

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
1st Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022



Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, November 28	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese David Ridderhoff Ed Wray Gregory Van Gorp Herbert & Mary Schrack	Jenny Palmer & Therese O'Sullivan Bob & Jennifer Driscoll The Sajewski Family
Tuesday, November 29	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Catherine Hofstetter Rosemary Vargus	The Westerhoff Family The Westerhoff Family
Wednesday, November 30	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Joan Dunne John McAndrews	The Metzger Family Monica McAndrews
Thursday, December 1	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, December 2	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Carol Pratali Helen Rizzo Jessica Barry	Russ Pratali The Templeton & Costello Families The Zahorik Family
Saturday, December 3	Mass	8:30 am	Gail Mauro	Gina Frustaci
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Josephine Knapp	Dolores Lewis
Sunday, December 4 2nd Sunday of Advent	Mass	7:30 am	Catherine Hofstetter	The Westerhoff Family
	Mass	9:00 am	Carol Pratali	The Pratali Family
	Mass		Jack McConville	Don & Nancy Leonard
	Mass	11:00 am 5:00 pm	Mercedes & Greg McDonnell Stefano Scambiaterra	Tim Noonan The Scambiaterra Family

President's Schedule for November 26-27, 2022--Mass Time

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

Please pray for . . .

Harold Bach	Linda McMahon
Linda Bieniek	Patrick Morgan
Sally Burson	Mike Morrison
Michael Cannon	Gert Ogilvie
Jay Carroll	Jane O'Reilly
Chili Challender	Ryan Patyk
Blake Donegan	Donna Pekarek
Victoria Donile	Beth Pfluger
Barbara Doyle	Geri Pfluger
Matthew Doyle	Madison Raupp
Lily Fielding	Anna Rose
Lilli Gregory	Rita Scalcon
Wilson Gregory	Richard Schmuhl
John Hronec	Joseph Shortino
Rose Ilo	Santa Snieg
Mary J.	Rita Mae Spearman
Jane Jacobsen	Barbara Stewart
Theresa Kandall	John Stopka
Mark Kiley	Olivia Tarsney
Lisa Massaro	Theresa Toher
Jodi McMahon	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.

Weddings

Maura Johnson & Patrick Foley



Make a gift to the Sunday
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Pastor's Letter

Let us walk in the light of the Lord!
Isaiah 2:5

Isaiah prophesies to a people who have become *comfortable* after almost fifty years of captivity and exile in a foreign land. They are *comfortable where they are* and *comfortable as they are*. They have no desire to uproot themselves to return to a ruined former homeland. Isaiah speaks to them of the great promise that awaits them if they *choose to be uncomfortable* and turn to the Lord. They are meant to be *a light for all the nations*; but this cannot happen unless they are willing to leave where they are and begin anew.

St. Paul takes this image one step further. Disciples of Jesus must put on *the armor of light* and reflect Christ's light to others through our thoughts, words, and deeds. We cannot sit back in comfort and safety; we cannot be satisfied with things as they are. We are servants of a kingdom of justice and peace that has been planted among us but that has not yet come to full fruit. While there still are people without enough food and safe water; while the dignity of any person or group of people is discounted or attacked; while there are those who seek division rather than communion, who turn to the sword rather than the plowshare, *we have a mission that calls us out of comfort into action*.

Today we are asked to contribute to the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD provides resources to communities and groups that are working to lift people out of the cycle of poverty, unjust disadvantages, and deep frustration – situations that can lead to violence. CCHD offers a “hand up” rather than a “hand out”; they have had great success across our nation. I encourage you to invest in their efforts.

We begin a new liturgical year, the year of Matthew, and a new season, Advent. Cardinal Cupich has challenged us to invite and encourage one another to return to a regular practice of *participating in person* in Sunday Mass after two and a half years in which it has been impossible or risky to do. Like the Israelites to whom Isaiah prophesies, many of us may have become comfortable with “watching the Cardinal on television” or catching some of the parish livestream. Some have developed other ways to spend the Sunday hour that they once spent in communion with other parishioners. Others already may have lost the practice of Sunday Mass *before* churches closed in March 2020.

Advent invites us to begin anew as people of light who seek to know and reflect Christ's light. We bring light when we become good stewards of our talents and share some of what God has given me with others. This Friday, the children of St. Francis Xavier Elementary School will devote the day to serving others. Each grade level will go out to share their gifts in various activities with various groups of people. Next week we will distribute the Giving Tree Tags, which offer us ways to provide Christmas gifts for families in need, food for those who are hungry, and specific, material support to those who have arrived in our area legally seeking asylum from the terrors of the countries they fled.

We light the first candle of Advent. We put on the armor of light and go forth in the light of Christ.

In this time when the nights grow longer and the days grow colder, *we bring the light and warmth of Jesus, who wants to walk with us and to be known by us* not only on Christmas Day, but *in each moment that is*, including this one!

Advent Peace,

J. Bill



YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 11th

Name: _____

Regular Admission: _____ x \$12 = _____

Children 12 & under: _____ x \$5 = _____

Seniors 65 & older: _____ x \$10 = _____

Total = _____

Please help our cooks by selecting from below an expected time of your arrival

- 8:00 am - 8:30 am
- 8:30 am - 9:00 am
- 9:30 am - 10:00 am
- 10:30 am - 11:00 am
- 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Please return this form with payment Cash or Checks (payable to St Francis Xavier Parish) to the Rectory by December 8th. Any questions contact the Rectory @ 708-352-0618

Advent 2022

An Evening of Prayer & Reflection

Wednesday, November 30th, 2022 ♦ 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



*Advent:
Our time to prepare
for the arrival of
Christ.*

IT'S BACK!

The St. Francis Xavier Parish presents: YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST (in Joyce Hall)

Sunday, December 11th - 8 a.m. to Noon (last seating at 11:45 a.m.)

Purchase Tickets for Breakfast time at sfxlg.org



see order form opposite page

Admission: \$12

Children (12 and under): \$5 - Seniors (65 and older): \$10

Featuring Santa's Workshop (in Gym)

**Join Santa Claus in Santa's
DIY Workshops and Photos
from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

- **Cookie Decorating**
- **Holiday Canvas Painting**
- **Decorate and Plant a Tree-in-a-Pot**
- **Make Christmas cards for residents of area retirement communities.**



SHHHHH, I HEARD SANTA WILL BE THERE!

**Sponsored by the SFX Catholic Women's Club
and the**



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Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

ADVENT 2022

Begins Sunday, Nov 27

Seasonal Advent Table - located in the back of church!

- Advent wreaths and candles for you to take home! (*free will donations accepted*)
- *Little Blue Books* (at all church entrances)

Advent Small Group Schedule

Tuesdays, 9:05am: "Reflecting Light this Advent" Men & Women's Group

Wednesdays, 12:30pm: *Blessed is She* Women's Group

Wednesdays, 7pm: *Blessed is She* Women's Group

Wednesdays, 8pm: *Blessed is She* 'Moms of Littles' Group (mothers w/kids under 5)

Thursdays, 7:30pm: *Season of Little Sacraments* Women's Group

Seeking leader for **men's group!** Time and content TBD. Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org for more info.

Register [here](#) or via the "Advent 2022" quicklink at sfxlg.org.

Communal Healing Service - December 3 at 10am in the church

Receive (or invite someone to receive) the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at this communal service. Anointing of the Sick is for *anyone* with a serious illness/condition (mental, physical, or emotional).

"When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age."

- United States Catholic Catechism for Adults

Area Advent Reconciliation Service - December 10, 12pm at St John of the Cross

(First Reconciliations begin at 12pm, seasonal service to follow.)

**toddling
together** **SOCIAL!**

SAT, DEC 17 AT 10AM
JOYCE HALL, ST FRANCIS XAVIER

Parents with Kids 5 and under:

Gather for a social and playtime on Saturday, Dec 17th at 10am in Joyce Hall (enter through Waiola Ave school doors.) Meet other parents and run off your littles' energy before nap time!

Help us plan by RSVPing on our "Toddling Together" Facebook group **or** just show up. :)

Reflection For the 1st Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Planning Team #1

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

As we begin this season of Advent, we hear readings that are filled with strong exhortations. Every sentence needs an exclamation mark. "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!" "Throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light!" "For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed!"

Of course, we are all one day closer to the coming of the Lord. How do we prepare ourselves? The best way is by being present to this day. Step away from the screen, be it computer or TV. Put down your phone. Be aware of the people you meet, work with, and live with. Let your light shine to help those people find the way to God's love. As you open your eyes, your mind, and your heart to those around you, you will see the face of God.

CCHD 2022 Collection

For over 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has carried out the mission of Jesus Christ to bring good news to the poor, bring liberty to captives, bring new sight to the blind and set the downtrodden free.

Please support the second collection that will be taken up this weekend. Funds raised will provide support to local organizations across the Chicagoland area and those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on CCHD's mission and partner organizations or donate, please visit CCHDchicago.org.

HEALING SERVICE AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We will offer the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** as part of a Healing Service on Saturday, December 3rd, at 10:00 AM. The Sacrament can be sought by anyone who is living with a serious or chronic physical, emotional, or mental illness, and all who have reached the age of 65. There is no need to register in advance. All are welcome to attend this service and offer your compassion and comfort to those receiving the Sacrament. Consider offering a ride to someone you know who cannot get to church on their own. The practice of stewardship of talent includes the sharing of compassion.

AREA ADVENT RECONCILIATION

We join St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Parishes for an area opportunity to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on **Saturday, December 10, at St. John of the Cross, from 1:00 until 3:00PM**. Many area priests will be available for individual Reconciliation during this time. All are welcome. Individual Reconciliation at St. Francis Xavier is available on the remaining Saturdays of Advent from 9:00-10:00 AM in the church Reconciliation Room.

Giving Tree



The **Giving Tree program is back!** We are excited to announce that we are back to **giving gifts** this year. Some of the items requested are: coats, bed linens, jogging suits, shoes, house robes, hat/scarf/gloves, boots, pajamas, kitchen dishes, pots and pans, dolls, skates, and more coats!

Tags will be distributed at all the Masses the weekend of Dec. 10th and 11th. Gifts must be wrapped and returned to St. Francis before December 18th at 12:00pm. **Volunteers are needed.** Contact Jenette if interested in helping at jteran@sfxlq.org.

Religious Education News

RE Program Registration for 2022-2023



Our 2022-2023 RE school year is almost half way done. Our in person classes are closed, but there is still a few weeks left to register for our virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays. **This program will close on December 1st 2022.**

Students 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 Education|About>>Registration Information for 2022-2023](https://sfxlg.socs.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious+Education|About>>Registration+Information+for+2022-2023)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT COUNCIL

***ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE INVOLVED
AS A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT IN THE PARISH,
BUT NOT SURE HOW...***

The Religious Education community here at SFX is integral to who we are as a parish family. As we look for ways to connect and create a more formal vehicle for engagement and feedback between the church at RE families, we would like to form a Religious Education Council.

The Council would be comprised of RE parents and would help inform the Director of Religious Education on the issues that families in the RE community care about. The idea is for this council to help build community and create more ways for RE families to socialize as a group and feel part of the parish. This Council would be the voice to help make sure we are being of service to you most effectively.

Meetings would be once a month and meeting times would take place at the consensus of the group once formed. I would love to have at least 5-6 interested parents.

Please complete this form with your interest level below!

<https://forms.gle/HX1Xg4XSMYkx3ijx6>



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD LEADERS NEEDED!

**Do you want to share the Good News
with some of our youngest parishioners?**

We are looking for a minimum of 4 adults over the age of 18 to serve as catechists during our 5PM Saturday Masses to share the Sunday Readings and a small activity (which will all be provided) with our parishioners of the ages of 3 - 6.

If we are able to get 4 interested adults, you would only be responsible to lead once a month, and the time commitment is 15-20 minutes during Mass.

Please call Elis Guidice at 708-352-4555 or email at sfxreligoused@sfxlg.org if you are interested in joining this beautiful ministry or want to find out more information.

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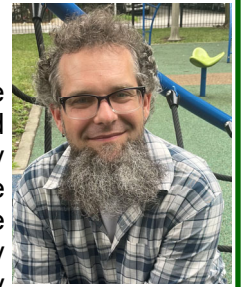
The Christmas Wafer (also known as "Oplatki") is available at the Rectory.



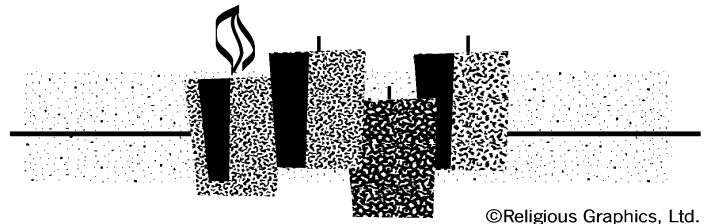
The word "Bethlehem" means "the house of bread." The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity and friendship. Religious family customs bring the truths of faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas Eve customs is the Christmas Wafer. The thin wafer bearing the Christmas characters is broken by the head of the family and distributed to each member. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of all members of the family, those present as well as those who are absent, the head of the house breaks the wafer and distributes it, one piece to each person at the table. While doing so, each member of the family is kissed and wished a joyful feast. Members then greet one another in the same way.

The spiritual lesson in this age-old custom is that the unity of the family is grounded in God's love for us. May you experience unity and love through this simple celebration.

Your Parish Counselor



It's the time of year when the Halloween candy is dwindling, and holiday foods are filling the grocery store shelves. The days are getting shorter, and the end of the year is getting closer. As many plan on spending time with family and friends, holiday gatherings can be a time of mixed feelings. It can be a wonderful time to reconnect with loved ones. But the same things that bring us joy can also be the things that bring us stress. It is a natural result of being in relationship with one another. Still, it does not mean relationships with others are easy. So, if you are looking for some assistance navigating these experiences, consider reaching out at 704-750-0686 or bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.



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Save the Date

Alumni get-together for the
SFX Classes of 2015 & 2018
December 28th, 5:00-7:00pm
Lucca's in LaGrange
More details to come

Looking For Your Community? Join ours.

The **Engage Community** is for middle-age people, 50 and up (single, divorced, widowed or married) to foster Christian community through social and service events.

Stay tuned for our first event at the beginning of 2023!!

Potential upcoming events are movies and discussion, game/social nights and group service opportunities.

Volunteers needed with some event planning experience to help launch Engage. If interested, email Amy at sspagetts@aol.com.



Raise a slice
FOR A
**GOOD
CAUSE**

SFX RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

DATE

**Wednesday,
December 7, 2022**

LOCATIONS

Lou Malnati's Western Springs

4:00pm - 10:00pm
4700 Gilbert Ave
(708) 246-3400

Lou Malnati's Oak Park

11:00am - 10:00pm
1038 Lake St
(708) 358-0800

Lou Malnati's Broadview

4:00pm - 10:00pm
7550 Broadview Village Square
(708) 400-8999

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FOR QUESTIONS

Please contact Elis Guidice
708-352-4555
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- For questions or concerns please email fundraising@loumalnatis.com



GREAT NEWS FOR SFX & CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!

There has been a lot of buzz about a recent Wall Street Journal article on Catholic Schools leading the nation in test scores, while making a difference in students' lives. If you have not had the chance to read it, you can read the article at bit.ly/3UB5BN9



AT SFX WE ARE KEEPING UP OUR BLUE RIBBON ACADEMIC STANDARDS!

We are excited to report that the **Fall iReady scores at St. Francis Xavier School are once again ABOVE the National Board of Education Blue Ribbon eligibility standards for 22-23 School Year in all grade levels in reading and math!** We are proud of our hard-working students, talented faculty & staff along with our dedicated parents for working as a team to keep our achievement standards high! St. Francis Xavier School was awarded our 2nd National Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in Education in the fall of 2020. Schools are eligible to apply five years after being the recipient of the award.

STUDENT RETENTION RATE AT SFX SCHOOL IS ABOVE THE NORM!

We are PROUD to report that retention at St. Francis Xavier School in grades 1-7 from 21-21 to 22-23 is a **96% retention rate**. This is **ABOVE the Archdiocese of Chicago and National norms**. The average retention rate in schools in communities of similar income level as ours' was 92%. The average retention rate for all school in the Archdiocese is 91%

NEW FAMILY OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2023-2024 BEGINS IN DECEMBER!

From Preschool 3 through 8th Grade, St. Francis Xavier School provides students with academic excellence centered in the Catholic values of prayer, learning and service. All grades offer academic excellence firmly rooted in our Catholic faith. Beginning with our youngest students, the St. Francis Xavier Early Childhood Program welcomes children into a safe, consistent, nurturing environment that encourages the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth of children at their own rate. The unique personality, needs, abilities and learning style of each child are accepted and appreciated. The teachers work with the parents to make this experience the best for each child.



Would you like to learn more about St. Francis Xavier Parish School? You may request information at bit.ly/3WqkFi1 Please email enrollment@sfxlg.org and our Advancement Director, Mary Tassi, will reply with information on our Blue-Ribbon school, and opportunities for you to take a tour! We can't wait to meet you! The SFX new family enrollment protocol and 2023-2024 school year applications for children from families new to our school will be accepted beginning on December 5th.

Peace,

Principal

At SFX - Everyone has the Chance to Make a Difference!

St. Francis Xavier School
Multigenerational SFX
School Alumni Family

The Cooke, Loomis
& Goode Families



I truly appreciate the emphasis St. Francis puts on service and giving back, and want to instill those qualities in my boys while they are young.

Alicia Cooke Goode
SFX Class of 2000 & Current SFX Parent

SFX Alumni from the class of 1969, John Cooke and Colleen Loomis Cooke (SFX teacher 2007-2021) both grew up within a block of St. Francis Xavier School, and attended with their siblings, Mary Leah Cooke Gonzalez '67, Kathleen Cooke Nicolls '72 (also SFX teacher early 80s), Terri Cooke Borzym '75, Larry Loomis '70, Jim Loomis '74, and Ann Jacobs Loomis '77.

John & Colleen eventually married, later moving onto Waiola, (the same street they both grew up on), and sent the 2nd generation Michael J. Cooke '97, Alicia Cooke Goode '00, Kevin Cooke '04 and Victoria Cooke '08, to SFX as well. Colleen's mom, Pat Loomis, worked at SFX during the 70's as the bookkeeper and then started volunteering in the late 80's when her grandchildren started school. That evolved into the job she had, and cherished, until 2016.

When it was time for Alicia Cooke Goode '00 and her husband John to choose where their children would go, SFX was the choice for the 3rd generation; current students Jack '28 and Ryan '31.

Are you a multigenerational
SFX School Family?

We would love to hear from you!

Please contact SFX School Advancement Director at 708-352-2175 or mtassi@sfxlg.org





Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **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
- **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
- **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
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC**—son of Chuck and Kathi 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
- **Colonel 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

Pastoral Ministry

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

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-5:00 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

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-12:00 pm

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

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Parish Counselor

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