

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022



We congratulate the following young women and men
of our parish who will confirm their faith in the
Catholic tradition on Thursday, May 5th.

Mickey Ahrens	Poppy Graber	Avery McDonnell	Ryan Siegel
Audrey Asleson	William Grayson	Penelope McDowell	Julia Smith
Morgan Asleson	Abigail Grech	Megan McManus	William Smith
Gabrielle Boillat	Brenik Griffin	Edward McNamara	Emily Spelson
Mason Burda	John Girgus	Austin Mieszala	Leonardo Spovieri
John Burgess	Eva Guerrero	Leslie Moore	Philip Steger
Aiden Burns	Joshua Hollowed	Timothy Mulcahy	Benjamin Stetz
Kate Campbell	Charles Hopkins	Molly Mullen	Natalie Stowe
Francis Casiple	Caroline Hull	Cole Murphy	Madeline Stritch
John Cisek	Daniel Janiszewski	William Nelson	Jack Sullivan
Brody Collins	Aidan Joyce	John Nisivaco	Annie Trayser
Gordon Cook	Sophia Joyce	Ryan Nowak	Hannah Vadbunker
Ashley Culin	Emily Justak	John O'Halloran	Mila VonOhlen
Colin Cushing	Michael Kanzer	Michael Oppedard	Jack Walls
Olivia Denson	Grace Karan	Sarah Owen	Madeline Walsh
Allie Downes	Ella Kardatzke	James Pajauskas	George Webster
Michael Doyle	Rachel Karlson	Mary Pajauskas	Blake White
Dominick Dudek	Matthew Kielczynski	Sean Parkes	Gavin Wolf
Emma Dwyer	Vivian Kittridge	Claire Parkhill	
Natalie Dziallo	Rafael Klaczyski	Jack Pasternak	<u>Adult</u>
Nicholas Edwards	Eleanor Koehler	Gabriel Paszyna	Kristen Feeney
Dominic Eorio	Lauren Korzyniewski	Matthew Peterson	
Reagan Farnan	Molly Kudlacz	Katherine Polomsky	<u>St. John of the Cross</u>
John Fielding	Bryce Lascola	Eleanor Powell	Majda Lampe
Sofia Flynn	Bryonna Lascola	Daniel Quinlan	Maeve Collins
Daniel Franko	Luka Luburic	Elise Rahman	
Bridget Gannon	Alexander Luna	Grant Rasmussen	<u>St. Pius VI</u>
Julian Gawel-Barden	Belle Madonia	Matthew Remedi	Vivian Grusecki
Caroline Gee	Sofia Magajne	Liam Rooney	
Virginia Gibbs	Jack Mangano	MaryRose Schmaus	
Antonio Godinez	Jack Martens	Tyler Schnotala	
Jaden Gonzalez	Timothy McCormick	Francesca Schultz	

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, May 2	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Mary & Joseph Simeoni Mary Ann Slowick	The Simeoni Family Ellen Cudzik
Tuesday, May 3	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Frank Rizzo Lorraine Pietras	The Templeton & Costello Families Dorothy & Mark Daliege
Wednesday, May 4	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Marian Hutchins	From Friends & Family
Thursday, May 5	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, May 6	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Joan Dunne	The McKenna Family
Saturday, May 7	Mass	8:30 am	Paul Flood Rosemarie Agnello	The Flood Family Yvonne Agnello-Adams
	No Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Eleanor M. Michalek Gretchen Gearhart	Mark Azzi Erin & Tom Marthaler
Sunday, May 8	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	
4th Sunday of Easter	Mass	9:00 am	Nancy Droste	The Marthaler Family
Happy Mother's Day	Mass	11:00 am	People of the Parish	

SUNDAY, MAY 8—NO 5:00 PM MASS DUE TO MOTHER'S DAY

Schedule for April 30-May 1, 2022~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

Please pray for . . .

Edward Barrett	Greg McDonnell
Linda Bienik	Linda McMahon
Paul Bryon	Patrick Morgan
Jay Carroll	Mike Morrison
Chili Challenger	Gert Ogilvie
Tionna Dawson	Jane O'Reilly
Blake Donegan	Lorraine Ovnik
Victoria Donile	Ryan Patyk
Barbara Doyle	Donna Pekarek
Matthew Doyle	Baby Lucia R.
Lily Fielding	Madison Raupp
Jim Fitzgerald	Anna Rose
Lilli Gregory	Rita Scalcon
Wilson Gregory	Sr. Marlene
Rose Ilo	Schemmel
Mary J.	Richard Schmuhl
Jane Jacobsen	Santa Snieg
Theresa Kandall	Barbara Stewart
Mark Kiley	John Stopka
Mary Jane Kowal	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Janet Krueger	Olivia Tarsney
Art Lyons	Gregory Van Gorp
Lisa Massaro	Liz Wilk

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

Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Lillian Bannach
Wife of the Late Michael

Michael Zingarelli
Husband of Janet
Father of Alyssa, the late John,
Michelle and Clarese

Weddings

Lauren Dawson & Anthony Larios



Make a gift to the Sunday
Offertory with this QR Code.
Thank you for your support!

Pastor's Letter

*Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."
John 21:19*

Some time after the resurrection, John tells us that the disciples have returned to Galilee. They are adrift, seeking to return to a former way of life, but finding no success in doing so. The Risen Christ again appears to them, fills their nets with a huge catch, and invites them to breakfast. He takes Peter aside, and three times he asks Peter if Peter loves him. Many scholars link Peter's three affirmations as a means of healing his three denials on the night Jesus was arrested. Yet there is something else going on in this exchange. John's gospel is written in Greek. Each time Jesus asks Peter if he loves him, John uses the word that translates as a broader love for others: Christ alive in the community of believers. However, each time Peter replies, he uses the word that translates to the personal love that one has for another. Jesus attempts to deepen Peter's understanding of Christian love; but Peter is not yet ready to take that next step. Nonetheless, Jesus ends the dialogue by inviting Peter to follow him. It is not necessary that Peter yet understand what Jesus is asking. Jesus knows that such understanding will come with time and the power of the Holy Spirit.

I find this gospel reassuring. The promise of resurrection is not something we grasp easily or even fully while on this earth. We, like the first witnesses, will find ourselves turning to old ways, to things that fail to satisfy. *Yet Jesus persists.* And even though it takes a lifetime to both grasp and live the deep love for Christ in all others that Jesus asks of us, he nonetheless invites us to follow him on the journey and to grow in that love over time.

We are his disciples *now*, as unworthy and imperfect as we may feel. Jesus does not ask perfect faith or perfect love, but only a willingness to follow where he leads. He brings us together in Word and Eucharist to nourish and sends us anew to witness to what he has taught us. Others will know us as Christians by

our continued striving to live that deep love for all others in gratitude for what God's love continues to do within each of us and within our weekly gathering in faith.

This is a week of celebrations. If you are reading this before Saturday evening, join us under the big tent for the **Bi-Annual Elementary School Auction Party**. All are invited to an evening of food, drink, and live music. This is the first on-site parish party in over two years. Join in the fun and make some new friends! This Sunday at the 5PM Mass, **we celebrate all youth who graduate from high school this year. Congratulations!** This also marks the last Sunday before the Spirit Choir begins their summer vacation. There will be **no Sunday 5PM Mass next weekend** due to Mother's Day. However, the **Sunday 5PM Mass will return in two weeks** for the rest of the summer.

On Thursday, Bishop Kevin Birmingham will celebrate the **Confirmation** of 116 parish youth. They bring hope and promise to our future through who they are, what they already have accomplished, and what they are yet to offer through the gifts of the Spirit. **Next Saturday**, at three special Masses, we celebrate the **First Eucharist** of 133 parish second grade children. They remind us how special the gift of Eucharist is to all who share in it. May their smiles deepen our Easter joy. Please offer your affirmation to these children and teens.

Easter Peace,

J. Bill





Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection

Next weekend our second collection will be for the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection. Nearly 60 percent of the people who seek help from Catholic Charities are women, most of them mothers and grandmothers. From helping pregnant mothers deliver and care for healthy babies to supporting aging mothers and grandmothers, Catholic Charities offers a full range of services to mothers throughout the entire cycle of life. Thank you for your friendship and making the best give you can today.

To donate, [Click Here](#), visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Catholic Charities" and drop it off in the rectory mail slot or in a church collection box. Thank you for your generosity.

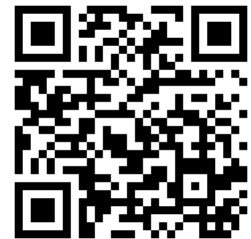


GIVING AT SFX

Easter
Collection

Easter Budget Target: \$73,000
Easter Offertory (through April 19) \$63,753

We are grateful to all those whose financial support makes the mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish possible. You can make an Easter gift by accessing this QR code or placing an envelope marked "Easter" in the boxes near the church exit or at the rectory. For those joining us online, [click here](#) to donate.



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BRICK PAVER ORDERS

Brick Paver Orders

Become a part of history by purchasing a personalized paver brick in Unity Garden! Visit our website for more information. Our current bricks include messages that:

- Celebrate a Wedding or special Wedding Anniversary
- Honor a past or present student, faculty member, coach or leader
- Commemorate a Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation and much more!



Please [click here](#) to order!

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

Easter Season! Alleluia!

New Parishioner Welcome

Prayer Service & Social!

We invite all new parishioners from the past two years (and all "seasoned" parishioners who would like to help welcome!) to a prayer service and social in the church on

Wednesday, May 11 at 6pm

Senior Women's Group Presents:

Mary, the First Disciple of Jesus

An ideal way to begin the month of May, honoring the Blessed Mother! The Senior Women's Group will offer a morning of reflection with Father Bill Tkachuk on

Tuesday, May 3 at 9am

We will begin in Unity Hall just after the weekday Mass.

Renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. Light refreshments will be offered. Just as with the church tour:

ALL ARE WELCOME.

MOTHER'S DAY REFLECTIONS

This Mother's Day (May 8) parishioners will offer reflections at the 9am and 11am Masses. This year's speakers are:

9am - Eleanor O'Reilly

11am - Pam Devitt

DID YOU KNOW? The Church of God is convoked in Synod.

"Synod" is not a familiar word for most Catholics. It's a Greek word, basically meaning to "walk with," or "journey together." Throughout our history, it's been used to refer to the gatherings of the Church to "walk with" one another and with the Holy Spirit, to read the "signs of the times" and discern in a spirit of prayer how the Church is being called to respond.

Right now the Church is gathering around this question:

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, "journeys together." How is this "journeying together" happening today in your local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our "journeying together?"

Keep an eye out for future listening sessions and conversations on this topic at SFX or join the national consultation below to participate!

Discerning Deacons National Consultation

Wednesday May 11, 12-2pm ET • Sunday May 15, 3-5pm ET

Be a participant in the largest consultation with human beings ever conducted in history! Pope Francis wants to hear from YOU.

All are welcome

Visit: <https://discerningdeacons.org/serving-the-synod/>



SFX Parish Party

SERVE
PRAY
CELEBRATE

Join us for the SFX Parish Party on June 18! RSVP Today!

As our faith community moved through the challenges of the past two years, we grew stronger as a parish and leaned even more deeply into God's healing grace. Moving forward we want to celebrate with our incredible parishioners!

Parishioners will have many opportunities to participate:

- **9:00am-4:00pm:** Serve as a part of our Annual Service Day (see opposite page for more details)
- **5:00pm:** Pray together at Mass
- **6:00-8:00pm:** Celebrate in the parking lot (rain location: Joyce Hall). Food and beverages will be served along with desserts from the Misericordia Bakery Truck!

To help us plan food and beverages, please **RSVP** as soon as possible by visiting www.sfxlg.org or click here.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AND CELEBRATE WITH YOU!

Questions about the Party?

Maggie McMahon, Pastoral Associate, mmcmahon@sfxlg.org
Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Operations, jzeisloft@sfxlg.org.



SFX Service Day

OPPORTUNITIES
JUNE 18*

SERVICE PARTNER	SITE	TIME	PROJECT	AGE	TEAM LEADER
Rosary* (6/16)	Mary Garden	8:15am	Pray	All	Katie Kanzer
Blood Drive* (6/17)	GYM	10am-4pm	Donate Blood	16+	Frank Mungo
BEDS	Rectory lower level	1-2pm	Pack shelf stable meals	All	Lynn Regan Alice Vida
Challenger Baseball	Sedgwick Park	10:45am-12:15pm	Play ball with a buddy	10+	John Walsh
Companions Journeying Together (Prison Ministry)	Rectory Courtyard Room	9-10am	Write notes	12+	Marge Branecki
Congregation of St Joseph Cemetery Clean-Up	Queen of Heaven	9-11am	Clean up CSJ plots	10+	Emily Bersnak
Exodus World Service	Chicagoland	TBD June or July	Set up apartment for a refugee family	10+	Tammy Walczyk
First Congregational Saturday Meal Program	La Grange	9-11am	Prepare & Serve Lunch	12+	Rachel Peterson Ana Dimailig
Fuller Center for Housing (Formerly Habitat for Humanity)	Clarksdale, MS	Week in June or July	Build & Paint Home	14+	Chris O'Hea
Greater Chicago Food Depository	Chicago	9-11:45am	Sort & pack food	14+	Mike Hattie
Helping Hand	Willow Springs	9:30-11:30am	Clean up group home yard	12+	Need leader
Project Linus	Unity Hall	10-11:30am	Make blankets (geared toward families with young kids)	5 and under	Maggie McMahon
Random Acts of Kindness & Interfaith Community Partners	Education Building	9am-noon	Repurpose flowers & deliver to seniors and nursing homes	All	Margie Hull
Food Pantry	Rectory	1-2pm	Sort & Stock Food	All	Lynn Regan Alice Vida

ONLINE SIGN-UPS BEGIN WEEK OF MAY 16, 2022.

If you have any questions or ideas or would like to lead an outreach team, please contact Mary Freeman mfreeman@sfxlg.org

Thank You For Your Generous Easter Flower Donation 2022

In Honor of:

Bernadette Crowe
Donald Crowe
Jan Sherburne

George & Patricia Dowd
Esther Dunne

Jim & Joan Dunne
Carl & Frances Gordon
Bernice & John Grzeslo
Hayes & Roach Families

Terese Hruby
Peg & Stan Humecke
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Sean P. Sullivan
Carl Walsh
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Charles & Dorothy Accardi
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Michael Bannach
Diane Bereckis
Jaqueline Bogner
Frank & Anne Burnjas
Renee Challos
Michael Cipriani
Theresa Cipriani
Michael Czubik

Love gives us memories and faith gives us strength.

May God's healing touch be your comfort. Our parish family prays with you.

We are so grateful for your donations in memory and honor of your loved ones. These generous contributions will be used throughout the year to add florals and seasonal décor to our worship space at St. Francis. We appreciate your continued support to help us create a peaceful, prayerful and beautiful space for us to gather together as one family. Please stay safe and healthy.

Celine Heraty
Arts & Environment Ministry

Welcome

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

Eileen Baltazar
Diana Winkler Curtis
Christopher & Lisa Dallavo
Steven Schwabe & Gianna DiGrazia
John & Mary Ferguson
John Kostszycki & Roxanne Filippi
Glenn Thompson & Carmela Galace
Stephen & Claire Kirst
Ross & Erin Mangano
Nathan & Deborah Murphy
Jonathan & Kimberley Regan
Angie Rigoni
Daniel Stern & Leslie Roshto
Joseph & Iris Rosing
Monica Barfield & Kamil Rusin
Jeffrey & Melissa Seidemann
Timothy & Jill Slattery
Kenneth & Mary Stec
Thomas & Kathleen Wickert



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 am-Noon and we will forward the information to Scott McDonald, who coordinates our minister of care team.



Families with children from Ukraine (Charków) living at Fr. Rich's home in Poland (Rzeszów)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

On behalf of the people of Ukraine and Poland and especially on behalf of the families living in my home, I want to thank you for your spiritual and monetary support. Those who would still like to help Ukrainian refugees in Poland can make donation to St. Francis Xavier Church.

Please note on your check that your donation is for **Caritas**.

Thank you so much and God Bless you all!

Fr. Rich

Ministry of Care Serving those in Need

The Ministry of Care is a wonderful opportunity to serve others. We provide communion for homebound parishioners and for patients at AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center, LaGrange. We conduct Prayer and Communion Services for the residents of Plymouth Place, Meadowbrook Manor, and Aspired Living. Please consider this rewarding ministry. You'll be so grateful and blessed.

Training will be conducted in May and October.

Where: Carmelite Spiritual Center, 8419 Bailey Road, Darien, IL 60561, 630-969-4141

When: Saturday, May 7th and 14th 9:00AM – 1:00PM Or Saturday, October 1st and 8th 9:00AM – 1:00PM

Registration Required.

Please contact Scott McDonald for registration details.

St. Francis Xavier Parish
Ministry of Care Coordinator

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847-528-1434



School of Religious Education News

**Register
Today!**

Register Now for K – 8 Religious Education 2022-2023, Don't Delay!

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

The 2022-2023 program will offer families two options.

We will offer an in person bi-monthly grade level program held on Wednesday afternoons or Sunday mornings (family preference) 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%3ERegistration%20Information%20for%202022-2023>

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.

**CONTACT
US TODAY!**

[SFXLG.ORG/SCHOOL](https://sfxlg.org/school)



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The SFX Staff and Parishioners
want to say a huge
**THANK YOU TO
IZZY SULLIVAN**

For the 11 years she has shared her vocal and instrumental gifts with our parish through the Spirit Choir.

We are so grateful to have been blessed with your talents as part of our Sunday night worship for so many years. You will be missed!



**This Sunday, May 1
5:00 pm Mass
To Celebrate HS Seniors**

Hi Class of 2022!

A tradition at SFX Parish has been to celebrate the high school seniors at a Sunday evening liturgy. We hope seniors and their families can gather together on **Sunday, May 1st at 5pm** in the Church.

Following mass, please gather at God's Garage for pizza.

Optional: If you'd like, wear a t-shirt with your college name, place of employment or GAP year interest.

We will take a picture of all seniors right AFTER mass.

***God has more in store for you
than you can even imagine.
Ephesians 3:20***

**A Big Thank You
To All The Teens
Who Have Served
Our Sunday Night Mass
This School Year**

Owen Cherry, Brady Culin, Olivia Denson, LisaGrace Dillon, Tommy Duffy, Alex Edwards, Nicholas Edwards, Quinn Filbin, Bridget Gannon, Eleanor Geraghty, Maddie Grayson, Annie Hennehan, Tiernan Kelly, Matthew Klos, Riley McCarthy, Sean Parkes, Sarah Sedlacek, and Peter Shanley.

*Come and eat
at the
Lord's table*





St. Francis Xavier School and Empower Illinois

What is Empower Illinois & the Tax Credit Scholarship Program?

In 2017, bipartisan lawmakers passed the Invest in Kids Act. This historic law – the first of its kind in Illinois – transforms lives by providing up to \$100 million in scholarships for kids from low-income and working-class families in Illinois. Scholarships are funded through private donations to Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs), like Empower Illinois, who then administer the application and scholarship process.

Illinois donors to the scholarship program can designate their gift to **St. Francis Xavier** and are eligible for a 75% state tax credit. Empower Illinois' mission is to expand quality education options for low-income and working-class families across Illinois. Empower Illinois partners with approximately 92% of all Illinois recognized private schools, including **St. Francis Xavier** to ensure families have options to find their child's best fit school. Empower Illinois supports **St. Francis Xavier** in their tax credit scholarship fundraising efforts, assists students and their families through the awards process, and leads advocacy efforts to support and expand the Tax Credit Scholarship Program. All funds designated to St. Francis Xavier will fund students at St. Francis Xavier School.

Why Donate to St. Francis Xavier Through the Tax Credit Scholarship Program?

Donors who give to St. Francis Xavier through the Tax Credit Scholarship Program receive a 75% Illinois state tax credit for their gift and the funds will provide scholarships for students at St. Francis Xavier for the 2022-23 school year.

There are currently eight students enrolled at St. Francis Xavier on the waiting list to receive scholarships for the 2022-23 school year through this program. These students represent \$38,000 in need for scholarships.

How Does the Donation Process Work?

Making your tax credit scholarship donation is a three-step process:

1. **register** with mytax.illinois.gov
2. **reserve** your credit, and
3. **make your donation** through Empower Illinois.

The donation process does include multiple steps, but in addition to helping students in need, your gift earns you a 75% Illinois state tax credit.

Empower Illinois has a dedicated customer service team that can assist with any questions that may arise during the donation process (donors@empowerillinois.org or 800-616-7606). Additionally, parishioner and SFX parent Carolyn Broughton would be happy to help any one through the donation process: carolyn@empowerillinois.org or 708.341.0908.

Questions? Contact Carolyn Broughton at carolyn@empowerillinois.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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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
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 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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