


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
3rd Sunday of Lent
March 20, 2022



An angel of the **LORD**
appeared to Moses
in fire flaming out
of a bush.

MOSES!

Come no nearer!
Remove the sandals
from your feet,
for the place where
you stand is
holy ground.

I have seen my people's
affliction in Egypt and have
come down to rescue them.

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, March 21	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Special Intention Walter Jasek	The Donahue Family
Tuesday, March 22	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Kay Cunniffe	Bob & Bridget Hamilton
Wednesday, March 23	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio Rivera Brian Stephenson	Maribel Tamoria The McKenna Family
Thursday, March 24	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, March 25	Morning Mass	8:30 am	John & Barb Bovard 35th Wedding Anniversary Michael & Elizabeth Fagan (Living Intention) Zachary Joseph Holly	The Kanzer Family Christine Holly
Saturday, March 26	Mass	8:30 am	Laverne Hansen	The Greyerbiehl Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Mary Anne Jones	Nancy & Harry Devereux
Sunday, March 27 4th Sunday of Lent	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Mass	9:00 am	Kevin Corrigan	The Metzger Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Lisa Durham	The Nighswander Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Patricia Devereux	The McKenna Family

Schedule for March 19-20, 2022~Mass Time

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

Please pray for . . .

Jay Carroll	Lisa Massaro
Maribeth Cervak	Robert McFadden
Chili Challender	Patrick McGinn
Tionna Dawson	Baby Milo
Blake Donegan	Patrick Morgan
Barbara Doyle	Mike Morrison
Matthew Doyle	Gert Ogilvie
Lily Fielding	Jane O'Reilly
Jim Fitzgerald	Lorraine Ovník
Lilli Gregory	Ryan Patyk
Wilson Gregory	Donna Pekarek
Peggy Hofstetter	Baby Lucia R.
Rose Ilo	Madison Raupp
Mary J.	Anna Rose
Jane Jacobsen	Rita Scalcon
Sue Janes	Sr. Marlene Schemmel
Theresa Kandall	Richard Schmuhl
Patricia Kanna	Peter Spizzirri
Mark Kiley	Barbara Stewart
Mary Jane Kowal	John Stopka
Janet Krueger	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Art Lyons	Albert Tassi
Enrique Martinez	Gregory Van Gorp
Teresa Martinez	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:

Sondra Burnicks

Sister-in-Law of Jan Mose

Walter Dziewinski

Father of Brian and Renee

Andrew Mirocha

Father of Perry



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Pastor's Letter

"It may bear fruit in the future."
Luke 13:9

The blossoms of spring soon will appear and bring the promise of new life. In recent weeks, our second, third, and fourth grade children celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We introduce children to the Sacrament over three years, moving from a second grade semi-public confession of sins, through an experience of giving over one's sins to God to disappear in a blinding flash, to an extended, fourth grade individual conversation with a priest. Each year, we remind them that **God forgives our sins right away no matter what**. We come to Reconciliation *not to get God to forgive us*, but rather *to open our hearts and admit our need for the grace of forgiveness* that awaits us. Penance then becomes *a positive act of thanksgiving* in response to God's grace.

How tragic that **the Sacrament of Reconciliation**, a sacrament of spiritual healing, has become, for many, a fearful experience to be avoided. None of us likes admitting to another person our choices to act against the commands of love. Yet the priest to whom we confess welcomes us as Christ welcomed sinners in his day – with an assurance of God's loving mercy and an encouragement to let God's grace transform our lives. If you were ever scolded or made to feel shame by the priest from whom you sought the grace of God's forgiveness, I apologize on his behalf. But do not let his actions keep you from the joy and peace of experiencing God's unconditional love and mercy.

Two weekends ago, the parish **Catholic Women's Club** offered a two-part event for ladies of the parish and the area. In the morning, Clare Pasquesi coordinated various service activities from which women could choose. In the afternoon, Lauren Desmond chaired an afternoon of food and fun at The Elm. Thank you to President Lindsey Mackenzie and all the women of the CWC who made this day possible and gave women an opportunity to live out our mission with passion.

You may notice a few more changes in the church this weekend as we transition forward and away from the protocols that entered our lives on March 13, 2020. You will notice a few things that developed since then that will remain a part of our Sunday worship. We will continue to livestream the Saturday 5PM Mass via our Facebook page and make a recording available throughout the following week. I encourage you to continue the practice of joining us virtually whenever you or your family are not with us in person. Your communion with the rest of the community remains important to the rest of us.

Today is the second of three Sundays that offer specific ways to practice **almsgiving** this Lent. This weekend, you can donate to support the Teen Summer Mission Trip. Next weekend you can contribute to support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, which is experiencing extra needs due to the war in Ukraine.

You also may note the absence of the St. Damien Cross from this page after ten weeks of discussing the Renew My Church process. We have completed the first of two phases and will make available the report of the three parishes in our grouping once it has been approved by Cardinal Cupich.

Happy Lent,

J. Bill

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

Lent 2022

March 2 - April 13

SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA TO REGISTER FOR ANY EVENT

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



- Bring your friends to **EAT** (for free!)
- **WATCH** an insightful video
- **LISTEN** or **SHARE** your thoughts in conversation—whatever you are most comfortable doing!

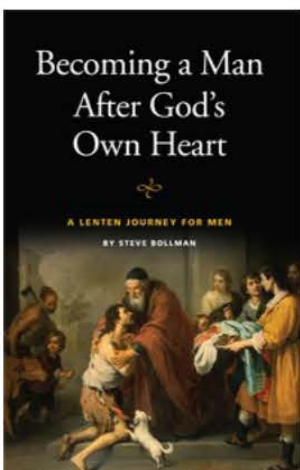
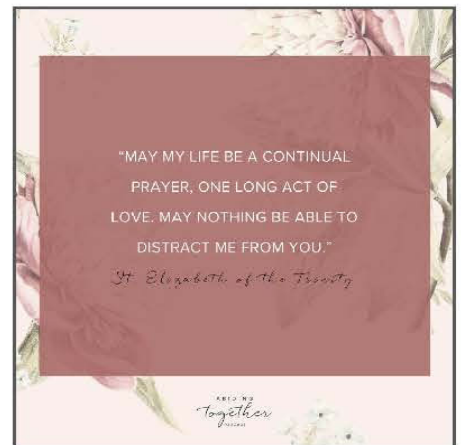
Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Unity Hall. Registration preferred (so that we know how much food to order). Register by scanning the QR code on the next page or [click here](#).

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 McMahon's
(S Madison & 48th)

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



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, 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.

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org with questions!

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—Lent to sign up for weekly reminders.)

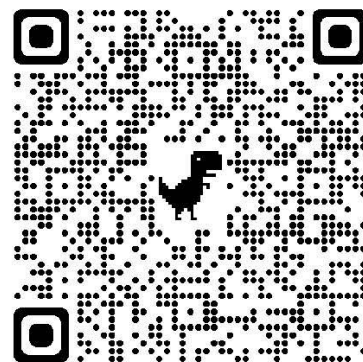
Children's Stations of the Cross



March 25 at 10am in the church

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Lk 18:15-16

Pray the stations with other parents and littles; Jesus doesn't mind the chaos!



"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.

Gather at **6pm at the church on Lenten Thursdays**

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.

March 24 - Henry Morlock

March 31 - Heather Fitzpatrick

April 7 - Lee Egan

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Weekend Mass Continues to Move Forward

Thank you to all who have been patient as we attempted to provide options for as many parishioners as possible while easing COVID protocols. Members of the parish COVID Leadership Team recently met to set a schedule for our next steps forward. We are making the following changes in how we celebrate our weekend Masses.

Beginning this weekend:

- ◆ **Hymnals** have been returned to the hymnal racks.
- ◆ The **pews** will no longer be sprayed with sanitizer on weekends.
- ◆ The **inner doors** at the Ogden and west entrances will no longer be kept in the open position. (The inner Spring Avenue door needs repair.)

Beginning Saturday, March 26

- ◆ **Masks** will be **required only** at the Sunday 7:30 Mass.
- ◆ The tape that restricts seating to every other row in the east transept will be removed.

Beginning Easter Sunday, April 17

- ◆ **Masks will be optional at all Masses.**
- ◆ **Altar servers** who have completed the training **will return** to weekend Masses.
- ◆ **Reservations will not be required for the Masses on Easter Sunday.** Once the church and Unity Hall have reached capacity at the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses, people will be directed to the 9:15 and 11:15 Masses in the gym.

Encourage your friends and neighbors to join us!

Fr. Bill

Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #3

George Rutkowski, Barbara Kalnes, Charles Brewick, Gertrude Nalumansi, and David Sherman

Where is God? Moses experienced God in the burning bush. Where do we experience God? In unexpected situations? In the quiet of our hearts? Do we see God as the owner of the fig tree ready to judge? Or do we find God as a merciful, loving and patient God who continually offers us the way to eternal joy? As we reach the mid-point in this time of lent let us resolve to embrace God more fully. A God eternally forgiving to our pleads for mercy.



Teen Mission Service Trip Collection March 19-20



On March 19/20, our second collection will be for the Teen Mission Service Trip. Over 75+ teens are attending the summer trip and they look forward to a life changing week of volunteering, reflecting, transforming lives, celebrating the Catholic faith, building friendships, having fun and bring hope to the world. They can't wait to roll up their sleeves to restore and renovate homes and to help the social agencies in the area around Montague, MI. All donations go directly towards reducing costs associated with the trip.

To donate, [Click here](#), visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Teen Mission Service Trip" and drop it off in the rectory mail slot or in a church collection box. Or by accessing this QR code.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the youth in our parish!



SFX Parish Party

SERVE
PRAY
CELEBRATE

SAVE THE DATE JUNE 18 ALL PARISH PARTY!

Gather for a joyful celebration of our parish community!

Parishioners will have many opportunities to participate:

- 9:00am-4:00pm: **Serve** as a part of our Annual Service Day
- 5:00pm: **Pray** together at Mass to commemorate our journey over the past two years
- 6:00pm: **Celebrate** our community of faith at our All-Parish party in the parking lot

More details to come. Can't wait to see you there!

Questions about the Party? Reach out to Maggie McMahon, Pastoral Associate mmcmahon@sfxlg.org or Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Operations jzeisloft@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

Questions about Service Day? Contact Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168, if you have questions, ideas, or would like to lead an outreach team.



The Church in Central and Eastern Europe

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February, 28, 2022

Dear Brothers in Christ:

As we approach the holy season of Lent, I write with a special appeal for the Church in Ukraine and the surrounding countries, where a humanitarian crisis is unfolding.

This Ash Wednesday, I ask you to encourage your priests to promote the Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, which will allow the faithful to make a timely contribution and provide assistance to the victims of war in Ukraine, among many other projects the Collection supports in the region. If you do not or cannot take up the Collection on March 2, I implore you to find a way to give to the Collection by other means at this critical time.

The USCCB is uniquely positioned to provide aid to the region, having built strong relationships with our brother bishops there these last 30 years, and having given so much assistance in the development of the Church's capacity to respond to pastoral and social needs. A robust response at this moment will allow the Church in the United States to continue to be a strong partner in the rebuilding and restoring of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and to give critical and timely humanitarian aid now for Ukraine.

Let us ask Our Lady, Queen of Peace, to bring a swift end to the violence, and thank you for your support of the Subcommittee and its work. I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Jeffrey M. Monforton
Chairman, Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in
Central and Eastern Europe

In lieu of an Ash Wednesday collection, SFX will be doing a second collection for the people of Ukraine at all masses on March 26 & 27. Thank you for your generosity!

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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!

SFX Family Outreach Committee



Thanks to the 20 volunteers from St. Francis Xavier who joined the Family Outreach Committee at the Western Springs Styrofoam Recycling Event on Saturday, March 5. It was a beautiful day and we saved lots of styrofoam from the landfill! Keep an eye out for more information about the SFX Family Outreach Committee's April volunteer event: The Salt Creek Cleanup.



**Let's party like it's 1999 at the
St. Francis Xavier Back to the 90s auction!**

When: April 30, 2022, 6:30pm

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

**Silent and Live Auction
Live 90's Band
Photobooth
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Food, Drinks, and Fun!**

Tickets on sale now at www.sfxauction.com

**Alumni Pre-Party and
Discounted Tickets
are back!**

School of Religious Education News

**Registration for our 2022 – 2023 K – 8
Religious Education Program is now open!**



The 2022-2023 program will offer families two options. We will offer an in person bi-monthly grade level program held on Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings and we will offer a virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays.

Students enrolled in the in person or online program will receive their own book to take home to work on.

Those in the online program will receive a You Tube Video link for each lesson, which will be taught by a catechist (pre-recorded). Once the lesson is viewed there will be a Google Form that will need to be completed with questions from that lesson. This is the way we will take attendance.

Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass weekly either in person or virtually. Families will receive a separate weekly Google form to complete for Mass discussion purposes each week.

Please don't delay in registering your children today!

Families who register by April 23rd will be entered into a raffle for free tuition. The drawing will take place at our last class in person event on April 24th. You must be present at the event to win!

Visit our website for complete information on registration, tuition and calendar: <https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education>. Click the quick link "RE Registration Information for 2022-2023" on the left-hand side of the page to register.

CONTACT US TODAY!

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CHURCH LEAGUE 2022 GRATITUDE

After 2 years, we were able to bring back one of our favorite parish traditions for 122 high school boys! The League could not have happened without the gift of time, flexibility and humor from so many people. We appreciate all their efforts and hope the boys enjoyed fellowship and fun competition!

A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO:

John Buhle, our parishioner and commissioner who oversaw the League.
Brendan Pugliese and Kevin Hoffman for being our gym supervisors.

Our Coaches:

Freshman: Craig Dickman & Jason Kowalczyk and Clay Edwards & Tim Mulcahy

Sophomore: Paul Filbin & Tim Walsh and Chris Good & Bill O'Neill

Junior: Alex Denja & John Mozis, Tom McNeela & Michael Murray, Alex Garcia & Matt Sedlacek and Rich Dale & Tom Levato

Senior: Tom Dunne, Jeff McDonald & Mike Peterson, Steve Tullis & Kevin Zubor and Jim Holmes & Tim Shanley



GIRLS CHURCH LEAGUE...

Details Coming soon!



Please register or find out more about programs at The Well Spirituality Center online at www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. Please note some programs are on Zoom and some are now in person.

Lines, Spirals, and Neurographic Art

Join us on three Wednesdays, March 23—April 6 from 1:00-2:30 pm with Facilitator: Carol Cummins. Focus on giving your whole self to God during Lent, exploring internal wisdom in form and color! The emphasis will be on the experience of creating and how it makes you feel, rather than the end product. \$50 series on Zoom.

Walking With Jesus These Days

On Monday, April 11 from 9:30-11:00 am and repeated from 6:30-8:00 pm with Facilitator: Sallie Latkovich, CSJ, DMin. This presentation offers a "tour" of the places in Jerusalem that we recall during the Triduum, with photos, commentary, and pauses for reflection. \$15 in person at The Well.



Change, Hope and the Catholic Church

Pope Francis is asking Catholics to talk about our Church. Join us in answering that call when we welcome the national group **Discerning Deacons** and actively engage in the conversation around restoring the female diaconate and once again ordaining women deacons. Be part of the change and let your voice be heard all the way from Beverly to Rome. **The future is bright!**

Sunday, March 27th 7:00pm

**St. Barnabas Church
10134 S Longwood Drive**

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For more info, visit:

www.stbarnabasparish.org | www.discerningdeacons.org



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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Deacon
Deacon
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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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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

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