

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022



hosanna  
hosanna!  
hosanna!

Let us go  
forth praising  
JESUS  
our Messiah  
welcoming him  
into the holy  
city of  
JERUSALEM

## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, April 11	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Carol Grimes Matthew Dornquast	Donna Kurcz The Burke Family
Tuesday, April 12	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Rebecca Lindsay	The Nighswander Family
Wednesday, April 13	Morning Mass Tenebrae	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Michael Fagan (Living Intention)	The Kanzer Family
Thursday, April 14 Holy Thursday	Morning Prayer Mass of the Lord's Supper	8:30 am 7:00 pm		
Friday, April 15 Good Friday	Morning Prayer Passion of the Lord Passion of the Lord	8:30 am 3:00 pm 7:00 pm		
Saturday, April 16 Easter Vigil	Morning Prayer Easter Basket Blessing Vigil Mass	8:30 am 1:00 pm 8:00 pm		
Sunday, April 17 Easter Sunday	Mass (Church) Mass (Church) Mass (Gym) Mass (Church) Mass (Gym)	7:30 am 9:00 am 9:15 am (Gym) 11:00 am 11:15 am (Gym)		

### Schedule for April 9-10, 2022~Mass Time

**5:00 pm** Fr. Milek

**7:30 am** Fr. Tkachuk

**9:00 am** Fr. Milek

**11:00 am** Fr. Tkachuk

**5:00 pm** Fr. Milek

### Please pray for . . .

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

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.

Do this in  
memory of me



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## Pastor's Letter

*"This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
which will be shed for you."*

Luke 22:20

Once more this year we wave blessed palms and celebrate Jesus as Messiah as he is welcomed in Jerusalem and "even the stones cried out." Luke proclaims this triumphal entry two chapters before he begins his account of the Passion of Jesus. In the intervening verses, he relates the teachings of Jesus that will cause increasing enmity between him and the religious authorities. Jesus proclaims that *it is time for everyone to take a stand*. God is about to intervene in a way never before seen, and that will have consequences for those who refuse to accept what God is doing.

Luke writes his gospel some 40 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Jerusalem has been conquered and the Temple destroyed. The people of the promise appear to have been abandoned while those once called pagans have embraced the message of Jesus. Yet God never abandons us. The words of Jesus continue to call each person, then and now, into a deeper relationship with God, who acts in unexpected ways and who resurrects life from a cruel death. As Jesus hung on the Cross, Luke tells us that only some women from Galilee, some acquaintances, and a repentant thief were there to comfort him. His chosen Twelve and the other disciples had fled in fear. Yet, in three days, *all* will be invited into the joy of resurrection.

Each year we are invited to go deeper into the most profound mysteries of our faith, which lead to Easter joy. This Thursday, we celebrate the Supper that began the night before his death and that we enter each time we gather for Mass. This is the first giving of himself for us, his Body and Blood, in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. On Friday we remember the second giving of himself for us on the wood of the Cross. We give thanks as we humbly receive the gift of life that he gave us that day. On Saturday night, we celebrate new life in Christ through fire and water. We enter the empty tomb in darkness, and then joy. We welcome three women who have been journeying with us for many months and who will receive Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

The mysteries of these three celebrations are the font of Easter glory. **We are a resurrection people in the Risen Lord!** We reject the notion that death is the end or that evil is more powerful than God's grace. We bring our faith and hope to the people of Ukraine and countries in Africa and Asia that experience war and hunger. We embrace life in an empty tomb and then are sent to live lives of faith, hope, and service that invite others to know Jesus.

Next Sunday, we hope to welcome *many* parishioners who will rejoin those of us who have been gathering each week for most of the past two years. There is no need to make a reservation in advance this year. Unity Hall and the two Masses in the gym will accommodate the overflow. Masks will be optional at all services. The Masses in the gym may be the best option for those who still want to maintain an extra distance from others for any reason. Gather your family, invite your neighbors, and **join in the song!**

**Triduum Blessings,**

*J. Bill*



# Holy Week Has Arrived!

Join us for the MANY liturgies that we are holding here  
in our beautiful church on Wednesday evening and during the Triduum.

Katie Justak, a parishioner of SFX for the past 15 years, invites us to take time to experience the grace of Holy Week:

*Humanity. This is one word that comes to mind when I reflect on Holy Week, particularly during the Triduum. The solemnity of Holy Week allows us to not only reflect on Jesus's sacrifice but also to get in touch with our true, honest selves, our raw humanity, if you will. A time to make a conscience effort to slow down and examine our consciousness - how are we true to Jesus as we are called to be his disciple?*

*It's a lot to unpack in a week! This is why I make a greater effort to join a Bible study or prayer group during Lent. It prepares me for Holy Week as I learn more about Jesus, my Catholicism, and my Christianity. Now, do I have good old Catholic guilt to ask myself why I don't make a better effort to reflect and learn about our faith throughout the year? Absolutely! That brings me to my point, we are human. Throughout the year, our humanity may get the best of us - work, kids, school, family - life! While that is not an excuse, what we see in front of us every day may become more important and is prioritized ahead of what we cannot see - the Holy Spirit.*

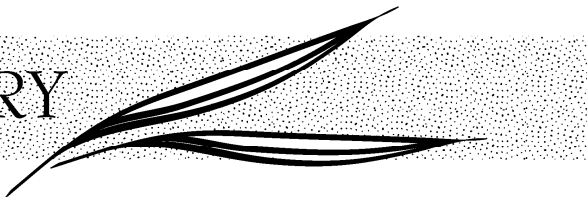
*As I sat down to write this, I realized I hadn't read my daily devotion so I did. Jesus works in mysterious ways as the devotion aligned with my thoughts. It read:*

*"Trust ME enough to spend ample time with Me, pushing back the demands of the day. Refuse to feel guilty about something that is so pleasing to Me, the King of the universe. Because I am omnipotent, I am able to bend time and events in your favor. You will find that you can accomplish more in less time, after you have given yourself to Me in rich communion. Also, as you align yourself with My perspective, you can sort out what is important and what is not. Don't fall into the trap of being constant on the go. Many, many things people do in My Name have no value in My kingdom. To avoid doing the meaningless works, stay in continual communications with Me. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you." (Luke 10:41-42; Psalm 32:8 - NASB)*

*Jesus sacrificed his life for us, for our salvation. Lent is a time, ending with Holy Week, that we show Jesus gratitude for his sacrifice by focusing on our relationship with Him, sharing with Him our true humanity.*

The next page of the bulletin includes dates and times  
for all our Holy Week Services!

Welcome  
the KING of GLORY  
into the holy city



## Holy Week Schedule

### Wednesday, April 13

Tenebrae 7:00 pm  
Church open until 9:00 pm

### Holy Thursday, April 14

Morning Prayer 8:30 am  
Living Stations 9:00 am  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm\*  
Church open until 10:00 pm

### Good Friday, April 15

Morning Prayer 8:30 am  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
3:00 pm\* and 7:00 pm

### Holy Saturday, April 16

Morning Prayer 8:30 am  
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 1:00 pm  
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm\*  
(No 5:00 pm Mass)

### Easter Sunday, April 17

Masses 7:30, 9:00\* and 11:00 am\* (Church)  
Masses at 9:15 and 11:15 am  
(SFX School Gym)  
(No 5:00 pm Mass)

\* These masses will be live-streamed

## Support the Relief Effort in Ukraine

You can continue to make a direct contribution to support the relief effort in Ukraine via the Catholic Relief Services website, [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

## Holy Thursday Collection

Donations will be used for the restoration of a diocesan hospital in Nigeria, specifically the operating room and maternity ward that were destroyed by fire. The hospital is located in Fr Stan Ilo's hometown in Nigeria. Fr Stan is one of our weekend presiders. It is the only maternity hospital where women can safely deliver their babies in his community.

Please place your donation in the boxes at all the church exits or you can scan this QR code.



Thanks you for your generosity!



## VERSITI™

## Blood Drive

St. Francis Catholic Church-Gym  
145 North Waiola (Ogden & Waiola) LaGrange  
Friday, April 22  
12:00-4:00 pm

Hosted by the: Knights of Columbus, LaGrange  
Local Council 6483 Blood Drive

Give blood & help us reach our 22-donation target to help supply 83 local hospitals. To make an appointment, visit [www.versiti.org](http://www.versiti.org) or call 1-800-7TO-GIVE or scan the QR Code with your smart phone's camera below.

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



For eligibility questions, please call 1-800-7TO-GIVE

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into the  
PASSION  
and  
GLORY  
of the  
LORD

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# Holy Week 2022

## TENEBRAE

### A Service of Darkness



**Wednesday, April 13 - 7pm in the church**

Come and be a part of a beautiful tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. This service, through music and scripture, portrays the final hours of our Lord's life on earth, as he suffered death upon the cross. Candles are extinguished one by one to symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The complete darkness at the end of the service portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it.

**Music led by Celebration Ensemble**

## Triduum Morning Prayer

**Instead of morning Mass, on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, a lay leader presides over Morning Prayer at 8:30am in the church.**

- ◆ Morning prayer is a part of the "liturgy of the hours," most often prayed by religious communities. It is a gift to help Christians mark time with prayer
- ◆ Alongside the Mass, liturgy of the hours is considered the "official prayer life" of the Church
- ◆ Liturgy of the hours is prayed all over the world in different languages each day
- ◆ Morning prayer is based on Scripture, especially the Psalms. A great way to "internalize" Scripture!



## Stations of the Cross

Fridays

7:45 - 8:15am at SFX

12:15pm by Zoom

Reflect on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

**Virtual link** found on website (visit [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org) Parish—Faith Formation—Lent to sign up for weekly reminders.)

## Living the Triduum in your Domestic Church

### 4/14 HOLY THURSDAY

**Hand or Foot Washing:** Due to COVID we can't do our traditional hand washing at the Holy Thursday liturgies, but you can wash each other's hands or feet at home! This is an especially intimate and beautiful reminder of how we serve each other as the hands and feet of Christ in family life.

**Watch *The Prince of Egypt*** – On Holy Thursday we remember the Last Supper and the Passover celebrated by Jesus with his disciples. *The Prince of Egypt* is a great animated movie for kids that depicts the origins of the Jewish Passover feast! And it's fun for adults too.

### 4/15 GOOD FRIDAY

#### Stations of the Cross

**Set an alarm for 3:00pm:** Pray together as a family at 3pm, the time of Jesus' death.

**Veneration of the Cross:** Join us to venerate the cross at 3pm or 7pm at the parish church, or venerate the cross at home as a family.

**Watch *The Passion*:** This movie is intense, not suitable for young children. It's hard to watch – but oftentimes helpful in recognizing the depths of Jesus' suffering and love for us.

### 4/16 HOLY SATURDAY

**Quiet Preparation for Easter:** Take this day as a day of quiet preparation for the feast of Easter. Prepare food, decorate eggs, clean the house, put up Easter decorations.

**Easter Vigil!** Join us via livestream at 8pm as we celebrate the Easter Vigil – we have three wonderful women entering the Church by Baptism this Easter!



THE  
SEARCH

NO SEARCH THIS WEEK DUE TO HOLY WEEK

## Looking Ahead at the Easter Season

Sunday, April 24

Divine Mercy Sunday (see page 8 for more information)

Tuesday, May 3

Senior Women's Event: Mary, the First Disciple

*after 8:30am Mass in Unity Hall*

Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day Masses

*lay reflections at 9am & 11am Masses*

# THE FEAST OF MERCY

(Divine Mercy Sunday)



*The Feast of Mercy or Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated in many countries, dioceses and parishes for many years. Pope John Paul II, the Cardinals, Bishops and Priests who have read the diary of St. Faustina have come to appreciate the significance of this feast. But now, ever since the Holy See had decreed that the "Second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday," many more are seeking to go more deeply into the words of Our Lord to St. Faustina that were meant for all humanity.*

*Pope John Paul II in his homily at the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000 said: "Jesus shows His hands and His side. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity".*

*The image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, is to have a special place of honor on the Feast of Mercy, a visual reminder of all that Jesus did for us through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection ... and a reminder, too, of what He asks of us in return - to trust Him and be merciful to others.*

*The Eucharist is the "Fountain of Life". The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.*

**THE CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT SFX  
ON SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022**

**2:30 PM - ROSARY PRAYER AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS**

**3:00 PM - HOLY HOUR WITH THE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
(REFLECTION ON DIVINE MERCY, DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYER,  
SILENT ADORATION, AND BENEDICTION).**



## 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 several weeks ago. Members of the parish COVID Leadership Team recently met to set a schedule for our next steps forward. We have made the following changes in how we celebrate our weekend Masses.

- ◆ **Hymnals** have been returned to the hymnal racks.
- ◆ The **pews** are no longer 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.)
- ◆ The tape that restricts seating to every other row in the east transept will be removed.
- ◆ **Masks** are **required only** at the Sunday 7:30 Mass.

### On Easter Sunday, April 17

- ◆ **Masks will be optional at all 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

# First United Methodist Church of La Grange

## Dan Forrest: *Requiem for the Living*

The Chancel Choir of the First United Methodist Church of La Grange is pleased to present Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living* along with J.S. Bach's Cantata No. 155, *Mein Gott, wie lang, ach lange* ("My God, how long, ah, how long").

Please join us for these wonderfully beautiful and reflective pieces -  
the perfect beginning to the holiest week of the year.

**Sunday, April 10 at 4:00 pm**

**First United Methodist Church of LaGrange**

**100 W Cossitt Avenue, LaGrange IL 60525**

Free Will Offering. Parking available around the church and at Cossitt School.

Enter at sanctuary and garden doors. Use Madison doors for elevator entrance.

For more information contact Tim Semanik, FUMCLG Music Director, at [tsemanik@gmail.com](mailto:tsemanik@gmail.com).

## School of Religious Education News



### **Your Gift and Talent is Needed!**

Are you ready to share your faith with the youth of our parish?! WE NEED YOU! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! Catechesis will be offered both online and in person this year by grade level bi-monthly, so I am looking for many volunteers to step forward to join in this new journey. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2022-2023 school year at [eguidice@sfxlg.org](mailto:eguidice@sfxlg.org).

**Register  
Today!**

### **Register Now for K – 8 Religious Education, Don't Delay!**

The School of Religious Education is now accepting registration for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

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.

Visit our website for complete information on registration and tuition: <https://sfxlg.socs.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education%7CAbout%3E%3ERegistration20Information%20for%202022-2023>.

## Religious Education End of Year Fundraiser with Stan's Donuts



The Stan's Pink Donut Van will be at SFX on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:45-2:45 pm. This will be the Religious Education's big fundraiser of the year. All proceeds will support the return to our in person program next school year! We are asking parishioners for your support. Stan's is taking pre-orders for the donuts. *Please consider placing your order now and you can pick up on the day of the event. You can set the exact time of pick up for the 24<sup>th</sup>.*

**Use the QR code below and it will take you directly to the order form.**

Stan's Donuts has also created a Facebook event. So if you are placing an order and will be stopping by on the 24<sup>th</sup> to pick it up please make sure to RSVP to the event on Facebook. Click here for the event page: [Event Link](#)

**Pre-order cut off is 48 hours before event**



**Scan the QR code to place your pre-order!**



**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**

**Sweet Mandy B's Cupcake Fundraiser  
Food, Drinks, and Fun!**

**Tickets on sale now at [www.sfxauction.com](http://www.sfxauction.com)**

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

## 2022 Girls Church League Basketball

### WHAT IS CHURCH LEAGUE?

Church League is a chance to have **FUN** and an opportunity for high school girls from area churches to play in a community basketball league. Through church league, we strive to provide opportunities to play alongside friends old and new, foster community-wide sportsmanship, and connect with Christian teens in our area.

We will be playing in an **OPEN GYM** format this year.

We will meet on four **Wednesdays** from 7-9 pm at **St. Francis Xavier Gym**.

The gym dates are : **April 27, May 4, May 11 and May 18.**

### HOW DO I REGISTER?

[Click here](#) to download the printable registration form and waiver. Please return the completed form to the Rectory with your **\$30** check made payable to *St Francis Xavier*.

The fee covers referees, gym costs and a T-shirt.

**Registrations will not be accepted after Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Questions? Contact Mary Freeman [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) (708) 352-0168



**CONTACT US TODAY!**

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ATTENTION New Altar Servers  
Entering Seventh and Eighth GRADES  
For the 2022-2023 School Year

If you are interested in becoming an altar server (and I hope you are).

Please **PICK ONE** training session **EACH WEEK**

Training is required for *all servers.*

***Training dates:***

**WEEK ONE**

Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

2:45 – 3:45

or

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

3:45 – 4:45

**WEEK TWO**

Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

2:45 – 3:45

or

Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

3:45 – 4:45

**WEEK THREE**

Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

2:45 – 3:45

or

Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

3:45 – 4:45

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Please return with the training dates (1 from each week) by Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in September: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Week One \_\_\_\_\_ Week Two \_\_\_\_\_ Week Three \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**All scheduling communication is done through Email.**

Please call or email Mrs. Westerhoff at the rectory (708-352-0168) or [sfxinlg@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxinlg@sfxlg.org) with any questions.



## 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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

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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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).

## Domestic Violence Resources

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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. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:glopez.claret@gmail.com)).



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