

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 31, 2021**



**ALL SOULS~Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

Don August  
Michael Barnes  
Bob Barry, Jr.  
Michael Bovis  
Ethelyn Boyd  
Jack Boyd  
Donald Brandon  
Jill Broccardo  
Stanley Burnicks  
Nick Burriesci  
Mark Buzzelli  
Edward Carpenter  
Mary Anne Casey  
Donald Cherco  
Glen Coyle  
John Cronin  
Kevin Cummings  
Theresa D'Ambrosio  
Mary Darovic  
George David, Jr.  
Baby Daniel DeAngelo  
Theresa Domanico  
Herbert Doonan  
Diane Dunn  
Joan Dunne  
Lisa Durham  
Anthony Dziallo  
John Ehret  
Evangeline Emanuel  
Barbara Emmenegger  
Marilyn Fallon  
Victor Manuel Fernandez  
Fred Ferris  
Timothy Foley  
Jack Fritchnitch  
Gretchen Gearhart  
James Gecan, Sr.  
Francis Gembala  
Dolores Gervase  
Sr. Lucia Marie Gibbons  
Samuel Grippo  
Phillip Hammerschmitt  
Marian Hannigan  
Andy Harmon  
Patricia Hassler  
Linda Hillsman  
Catherine Hofstetter  
Margaret Howe  
Anthony Hrubes

Doris Hullihan  
John Jacobs  
Marilynn Jareczek  
Walter Johnson  
Donald Jones  
Maureen Kallal  
Rose Kazan  
Bill Kelly  
Anna Kilinsky  
John Kinahan  
Jennifer Kissel  
Kenneth Kostal  
Ronald Kozan  
Frances Krick  
Barry Kronowitz  
Betty Kuhl  
Phyllis Kuta  
Virgil Kuta  
Dorothy Lafeber  
Margaret LaLonde  
Doug Lamp  
Jeanne LeBeau  
Daniel Lisek  
Germaine Looby  
Matthew Malec  
Sandra Malkowski  
Erin Malone  
James Martin  
Joseph Marzano  
Bill McAlaine, Sr.  
Gene McCambridge  
Kevin McCann  
Marge McGrath  
Kathryn McInerney  
Michael McLynn  
Mary McMahan  
Frances McNulty  
Catherine Minelli  
Gary Molinari  
Christine Moran  
Chris Morkin  
Donald Mudra  
Tom Mulvenna  
Robert Murphy  
Terrence Murphy  
Elizabeth Naughton  
William Navolio  
Andrew Newman  
Katherine O'Brien

Adele O'Donnell  
Jeanine Okonek  
Bob O'Malley  
Peter O'Malley  
Arnold Oppenheim  
Jose Pangan, Jr.  
Lorraine Pietras  
Angelo Pirozzi  
James Pridmore  
Robert Primer  
Kathy Provost  
Jose Quintana  
Joseph Reilly  
Ronald Reszel  
Paul Reynolds  
Joseph Riden, Sr.  
Lorry Roantree  
Francesca Rodriguez  
Richard Ross  
Frances Rossi  
Jack Ruane  
Sue Rudolf  
John Sassone  
Robert Seery  
Richard Seitz  
Vera Severino  
Albert Shagory  
Patrick Shanahan  
Lawrence Skipet  
Keith Slingsby  
Mary Ann Slowik  
Lottie Snopek  
Brian Stephenson  
Robert Sunyog  
Anne Titzer  
John Twomey  
Rosemary Vargas  
Dolores Vaughan  
Loretta Vaughn  
Lelia Vincent  
Johanna Vizgirda  
Judith Washburn  
Norm Wasz  
Eileen Weilandt  
Kay Whalen  
Richard Zeiler  
James Zwit

## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, November 1 All Saints Day	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Donald Mudra Anthony Jaslowski Kathy Kriz Mary Ann Slowik	Karen Tegtmeyer The Milligan Family The Westerhoff Family Denise Granat
Tuesday, November 2 All Souls Day	Morning Mass Mass	8:30 am 7:00 pm		
Wednesday, November 3	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Schaefer & Morgan Families	Dan & Nancy Morgan
Thursday, November 4	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, November 5	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Carol Grimes Louie DaDan	Maureen & Mike Naset Mariellen & Tony DeSmit
Saturday, November 6	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Dennis Cusak Francis Napleton Jim Boardman Ken Kostal Sally Harris	The McKee Family The Napleton Family The Brian Stephenson Family Nancy & Don Morgan The Cooley Family
Sunday, November 7 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Brian Stephenson Lisa Durham Young Tom Mikula Poor Souls Betty Sue Aguilar	The Cooley Family Liturgy Team #1 Bob & Jennifer Driscoll Liz Wilk The Aguilar Family

### Presider's Schedule for October 30-31, 2021~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. Tkachuk

### Please pray for . . .

Julie Artim	Mike Morrison
Jay Carroll	Bernice Niemiec
Chili Challender	Gert Ogilvie
Blake Donegan	Jane O'Reilly
Barbara Doyle	Ryan Patyk
Matthew Doyle	Donna Pekarek
Lily Fielding	Baby Lucia R.
Colleen Fleming	Madison Raupp
Terry Gazdziak	Marjorie Reimann
Lilli Gregory	Nicholas Rink
Wilson Gregory	Anna Rose
Rose Ilo	Kristin Sandoval
Mary J.	Peter Sannasardo
Jane Jacobsen	Rita Scalcon
Theresa Kandall	Jerry Spearman, Sr.
Wayne Kardatzke	Gavin Stella
Mark Kiley	John Stopka
Patricia Lees	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Juliette Lopez	Albert Tassi
Lisa Massaro	Gregory Van Gorp
Ron Minella	Liz Wilk
Patrick Morgan	

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:

#### **Michael Bovis**

Husband of Patricia, Father of Lauren & Megan

#### **Mary Anne Casey**

Sister of the late John, Thomas, Martin, Sarah and Margaret

#### **George David, Jr.**

Husband of Deborah, Father of Abigail & Alex

#### **Samuel Grippo**

Husband of Kathleen & Father of Frank

#### **Dorothy Lafeber**

Mother of Larry, Theodore, Mary, James, Anne, Laura, Thomas and the late Jeanne

### Weddings

Katherine Bindon & Robert Goshorn



### Readings For The Week of October 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/  
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

## Pastor's Notes

*"You are not far from the kingdom of God."*  
Mark 12:34

A scholar of religious law asks Jesus, which of the thousands of commandments that guided the Jewish way of life at the time was *most* important. The scribe accepts the response of Jesus, which is to love God above all else *and* to love one's neighbor as oneself. In fact, he displays such depth of understanding that Jesus is moved to tell him that he is close to dwelling in the kingdom of God. Jesus reduces the many rules and regulations of religion to words so simple as to make them easy to understand but challenging to live. *We need only love, for love is of God and love never fails.* Making the choice to love too often seems beyond our reach. Yet striving to make that choice, *each time* we face it, brings us into the presence of God.

This week, Christians take *time to remember and celebrate* those who have gone before us in death and whom we hope to see once more in God's kingdom. Halloween, or All Hallows Eve, is rooted in Celtic and Roman traditions that honored the ancestors; over time, many Christian cultures adopted these for the night before the Feast of All Saints. In some traditions, favorite foods of deceased family members were placed on a table outside the door of the house on this night, on which ancestors were thought to visit their descendants. Children soon took up the practice of dressing up as ghosts of the ancestors, going door to door to enjoy the "treats" that had been set out for the ancestors. If a family failed to leave anything outside the door, they might suffer some "trick" from the children who passed their door. For Christians, the costumes of ghosts and skeletons became a way to laugh at death in the face of Christ's victory over death.

Latin American traditions find their roots in the traditions of the Aztecs and other indigenous peoples; these, too were adopted and adapted by Christians. They *celebrate and give thanks* for their deceased loved ones on the first two

days of November. Each family sets up a table, or altar, in the home, on which they place photos, objects, memories, and favorite foods of those who have died. On November 2, where possible, the family goes to the cemetery and shares a feast on the graves of their loved ones; they also share memories, sing songs, and give thanks for the blessings of the lives of those who have gone before. Candy in the shape of skulls, skeleton figures, and other symbols of death are part of the day; they mock death in the light of the Resurrection. It is not a day of mourning, but rather of joyful and grateful remembrance.

In America today, the skeletons and ghosts of ancient traditions have been joined by a variety of ghoulish creatures; a tradition of dressing as one of the saints has been replaced by superheroes, public figures, and characters from storybooks or movies. However, we continue the tradition of coming together on November 2<sup>nd</sup> *to remember and celebrate* the people in our lives who have gone before us in death. At Mass, we *remember by name* those who have left us during this past year. We comfort those who still grieve their loss, *and* we share the stories and give thanks for the blessings we received from those who await us in heaven.

What a marvelous treat! And with no tricks at all. Just an opportunity to laugh in the face of death and celebrate the lives of those gone before us. Happy Halloween!

Autumn Peace,

*J. Bill*

LOVE

*There is no commandment greater than this*

## Weekend Mass Protocols at St. Francis Xavier!

The CDC recommends wearing masks in indoor, public spaces, following evidence that the COVID delta strain can spread rapidly even among fully vaccinated individuals.

- ◆ **Masks are required for everyone** over age 2, regardless of vaccination status.
- ◆ **We invite everyone to sing with your mask in place!** Pick up a bulletin as you enter church for the words to the hymns. As you leave, place any bulletins you are not taking home in the recycle baskets at each door.
- ◆ Please wait for an usher to invite your pew to come forward for communion. With your mask in place, receive the host in your hand and move six feet to the side before removing your mask to consume the host.
- ◆ **All church doors remain open** for all worshippers.
- ◆ **Unity Hall remains open to families with small children** to offer a remote viewing option on Saturdays at 5PM and Sundays at 9AM and 11AM. This is only for families with small children and no cold symptoms.
- ◆ Every other pew in the back of church and in the east transept is not available for seating. These areas provide social distance for parents with infants, those with immune issues, and those not yet comfortable being closer than six feet. All other pews are available for general seating.
- ◆ Please avoid physical contact with those not of your own household, especially during the **Sign of Peace**. A nod or a wave is always appropriate.

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience.

Fr. Bill

## World Mission Sunday



On October 24, we joined with the Catholic Church across the globe to celebrate World Mission Sunday. Coordinated by Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, World Mission Sunday is an opportunity to support every mission diocese and faith community which are in need of our help. This annual second collection provides critical support to communities of faith in some of the most economically disadvantaged regions of our world. For more information and to donate please visit: [www.WeAreMissionary.org/wms](http://www.WeAreMissionary.org/wms).

Or you may donate at Give Central at <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1931/event/27803>.

## Pig Roast 2021 is back on!! SFX Men's Club

Friday, December 10  
6:00-11:30PM

American Legion Post 1941  
900 South La Grange Road

More details to follow.  
Contact Matt Hubert at [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
for more information.

## Follow the Parish on Social Media!

Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!



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St. Francis Xavier Parish  
LaGrange, IL



**St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 11, 2021**

**The Pastoral Parish Council meets on the first Monday of each month and will have the minutes of the meeting published in the bulletin. If you have any questions related to St. Francis Xavier, please feel free to contact us at [ppc@sfxlg.org](mailto:ppc@sfxlg.org).**

Attendees:

Fr. Bill Tkachuk, Curt Aronson, Beth DiMarco, Laura Duelm, Mike Hattie, Tom Marthaler, Antonio Pangan, and Jody Wise.

1. Prayer

- a. Parish mission statement (all attendees)
- b. Prayer for guidance of the Holy Spirit (Fr. Bill)

2. Formation

- a. Reflection on Gospel Reading from Mark 10:35-45 (all attendees)

3. Discussion / Action Items

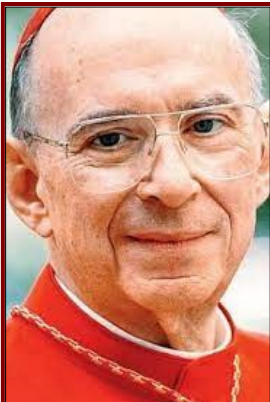
- a. Review minutes of the prior meeting from 9/13/2021 (approved)
  - i. To be published to parish website or in bulletin
- b. Engagement and Connection survey development
  - i. Continued detailed discussion on how PPC will facilitate ongoing engagement and connection between SFX and parishioners in a post COVID-19 environment.
  - ii. Next steps are to present the final survey for PPC review and approval, and then to distribute the survey to parishioners..
- c. Renew my Church Planning
  - i. Father Bill mentioned that there has been a commitment to begin this in January 2022. Planning groups to be discerned and formed
- d. St. Francis Xavier Covid Update Church & School
  - i. All necessary protocols remain in place. Parish in alignment with Cook County COVID-19 guidelines as well as Archdiocese COVI-19 rules.
- e. St. Francis Xavier Religious Education
  - i. Father Bill outlined the changes in Religious Education programming, including enhanced family activity and involvement.
- f. Thanks to Tom Marthaler for completing his service in reporting the minutes.
- g. Upcoming PPC meetings expected to occur in person, as long as health conditions remain stable or continue to improve.

4. New Business

- a. No topics discussed at October meeting

5. Closing Prayer

6. Next Meeting – November 8, 2021



## COMMEMORATING CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, beloved and esteemed Archbishop of Chicago, died on November 14, 1996. He had arrived in Chicago in August 1982 and served here for fourteen years. During his time as Archbishop, he left an enduring mark on the Catholic Church in Chicago as well as on the civic community. He also had significant impact and influence on the nation and the world at large. The Archdiocese of Chicago is preparing to remember Cardinal Bernardin in two events at the beginning of November.

On November 1 at Holy Name Cathedral (750 North State Street) at 7pm, there will be a commemoration of Cardinal Bernardin's contribution to the Church and to our civic life. The evening is entitled "Now More Than Ever: The Enduring Prophetic Voice and Legacy of Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Twenty-five Years after His Death." Five speakers will briefly address aspects of his legacy and its continuing relevance in today's world.

**Steven Millies** (the USCCB 1982 pastoral letter on peace, an initiative that Cardinal Bernardin directed and that had national and international ramifications);

**Father J. Cletus Kiley** (Cardinal Bernardin's contribution to a renewed vision of ministers and ministry in the Church and the ways he was a forerunner in addressing the abuse crisis);

**Andrew McKenna** (Cardinal Bernardin's commitment to investing in the future through Catholic education);

**Rabbi Wendi Geffen** (Cardinal Bernardin's efforts to build ecumenical and interfaith relationships);

**Cardinal Blase Cupich** (Cardinal Bernardin's consistent ethic of life).

The evening promises to be an exercise of grateful memory for what Cardinal Joseph Bernardin has left us. It will also be a summons for us to continue his legacy that retains even more value today than in the time he was among us. On the following day, November 2, again at Holy Name Cathedral, the annual memorial Mass for deceased bishops and priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago will be celebrated at noon. At that Mass, Cardinal Bernardin will be specially remembered.

### 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.

Hear, O Israel!  
The LORD our GOD is one!  
You shall  
LOVE the LORD  
with all your heart  
with all your soul  
✠ with all your mind  
and with all your strength  
and you shall  
LOVE your NEIGHBOR  
as yourself

There is no commandment greater than these.





## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

On October 16th at our 5pm liturgy, Fr. Bill blessed the shawls, blankets, hats, and scarves that have been knitted and crocheted by members of our prayer shawl ministry throughout the pandemic. These beautiful items were distributed to parishioners after masses and to the guests of our food pantry. All who received them were grateful for the comfort they will provide to the recipients.

If you know someone who would like a shawl, please contact the Rectory at (708) 352-0168.

If you'd like to become involved in this Ministry by knitting or crocheting, donating supplies of ribbon and yarn or making a donation to cover their costs, please contact Sarah Zavala at [sarahsmiles17@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahsmiles17@yahoo.com)



### Who Are the Victims?

<sup>1</sup>Twenty-five percent of American women and eight percent of American men will experience domestic violence at some point in their lives. Children are very often witnesses and victims themselves. This statistic does not include the vast number of unreported incidents of violence. There is no evidence that the prevalence of domestic violence is any lower within faith communities.

### What is Domestic Violence?

<sup>2</sup>Domestic violence (also known as spouse abuse, partner violence, intimate-partner violence, battering, and numerous other terms) is a pattern of coercion used by one person to exert power and control over another person in the context of a dating, family, or household relationship. The spectrum of domestic violence includes much more than physical assault. Domestic violence encompasses a constellation of controlling behaviors that include:

Actual or threatened physical harm, psychological abuse, and forced sexual contact; Economic control; Social isolation; Destruction of a victim's property, keepsakes, or personal possessions; Abuse of animals/pets; Misuse of divine beings or religious beliefs, practices, teachings and traditions as well as asserting male superiority and attributing abusive behavior to cultural traditions.

These behaviors can occur in any combination, sporadically or chronically, over a period of up to several decades.

Most victims of domestic violence are women in heterosexual relationships. Men in heterosexual relationships can also be victims of domestic violence, in addition to both women and men in same-sex relationships. Regardless of culture, race, religion, or socio-economic class, approximately 90 percent of reported domestic violence cases involve men who abuse women.

<sup>1</sup>Elaine J. Alpert, et al. *Responding to Domestic Violence: An Interfaith Guide to Prevention and Intervention*, The Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network, 2005

<sup>2</sup>"Causes of Domestic Violence", [www.allaboutlifechanges.org](http://www.allaboutlifechanges.org)

<sup>3</sup>Rev. Joyce Galvin, Domestic Violence Presentations at St. Raymond July 2010



**Domestic Violence Support Group** Area monthly meetings will be held virtually on Zoom. If you would like to join, contact Kendall Grant at [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com)



**Many thanks to all our  
Parish Families that came out on  
Friday, October 22nd for the  
CWC's first Parish Trunk or Treat!**

The weather was ideal, and our Trick-or-Treaters went home with a smile and a big bag of candy! Thank you to all the families that celebrated Halloween with our movie theme by decorating their car and hosting fun games for the kids to earn candy. Thank you also to our volunteers who made this a safe, organized, and fun event: Bridget Weber, Jane Bandyk, Veronica Ponce, Lynn Lach, Brenda Schwartz, Heather Connors and Cathy Murphy. And a special thanks to Elis Guidice of the SFX Religious Education Program for making this a memorable event for all the families in our SFX Community. Your feedback is welcome by emailing, [lindseycotter@yahoo.com](mailto:lindseycotter@yahoo.com).

We hope to see you all again next time!







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**10/23 and 10/24 – 10/30 and 10/31 - 11/6 and 11/7**

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- 2) **Drive-up and Donate:** Stay in your car and drop off donations at the collection truck on 11/6 and 11/7 located on the southwest corner of St Francis' parking lot. Clothing will be collected at the truck from 9AM to 2PM

**Or**

- 3) **Cash Donation:** If a cash donation is more convenient, simply scan the following QR code (point your camera at the QR code) - this will lead you to the donation site



Tax receipts available.

or

<https://sites.google.com/view/kofclg/coat-drive>

Clothing will be donated to Catholic Charities of Chicago which distributes the coats, sweaters, hats and gloves to the needy, without charge. The Knights thank you for your generosity in past years. Tax receipts will be provided upon request. Thank you for your support!

**Please call or text the Knights of Columbus with questions @ 708-380-3101, or email**

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**Songs for October 31, 2021  
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Opening Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!  
Fix in us your hum-ble dwell-ing, All your faith-ful mer-cies crown.  
Je-sus source of all com-pas-sion, Love un-bound-ed, love all pure;  
vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, Let your love in us en-dure.

Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er. Let us all your life re-ceive;  
Sud-den-ly re-turn and nev-er, Nev-er more tem-ples leave.  
Lord, we would be al-ways bless-ing, Serve you as your hosts a-bove,  
Pray, and praise you with-out ceas-ing, Glo-ry in your precieuse love.

**Responsorial Psalm 18: "I Love You, Lord, My Strength" (7:30/9:00)**

**Refrain: "I love you, Lord, my strength, my strength."**

**Responsorial Psalm 18: "I Love You, Lord, My Strength" (5:00/11:00)**

**Refrain: "I love you, Lord, my strength."**

**"I love you, Lord, my strength."**

**Communion Hymn: "No Greater Love"**

**Refrain.**

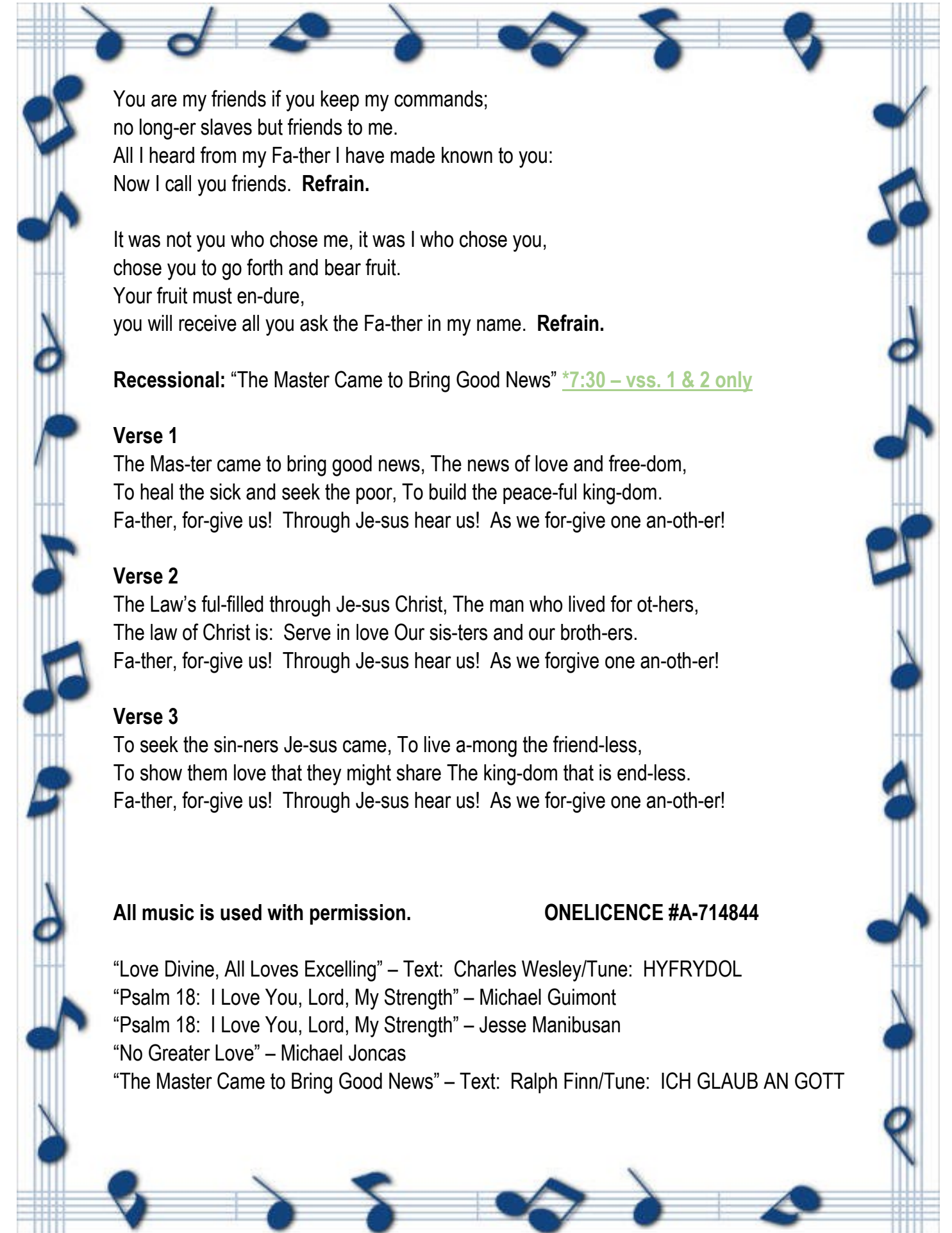
**There is no great-er love, says the Lord, than to lay down your life for a friend;  
there is no great-er love, no great-er love, than to lay down your life for a friend.**

As the Fa-ther has loved me, so I have loved you,  
Live on in my love.

You will live in my love if you keep my com-mands,  
e-ven as I have kept my Fa-ther's. **Refrain.**

All this I tell you that my joy may be yours  
and your joy may be com-plete.

Love one an-oth-er as I have loved you:  
This is my command. **Refrain.**



You are my friends if you keep my commands;  
no long-er slaves but friends to me.  
All I heard from my Fa-ther I have made known to you:  
Now I call you friends. **Refrain.**

It was not you who chose me, it was I who chose you,  
chose you to go forth and bear fruit.  
Your fruit must en-dure,  
you will receive all you ask the Fa-ther in my name. **Refrain.**

**Recessional:** "The Master Came to Bring Good News" \*7:30 – vss. 1 & 2 only

**Verse 1**

The Mas-ter came to bring good news, The news of love and free-dom,  
To heal the sick and seek the poor, To build the peace-ful king-dom.  
Fa-ther, for-give us! Through Je-sus hear us! As we for-give one an-oth-er!

**Verse 2**

The Law's ful-filled through Je-sus Christ, The man who lived for ot-hers,  
The law of Christ is: Serve in love Our sis-ters and our broth-ers.  
Fa-ther, for-give us! Through Je-sus hear us! As we forgive one an-oth-er!

**Verse 3**

To seek the sin-ners Je-sus came, To live a-mong the friend-less,  
To show them love that they might share The king-dom that is end-less.  
Fa-ther, for-give us! Through Je-sus hear us! As we for-give one an-oth-er!

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"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" – Text: Charles Wesley/Tune: HYFRYDOL

"Psalm 18: I Love You, Lord, My Strength" – Michael Guimont

"Psalm 18: I Love You, Lord, My Strength" – Jesse Manibusan

"No Greater Love" – Michael Joncas

"The Master Came to Bring Good News" – Text: Ralph Finn/Tune: ICH GLAUB AN GOTT





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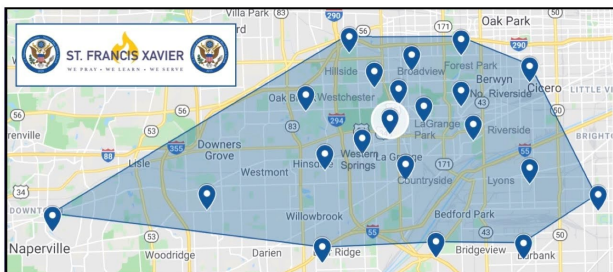
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2021 Living Rosary: [vimeo.com/626693886](https://vimeo.com/626693886)

Homecoming Pep Rally: [vimeo.com/624574399](https://vimeo.com/624574399)

Homecoming Parade: [vimeo.com/624559358](https://vimeo.com/624559358)

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## The 16th Annual SFX Falcon 5K is back LIVE!

We are excited to announce that the race will be **Saturday, November 6, 2021.**

Please check out our website: [www.sfxfalcon5k.com](http://www.sfxfalcon5k.com) to register and see the changes for the 2021 race.

**DON'T DELAY! REGISTER TODAY!**

Want to volunteer or sponsor? Questions?

Please contact Meghan Fijal at [Falcon5KSFX@gmail.com](mailto:Falcon5KSFX@gmail.com)

## CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL



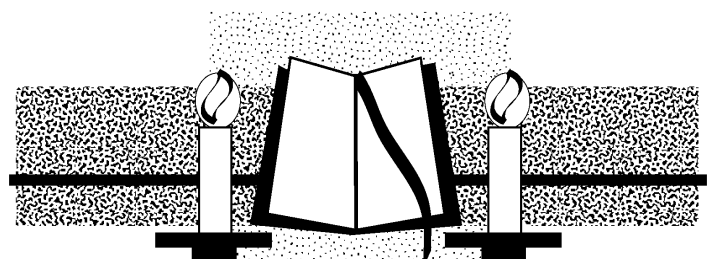
Church League Boys Basketball is Back!

All high school boys in 9th-12th grade are invited to play friendly, competitive basketball games against other church teams in the vicinity.

Practices are one night/week and games are usually played on Saturday nights (possible Sundays). Location: TBD. Practices start in November and games begin in December. The cost is \$125/player and includes gym practice time and a T-shirt.

To register on the Youth Ministry page on the SFX website, please [click here](#).

Covid protocols currently call for everyone to wear a mask; however, this is subject to change based on State and Archdiocese Covid rules.



**“We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a ‘Gospel of life.’ It invites all persons and societies to a new life lived abundantly in respect for human dignity.”**

*Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics, Statement by USCCB*

## OCTOBER – RESPECT LIFE THEMES

Oct 3	Life & Creation
Oct 10	New Life
Oct 17	Life & Dignity
Oct 24	Life & the Common Good
Oct 31	End of Life

*“We are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to "shelter" them.”*

USCCB

## CARING FOR LOVED ONES AT LIFE'S END

**Invite God In:** Pope Francis has said that "praying in difficult situations is like opening the door to the Lord, in order that he might enter." The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ's Resurrection.

**Listen:** Try to discover your loved one's values and how best to honor his or her wishes. This requires true empathy.

**Inform Yourself:** Seek to understand the Catholic Church's teaching on end-of-life care, which can help you provide authentically loving support that respects life.

**Be Steadfast in Compassion:** As Pope Francis reminds us, "Compassion means 'suffer with'." Your friend or family member will likely face ups and downs. Recognize these as part of a natural process. Surround him or her with love, support, and companionship that are "anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives.

**Help Them Achieve Closure:** Help your family member or friend define the unfinished personal projects, financial concerns, unresolved relationships, or other matters that occupy his or her mind.

**Provide Opportunities for Resolution:** Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book *The 4 Most Important Things*\*\* how saying "I love you," "I'm sorry," "I forgive you," and "Thank you" can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. Consider offering to invite a priest to hear his or her confession and to administer the Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, all of which heal the soul and prepare us to meet the Lord.

**Reminisce:** Think of small comforts you can provide that would spark meaningful memories, like special photos or mementos.

**Provide a Peaceful Presence:** There comes a time of natural withdrawal from surroundings when dying persons may lose interest in many activities that used to be enjoyable. Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing.

**Show Tenderness:** Those who are dying remain in need of the tenderness of personal human contact.

**Bear Their Transition Patiently:** Transition, the time immediately preceding death, may bring rapid physical changes, such as in breathing patterns, as well as changes in mental or emotional states. Try to be patient and allow the "how" and "when" of death to be between God and your loved one.

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. [Click here](#) for full article

## GOSPEL OF LIFE PRAYER

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life. – St. John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*



We are excited to announce that for the first time, the teens of St. Francis Xavier, St. John, and St. Cletus are uniting to attend a Mission Service Trip in the summer of 2022. It's been two years since our last trip and all current 9th-12th grades in high school are invited to attend. The teens will depart on Sunday, June 19th, volunteer for four days and have one free day and then return mid-day on Saturday, June 25th. They will roll up their sleeves to restore, paint and rehab homes and to help social agencies, while working side by side with their fellow teens and people in the area around Montague, Michigan. Join us for a life changing week of serving, reflecting, transforming lives, celebrating the Catholic faith, building friendships, having fun and bringing hope to the world. Registration forms and more information can be found on the youth ministry page of the parish website. Spaces are limited, register early.

## St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry

The SFX Family Outreach Ministry Committee is looking for new families to join us in planning volunteer opportunities in and around our community. The Family Ministry Committee gives families a chance to have fun and work together while serving others in need. Please consider joining us and help us make a difference!

Interested? Email Ana Dimailig at [apd3@core.com](mailto:apd3@core.com) or Rachel Peterson at [petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net).

## It would be SWEET of you to support the Teen Mission Service Trip

Our teens are selling Kringle Danish to help reduce their overall trip costs. What is a Kringle? Made in Racine, WI., each Kringle takes three full days to make, resulting in 36 delicate layers for a truly flaky and flavorful pastry. The finest ingredients combined with scratch made fillings results in 11 different flavors. You are certain to find one suited just for you. All Kringle can be frozen in the package that they arrive in for up to six months. Consider ordering an extra Kringle to donate to the Food Pantry as a special Thanksgiving treat. Each Kringle is \$16.

Order your Kringle Danish by November 8 and you can pick it up at St. Francis Xavier on Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup> between 12:00-3:00pm. We can make different arrangements if this date or time doesn't work for you.

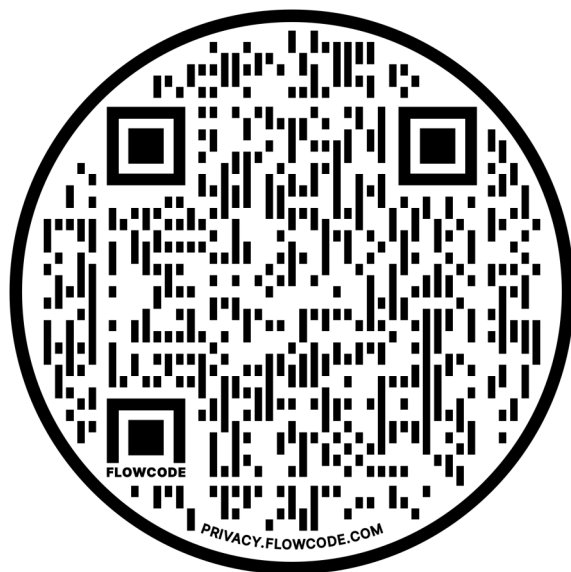
### How can I order my Kringle by November 8?

You can visit the Youth Ministry website page to place your order and pay online.

You can use the hard copy order form in the church bulletin and pay with cash or write a check made payable to St. Francis Xavier and turn it into the parish office.

You can go to God's Garage after all masses during Halloween weekend to place your order with a teen.

You can use this QR Code to place your order and pay with credit card.





## Mission Trip Fundraiser: O & H Danish Bakery Kringle Order Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish you would like to pick up at (circle one):      St. Cletus      St. Francis Xavier

Type of Kringle	Total Quantity	Total Amount (each Kringle is \$16)	
Pecan			
Raspberry			
Almond			
Apple			
Wild Blueberry			
Cherry			
Cherry Cheese			
Cinnamon Roll			
Cream Cheesecake			
Turtle			
Wisconsin (cranberry, cherry and cheese)			
	<b>TOTAL QUANTITY:</b>	<b>TOTAL AMOUNT:</b>	Check # Or Cash



Please register for programs at The Well Spirituality Center [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org).

**The Our Father: Entering Into the Consciousness of Jesus** on Mondays, November 1-15 from 7:00-8:00 pm with Facilitator: Jack Shea. The Lord's Prayer/Our Father is easy to take for granted. But it may contain more than we suspect. It is a detailed set of evocative images that align us with the mind of Jesus. \$75 series.

**Finding the Mother Tree** on Tuesdays, November 2 and 16 from 1:30-3:00 pm with Facilitator Shelby Boblick. A two-session introduction and invitation to the concepts and message of Suzanne Simard's recently published book, *Finding the Mother Tree*. The book has been called "a root-and-branch study of the network that sustains our forests [showing] how all life is interconnected." \$30 for the series of two sessions. No need to read the book.

**Carrying Grief at This Unique Time** on Thursday, November 11 from 10:00-11:30 am with Facilitators Ann Letourneau, CSJ, PsyD and Colleen Narbone, MAPC, LPC. Grief is an inevitable part of life because loss is a part of life. Most recently, however, losses of all kinds have been on the increase. How do we go about grieving when loss is so pervasive? Give yourself the gift of a morning reflection to "name" and "honor" your losses and explore some ways to carry them. Cost of this program: \$20.

# Cradles to Crayons

## Gear up for Winter Collection Drive

Started on Monday, October 25  
goes until Saturday, October 30

### Where to Donate:

LaGrange Park Public Library  
555 North LaGrange Road  
LaGrange Park

### Most Needed Items:

#### New or Gently Used:

- **Winter Coats and Warm Clothing**  
Sizes newborn to adult medium
- **Winter Boots**  
Sizes infant/toddler 5 to adult 10
- **Winter Hats, Gloves, Scarves**
- **Pajamas**  
Sizes 2T to adult medium

[www.cradlestocrayons.org/Chicago](http://www.cradlestocrayons.org/Chicago)



## Kitchen Angels

The Kitchen Angels are a group of parishioners who help people by bringing meals to their homes. The Kitchen Angels have been in existence for many years yet many of our parishioners are not aware of this outreach ministry.

If you know of a person or a family who could use some meals, or if you are interested in becoming a Kitchen Angel, please contact **Susie Lehuta** at 708-354-6380 or [lehutams@gmail.com](mailto:lehutams@gmail.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
- **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

**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).**



# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Deacon  
Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
Director of Community Outreach  
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister  
Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister  
Weekend Sacramental Minister

Rev. William Tkachuk  
Rev. Richard Milek  
Mr. Andrew Allison  
Mr. Phil Gianatasio  
Mrs. Margaret McMahon  
Mrs. Mary Freeman  
Rev. William Killeen  
Rev. Ed Barrett  
Rev. Stan Ilo

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## Education Ministry

Parish School Principal  
Assistant Principal  
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Parish School Secretary  
Advancement Director  
Tuition Accounts  
Director of Religious Education  
Religious Education Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Sharon Garcia  
Mrs. Janice Carr  
Mrs. Mary Hoffman  
Mrs. Peggy Evans  
Mrs. Mary Tassi  
Mrs. Jennifer Zeisloft  
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## Youth Ministry

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## Music Ministry

Director

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## Parish Office Staff

Business Manager  
Parish Accountant  
Pastor's Secretary  
Parish Secretary  
Staff Secretary  
Facilities Manager

Mrs. Jennifer Zeisloft  
Ms. Jane Bandyk  
Mrs. Maureen Pipal  
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## Contact Information

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School of Religious Education .....708-352-4555  
S.P.R.E.D. (Special Religious Education) .....708-352-0168  
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Main Day School e-Mail.....sfxmain@sfxlg.org  
Main Religious Education e-Mail.....sfxreligiously@sfxlg.org  
Parish Web Site .....www.sfxlg.org

## 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 closed. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. The answering service will answer calls after that time.**

## Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am

## Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning ..... 9:00-10:00 am  
Reconciliations are being heard in the lower vestibule of Unity Hall between the church and education building.

## Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday) ..... 9:00 am-Noon  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus  
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday) ..... 8:00 -10:00 am

## Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

## Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650  
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

## Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes.

## Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

## Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

## Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

## Parish Counselor

### **At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.**

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.