sunday of Lent	Mass	7:30 am	Lorraine Pietras	Dorothy & Mark Daliege
	Mass	9:00 am	John Cronin	Ulderico & Angelo Paone
	Mass	11:00 am	Barb Walsh	Barb Marshall
	Mass	5:00 pm	William Clarke & Patricia Devereux	The Moskos & Marske Family

Schedule for March 5-6, 2022~Mass Time

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

Please pray for . . .

Jay Carroll Chili Challenger Stephen Cunnane Blake Donegan Walter Dzwicinski Lily Fielding Lilli Gregory Wilson Gregory Peggy Hofstetter Rose Ilo Mary J. Jane Jacobsen Sue Janes Theresa Kandall Patricia Kanna Mark Kiley Michael Landsman Art Lyons Enrique Martinez Teresa Martinez Lisa Massaro Robert McFadden Patrick McGinn Caitlin McNeily Baby Milo	Andrew Mirocha Patrick Morgan Mike Morrison Gert Ogilvie Jane O'Reilly Lorraine Ovník Gladys Palach Ryan Patyk Donna Pekarek Baby Lucia R. Madison Raupp Anna Rose Kristin Sandoval Rita Scalcon Sr. Marlene Schemmel, CSJ Richard Schmuhl Jerry Spearman, Sr. Peter Spizzirri Barbara Stewart John Stopka Kate Frugoli Sullivan Albert Tassi Gregory Van Gorp Jim Vlcek 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:

Lorraine Chizewski

Wife of the late James and Mother of Larry & Robert

Donald Marchese

Husband of Nancy and Father of Dana & Frank

Readings For The Week of March 6, 2022

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2,11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/
Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Pastor's Letter

"What does God want to do for you this Lent?"

Last weekend our Pastoral Associate, Maggie McMahon, set this question before us, shifting our focus *from what we will be doing* for Lent to *what God desires to do for us* during the forty days that begin this Sunday. What will we do to deepen our relationship with God? Where in our day will we set aside time to **pray**? What "clutter" will we clear away in our **fast**? How will our **almsgiving** open our minds and hearts to those in need of what we have been given to share?

May you have a happy and holy Lent.

Peace,
Fr. Bill

What is our Discernment and Decisions Team doing now?

The parish Discernment and Decision Team is in the process of summarizing feedback from the two parish Town Halls and comments from the PPC Parishioner Engagement Survey. This will help to create a brief description of the strengths, opportunities, and challenges of St. Francis Xavier Parish in our efforts to live out the Archdiocesan vision for all parishes. Teams from St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross are doing the same. Our three documents will be incorporated into one larger document, which also will include ways in which we see opportunities to increase our collaboration in achieving this vision for our area.



The core of the Archdiocesan-vision is to **make disciples, build community, and inspire witness**. How will we bring this vision to life in our parish, in our grouping, and for the benefit of the entire local Church? The written document, which will be submitted to Cardinal Cupich for his approval, is just the launching pad for what we will be striving to achieve over the next three years and beyond.

Why Do We Need Renewal?

What is our *present* reality? Fewer people attending Mass. Larger numbers of people in society choosing to reject any religious affiliation. A broken world in need of healing.

1. *Jesus is calling us* to know him better and to follow Him more closely. We are called – and commissioned – to **make disciples**. What do we need to do to nurture current and future generations of Catholics in our individual and parish family?
2. Christ is calling us to discern what *vitality* means for *today's* parish and school, and then to **build community**. How do we work together – within and across parish boundaries and throughout the Archdiocese – to strengthen one another and create Catholic communities that are sustainable for the future?
3. As Christians, we bear Christ's light and hope in the world. Pope Francis implores us to *go out to the world and to those on the margins*. How can we work together in new ways to **inspire witness** within a world that is numb to the real presence of God?

An Outpouring of the Holy Spirit Is Upon Us

The Spirit remains alive and active within the Church, ever calling us to deeper relationship with God and one another. What the Spirit has in store for us is so much more than what we could imagine. Please continue to pray for a renewal that will lead to a parish of ever **greater discipleship, stronger community, and inspired witness** for the sake of all we are called to serve.

Renew My Church SFX Discernment and Decisions Team

Fr. Bill Tkachuk, Pastor

Fr. Rich Milek, Associate Pastor

Maggie McMahon, Pastoral Associate

Sharon Garcia, School Principal

Lee Egan

Bernadette McMahon

Tony Pangan

James Ward

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

Lent 2022

March 2 - April 13

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Or [click here](#). And if you forget to register, please feel free to just show up anyway.



WHAT ARE YOU HUNGRY FOR?

Chick-fil-A?
Good conversation?
A sense of purpose?

Register for the Search and get ALL THREE for FREE.

Welcome to The Search, a weekly meal where you can bring your friends to eat, watch an insightful video, and then take the time to listen or share your thoughts in conversation—whatever you are most comfortable doing!

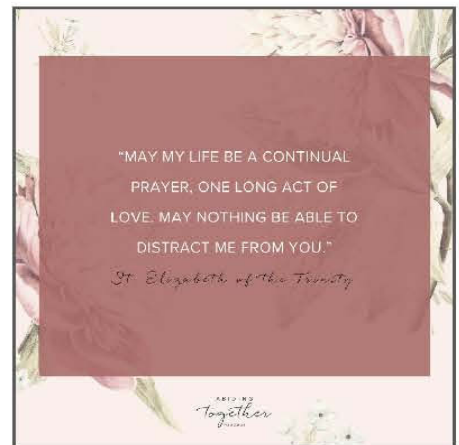
Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Unity Hall beginning this week. Registration preferred (so that we know how much food to order). Bring your friends! Register by scanning the QR code on the next page or [click here](#).

Women's Lenten Book Club

Join St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and a group of fellow women on a spiritual journey through daily life! Together we will encounter our own present paradise via St. Elizabeth's reflections on the interior life in Claire Dwyer's *This Present Paradise*.

Mondays at 7pm at the Kanzer's
(within 3 minutes of the church!)

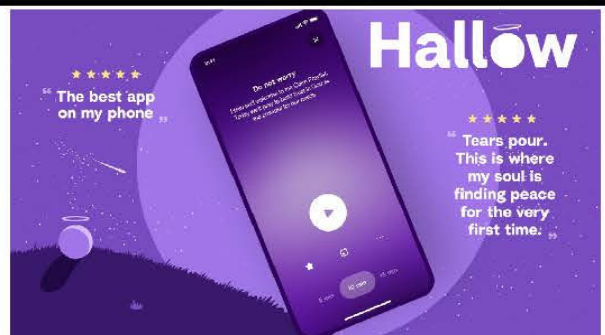
Register via QR code ([or link](#)) on the next page for more info!



Personal Prayer Opportunities

- ◆ Little Black Books (free at every door to the church!)
- ◆ Fr. Mike Schmitz's *Bible in a Year* Podcast
- ◆ Hallow Prayer App
- ◆ Daily Mass (8:30am Mon-Sat, except for Thurs Rosary)

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org with questions!



Becoming a Man
After God's
Own Heart

A LENTEN JOURNEY FOR MEN
BY STEVE ROLLMAN



Men's Lenten Journey

Men, are you looking for a way to step up your spiritual life for Lent? You are invited to join other men of the parish on **Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:45pm in Unity Hall.**

This Lenten journey will help men evaluate their spiritual life, avoid temptations, understand the pathway to God, and develop a plan to "become a man after God's own heart."

Wherever you are on your lifelong spiritual journey, Jesus wants to meet you there and take you further during this season of Lent. Join us and experience a meaningful Lenten journey.

PRESENCE

Lenten Prayer Experience

"God, what do you want from me?"

God desires one thing above all else: **to be with you.** Give God the gift of your presence this Lent.

God *delights* in your presence. No registration required.

Join us at **6pm at the church on Lenten Thursdays** (except St. Patrick's Day, March 17).

Each week a parishioner will share their story of God's loving presence, our SFX choir will lead Taizé song, and together we will sit in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Witnesses to God's Loving Presence will include:

March 3 - Therese Byrne

March 10 - Fr. Rich Milek

March 17— no gathering due to St. Patrick's Day

March 24 - Heather Fitzpatrick

March 31 - Henry Morlock

April 7 - Lee Egan

Stations of the Cross

Fridays

7:45 - 8:15am at SFX

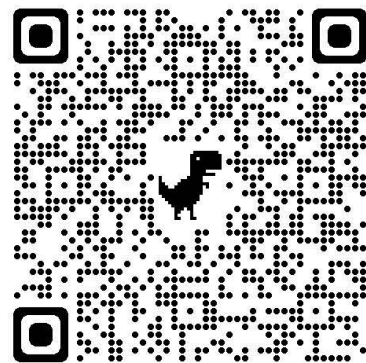
12:15pm by Zoom

Reflect on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

FAMILIES WELCOME! We will provide stations coloring sheets for the youngest ones. Feel free to come late or leave early to get to school.

Virtual link found on website (see QR code or visit sfxlg.org Parish Faith Formation)

No registration required.



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SAVE THE DATE!

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY
SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022

Shelter Homeless Feed Hungry Bury Dead
Clothe Naked Care for Sick Visit Imprisoned
All Parish Service Day 2022

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to lead an outreach team, please contact:
Mary Freeman, Dir. of Community Outreach
mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 352-0168.

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Thank you to the entire parish for helping make the Paczki Teen Mission Trip fundraiser a HUGE success!

We were blown away by your generous support and sold out of all quantities of strawberry and custard Kirschbaum's paczki. The teens are making great headway towards their fundraising goals. A special thank you to Father Rich Milek who shared this Lenten tradition with us.

REPENT!



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Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #1

Marge Branecki, Jude Dumfeh, Maureen Lang,
Ed & Michelle Mirecki

If you don't face any temptation in the faith journey, it means you are giving in to the world, and not swimming enough against the tide. As Jesus was tempted by the devil, so should we expect temptation.

The devil wanted Jesus to show His power by turning stone into bread, to which Jesus replied, "One does not live on bread alone". The same Jesus who fed five thousand people with a few loaves of bread and fish, certainly has the power to turn stones into bread. Jesus teaches us that we are given power, not to show off, but to use for good. In our materialistic world, the temptation is to worry about where our "bread" (food, money, shelter, retirement, etc.) will be coming from. If we live on the true bread from above, which is the word of God, our earthly needs will also be taken care of.

The devil then tempted Jesus with power and glory. Jesus replied that "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve". We have a choice each day if we will serve God, over the lure of power, fame, money and pleasure. Those things are not necessarily bad in themselves, but nothing should take precedence over God's reign over our lives.

Jesus was then tempted by the devil to throw Himself down for the angels to catch Him, to which He replied "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test". True faith is not testing God to prove Himself to us by saving us from our predicaments. But it is remaining faithful, no matter the outcome of our dire situation. Because we know that "No one who believes in him will be put to shame"!

Weekend Mass: A Home for All at St. Francis Xavier!

The Archdiocese recently revised its recommendation on wearing masks in church, allowing parishes to make masks optional. Parishioners with children too young for the vaccine and persons with compromised immunity issues for themselves or someone at home have asked us to provide an option for attending Mass in person. The parish COVID Leadership Team met last week to determine how to provide the safest possible environment for all who want to worship at St. Francis Xavier.

The following **changes** to our Sunday Mass protocols are in effect **beginning this weekend**.

- ◆ **Masks are now optional at the Sunday Masses 9AM, 11AM and 5PM.**
- ◆ **Masks are still required at the Saturday 5PM Mass and the Sunday 7:30AM Mass.**
- ◆ **Masks are now optional at all daily Masses.** Please allow appropriate distance if you are not wearing a mask.

We are **restoring the presentation of the gifts** from a table at the back of the center aisle.

Hand sanitizing is no longer required before receiving Communion. We encourage everyone to bring personal bottles for hand sanitizing. Spray bottles with hand sanitizer will be available in the front pews.

Decisions for Holy Week and Easter will be made after April 1 based on conditions at that point. **Thank you** for your continued understanding and patience.

Fr. Bill



Music Notes...

Parish Choirs New Singer Invitation!

Consider joining one or both of these choirs for the upcoming
Lenten/Easter season!

**Proof of vaccination required at this time.*

9:00 a.m. Parish Choir

Rehearsals: Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. starting **March 1st**.

This choir sings at the Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Men's Choir

Rehearsals: Tuesdays 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. starting **March 1st**.

This choir will sing for the *Passion of the Lord* on Good Friday
April 15th - 7:00 p.m.

Interested singers should contact:

Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music Ministry

asterwalt@sfxlg.org / 708 352-0168

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!

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.

Songs for March 6, 2022
1st Sunday of Lent

Opening Hymn: "Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior"

Refrain.

Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior,
Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;
Son of God who leads us to free-dom:
glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of dark-ness;
you are the Word who leads us in-to light;
you are the Word who brings us through the des-ert:
glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ! **Refrain.**

You are the one whom proph-ets hoped and longed for;
you are the one who speaks to us to-day;
you are the one who leads us to our fu-ture:
glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ! **Refrain.**

Responsorial Psalm 91: "Be With Me"

Refrain. "Be with me, Lord, when I am in trou-ble, be with me, Lord, I pray."

Responsorial Psalm 51: "Be Merciful, O Lord" (11:00)

Refrain. "Be merciful, be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

Preparation of Gifts: "Come and Journey with a Savior"

Refrain.

Come and jour-ney, come and jour-ney
With a Sav-ior who has come.
We are all God's sons and daugh-ters.
In the Spir-it we are one.
In the Spir-it we are one.

Come and jour-ney with a Sav-ior Who has called us from our birth,
Who has washed us in the wa-ters, And who loved us on the earth. **Refrain.**

Come and jour-ney, jour-ney in-ward, Come and seek him deep with-in,
Where he meets us in our liv-ing, In our striv-ing and our sin. **Refrain.**

Come and jour-ney, jour-ney out-ward, Tell-ing oth-ers of his name,
Tell-ing oth-ers of his glo-ry, Of his cross and of the shame. **Refrain.**

Come and jour-ney, jour-ney out-ward, Where that cross calls us to care,
Where in-jus-tice and where hun-ger And the poor call us to share. **Refrain.**

Come and jour-ney, jour-ney up-ward, Sing his prais-es, of-fer prayer.
In the storm and in the still-ness, Find his pres-ence ev-'ry-where. **Refrain.**

Come and jour-ney, jour-ney on-ward, All our gifts we now shall bring,
To the build-ing of a cit-y That is ho-ly, Christ its king. **Refrain.**

Communion: "On Eagle's Wings"

Refrain.

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in his shad-ow for life,
say to the Lord: "My ref-uge, my rock in whom I trust!" **Refrain.**

The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no fear:
un-der his wings your ref-uge, his faith-ful-ness your shield. **Refrain.**

You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by day:
through thou-sands fall a-bout you, near you it shall not come. **Refrain.**

For to his an-gels he's giv-en a com-mand to guard you in all of your ways;
up-on their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-gainst a stone. **Refrain.**

Recessional: "Lead Me Guide Me"

Refrain.

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way,
For if you lead me, I can-not stray,
Lord, let me walk each day with thee,
Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to help me o-ver my weak-est hour,
Help me through the dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me. **Refrain.**

Help me tread in the paths of right-eous-ness, Be my aid when Sa-tan and sin op-press.
I am put-ting all my trust in thee. Lead me, of Lord, lead me. **Refrain.**

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"Praise To You, O Christ Our Savior" – Bernadette Farrell

"Ps. 91: Be With Me" – Marty Haugen

"Ps. 51: Be Merciful, O Lord" - Curtis Stephan

"Come and Journey with a Savior" – Text: Herbert O'Driscoll/Tune: COME AND JOURNEY

"On Eagle's Wings" – Michael Joncas

"Lead Me, Guide Me" – Doris M. Akers

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.



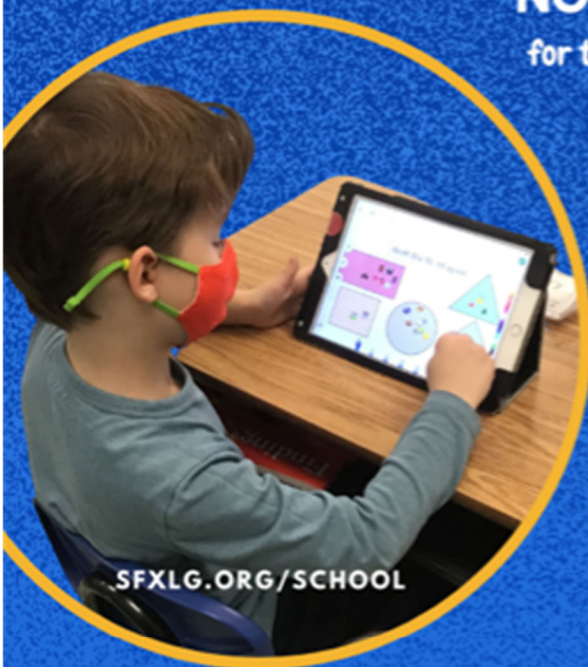
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Interested in Becoming a St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board Member?

The St. Francis Xavier Parish School is one of the many wonderful ministries within the St. Francis Xavier Parish. We are fortunate to have an active School Advisory Board that works throughout the year on behalf of our school & parish community.

The Board currently consists of eleven members who each serve a three-year term. Each Board member serves on one of the following committees:

- Catholic Identity
- Development
- Finance
- Strategic Planning
- Marketing/Communications



Common Questions:

- **Do you need to have experience on a board or have a career in education?** NO, you do not need to have prior experience on a school board or experience in education to apply.
- **How much time is this commitment?** We meet once per month plus 1-2 supplementary meetings each month. Expect approximately 6-8 hours per month.
- **Do you need to have a child at the school to apply?** NO, we encourage parent (guardian) of a Religious Education student, young adult parishioners and alumna/us of SFX. Candidates need not be parents.
- **How does the application/selection process work?** There is a one page application, a face-to-face meeting with the members of the Board and then the Board votes on the slate of applicants.

To receive an application or for more information regarding the application process and timing, any interested parishioner or school parent (guardian) can contact School Board selection committee members Jim Schaeffer at jksj71@gmail.com or 312.953.0353; or Mike Strich at 847.922.7460 Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed. We look forward to receiving your application!

Interfaith Career Network

What To Do First In Your Job Search... And Beyond

Planning to start a job search, but not sure where to begin? Be sure to join ICN on Thursday, March 17 from 7:00-9:00 pm for some practical advice on developing your search plan. Our presenter, Michelle Nacker, will detail the key actions you can take, including preparing for your job search, video interviews and how social media plays a part in your search. Michelle is a product manager who will share tried and true steps as learned from her own experience after many years with one employer. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Quarterly Resume Review

Join us in-person on Saturday, March 19 from 9:00-11:00 am for a helpful 20-minute, one-on-one conversation with a HR, or other search related professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street in LaGrange. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. For more information go to interfaithcareernetwork.org.



We are hosting a complimentary seminar in conjunction with The Catholic Cemeteries and would greatly appreciate your help to get the word out!

We have an Attorney for Estate Planning as well as a representative of the Catholic Cemeteries to answer any questions you may have when it comes to pre-planning.

Catholic Seminar-March 8, 2022
Hitzeman Funeral Home
9445 West 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513

In-Person Session—2:00 PM
Participants to R.S.V.P. by 3/7/2022
708-485-2000 or info@hitzemanfuneral.com
Space is limited.

Virtual/Live Streaming Session—6:30 PM
Please R.S.V.P. to receive the link by 3/7/2022
info@hitzemanfuneral.com



FRIDAY, MARCH 18th FISH FRY

Come enjoy a delicious fish dinner with french fries, coleslaw and mostaccioli along with soft drinks, wine and beer! Hosted by the Men's Club. Two seatings available 5:00pm and 6:30pm. Adults \$15, Seniors \$12, Children \$6

Purchase tickets [here](#).

Location: St. John of the Cross Parish Center 5005 South Wolf Road Western Springs, IL

All proceeds benefit the Teen Youth Mission Trip!

Welcome

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

Neill & Katie Malone
Joseph & Sara Clairmont
James Sapienza
Antonio & Juanita Uribe
Joshua & Margaret Johnsen
John Strougal
Kathleen Pecis
John & Julie Mitros
Ronald & Christine Wolosewicz



Please register or find out more about programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are currently on ZOOM.

JOURNAL YOUR LIFE Two Thursdays, March 10 and 24 from 10:00-11:30 AM with Facilitator: Diane Pfahler, SND. Ever wonder what benefit journalers get from putting pen to paper? This class may be just what you need to be propelled into the company of Anne Frank, Marie Curie, Thomas Merton, and Lady Gaga. \$30 series.



SFX Auction 2022: Back to the 90s

Save the date: April 30, 2022

Who's Invited: SFX School, Parish, Religious Education, & Alumni Adults

Where: Outdoors under the big white tent at the St. Francis Xavier School Parking Lot

The Deets:

- A live band playing all your favorites from the 90's
- Beer, wine, and fun appetizers
- Photo booth with a 90's theme
- Dress as your 90's self or in any favorite party clothes
- Make new friends and catch up with old ones
- Live auction and silent auction bidding on a great selection of goods, services, experiences, and gift cards

More details, including sponsorship and donation opportunities at www.sfxauction.com.



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
- **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...
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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

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.

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
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Food Pantry

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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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