

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
1st Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021



*nations,
hear the
message
of the LORD,
and
make it
known to the
ends of
the earth.*

*OUR SAVIOR
IS COMING.
HAVE NO
MORE FEAR!*

First Sunday of Advent

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, November 29	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Cookie Hofstetter Marie Capellani Rosemary Vargas	The Zeisloft Family Pat DeMars The Westerhoff Family
Tuesday, November 30	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Joan Dunne Karen Reato	The Braasch Family Liz Wilk
Wednesday, December 1	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Brian Stephenson Gail Mauro Helen Rizzo	Minnie, Mary Grace & Frank, Madeline, Sophia & Cole Gina Frustaci The Templeton & Costello Families
Thursday, December 2	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, December 3	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jessica Barry Lottie Snopek Mary Ann Ovník Rosemary Vargas	Barb Zahorik Sharon Accardi Lorraine & Judy Ovník The Zeisloft Family
Saturday, December 4	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Bill Kelly Reconciliation Cookie Hofstetter	The Byrne Family Lynn Regan
Sunday, December 5 2nd Sunday of Advent	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Joan Dunne Poor Souls Bob O'Malley Jose Gonzalez	The Sandt Family Liz Wilk Eric & Susan Sellenberg The Gonzalez Cortes Family

Presider's Schedule for November 27-28, 2021~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

7:30 am Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Cyscon

5:00 pm Fr. Barrett

Please pray for . . .

Linda Bieniek	Enrique Martinez
Jay Carroll	Teresa Martinez
Chili Challenger	Caitlin McNeily
Blake Donegan	Ron Minella
Barbara Doyle	Patrick Morgan
Matthew Doyle	Mike Morrison
Lily Fielding	Bernice Niemiec
Colleen Fleming	Gert Ogilvie
Terry Gazdziak	Jane O'Reilly
Lilli Gregory	Ryan Patyk
Wilson Gregory	Donna Pekarek
Henry Hanson	Baby Lucia R.
Luke Hanson	Madison Raupp
Jessi Hoffman	Nicholas Rink
Rose Ilo	Anna Rose
Mary J.	Kristin Sandoval
Jane Jacobsen	Rita Scalcon
Mary Ann Jones	Jerry Spearman, Sr.
Theresa Kandall	John Stopka
Mark Kiley	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Robert Kozak	Albert Tassi
Patricia Lees	Gregory Van Gorp
Lisa Massaro	Liz Wilk
Kathleen McFadden Maher	

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

Michelle Skowron & Nick Manzella



Readings For The Week of November 28, 2021

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Pastor's Letter

"I dream of a 'missionary option,' that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, languages, and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation."
Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

In "*The Joy of the Gospel*" Pope Francis envisions a Church whose members transform the world through personal and communal witness. Five years ago, Cardinal Cupich initiated *Renew My Church*, a movement to inspire Catholics to develop a more personal relationship with Jesus; to empower parish leaders to develop vibrant communities of faith that draw people in; and to inspire people to witness to their faith through our daily words and actions. As we enter a new Church year, we also prepare to enter a time of reflection on how the Spirit is calling us to grow as individuals and as a community of faith *in this moment* in time, and to become witnesses who inspire others to join us.

This January, we will enter the Renew My Church process with our neighbors, St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross. We will not be looking at structural changes. Rather, we will work side-by-side as each parish develops a statement of vision and priorities based on how best we: develop disciples who have a personal relationship with Jesus; discern the major initiatives that will help us to become a more vibrant, welcoming community; and inspire parishioners to witness to our faith in their daily lives and in service to the poor.

Saint Paul offers a blessing today as we enter this new Advent. Amid all the preparations and activities of the next four weeks, Paul prays *that love may abound within and among us*. How might our Advent time be different this year if we make every effort to *be loving and kind* to each person who crosses our path? How might *we* be different if we *remain alert to the moments that bring joy* to our hearts? How might we *lift the spirits of others* through our words, actions, and attitudes?

Advent dwells in three tenses. We **recall the past** coming of God into our world as one like us; we **awake to the present** coming of God within the people and events of each day; and we **look to the future** coming of God at the end of time, when Christ comes to make all things new. Advent is a time to seek the presence of God *in the ordinary moments*; to practice stewardship of time *devoted to our relationship with God*; to open our hearts to the love and joy of God in *this moment*.

Our reservation system (online at www.sfxlq.org or offline via phoning the parish office at 708-352-0168) for all parish Christmas Masses **opens Monday, November 29, at 8:30AM**. Please let us know the Mass you plan to attend.

December 24 3PM and 5PM – Mass in church broadcast to Joyce and Unity Halls
3PM – Mass at Alexine Chapel (Nazareth Academy)
7PM* – Mass in church and Unity Hall

December 25 Midnight* and 9AM – Mass in church and Unity Hall
11AM - Mass in church broadcast to Joyce and Unity Halls.

* Mass at 7PM and Midnight will have every other pew closed in the east transept.

Unlike last year, seating at all Masses will be based on order of arrival, beginning with the church, and then moving to the hall(s).

May we stretch our hearts until we abound in love for Jesus, God-with-us, and for his presence in others. May God's presence in us awaken our joy.

Advent Peace,

F. Bill

First Sunday of Advent Reflection

Liturgy Group 3

George Rutkowski, David Sherman, Barb Kalnes, Charlie Brewick and Gertrude Nalumansi

It is important to be ready for the Second Coming of Christ, but it is also important to be prepared for his arrival into every moment of every day. He may come to us through a conversation, in the form of a homeless person, through the words or actions of our children, or through the kindness of a stranger. Are our hearts open to receiving him? Advent affords us the opportunity to prepare our hearts and lives for Christ's coming today, at Christmas, and at the end of all time. This Advent we should, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to the coming of Christ in ordinary and extraordinary ways.

Saturday Morning Mass Returns Reconciliation Room Reopens

Saturday morning Mass resumes December 4 at a new time. **Mass will begin at 8:30AM**, followed by individual Reconciliation from 9:00-10:00 in the Reconciliation Room. The Reconciliation Room has been closed since March 2020. It is located behind the black wrought-iron metalwork at the back of the sanctuary. Enter through the gates on the west side of the sanctuary. A light on the wall outside the door will be red if the room is occupied and green if the room is available. You have the option of remaining behind a screen or walking around the screen to be seated face-to-face with the priest. Please pass the word as we welcome back our Saturday morning worshippers.

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

St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 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.

Attendees:

Fr. Bill Tkachuk, Curt Aronson, Beth DiMarco, Laura Duelm, Chris Grech, Barb Kalnes, Mark Magajne, Tom Marthaler, Antonio Pangan, Carolyn Simone and Jody Wise.

1. Prayer
 - a. Parish mission statement (all attendees)
 - b. Prayer for guidance of the Holy Spirit (Fr. Bill)
2. Discussion / Action Items
 - a. Review My Church—Ricardo Moreno presented an overview of Renew My Church.
 - i. This is an exciting time to assess the needs of our parish, and push forward to empower evangelization, build community and inspire witness.
 - ii. Renew My Church is meant to develop programs that will invite people into a deeper relationship with God from within our parish and also from our surrounding community.
 - iii. This renewal recognizes the need to improve upon weaknesses, to formulate a future vision emphasizing hospitality and service fueled by strong parishioner faith and dedication, and to promote cultural transformation.
 - iv. This initiative will begin in early 2022.
3. St. Francis Xavier Covid Update Church & School
 - a. All necessary protocols remain in place. Parish in alignment with Cook County COVID-19 guidelines as well as Archdiocese COVID-19 rules.
 - b. St. Francis Xavier Religious Education
 - i. Father Bill reiterated the changes in Religious Education programming, including enhanced family activity and involvement.
4. Upcoming PPC meetings will continue to occur in person, as long as health conditions remain stable or continue to improve.
 - a. No topics discussed at October meeting
5. New Business
 - a. No topics discussed at October meeting.
6. Closing Prayer
7. Next Meeting—December 13, 2021

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.

Catholic Campaign For Human Development

For the past 50 years, CCHD has continued to work on the margins of the Archdiocese of Chicago to...

- Encounter Christ in the poor
- Challenge root causes of poverty and injustice
- Amplify voices with vision
- Break down walls of indifference
- Transform hearts and communities
- Support those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

Please support the second collection weekend. For more information on CCHD's mission and partner organizations, please visit www.CCHDchicago.org.

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

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OPLATKI

The Christmas Wafer (also known as "Oplatki") is available at the Rectory. Please call 708-352-0168 to reserve your Oplatki and schedule a time to pick up.



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.

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
for more information.*



Blood Drive

Turn a new leaf
Fall into giving!

**Tuesday, November 30
4:00-8:00 pm**

Knights of Columbus, LaGrange
Local Council 6483 Blood Drive

St. Francis Xavier, 145 North Waiola
(Ogden & Waiola) LaGrange, IL 60525

To make an appointment, visit
www.versiti.org, or call 1-800-7TO-GIVE.

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DONORS WILL RECEIVE
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(SOCKS OR CAP
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)!**

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



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. **WAIT LIST** registration forms and more information can be found on the youth ministry page of the parish website.



Please register for programs at The Well Spirituality Center www.csjthewell.org.

Advent at Home Directed Retreat on Monday, November 29 at 7:00 pm through Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm with Facilitators: Pat Bergen, CSJ, Diane Pfahler, SND, and Bridget Sperduto. Thomas Merton says, "Advent is the beginning of the end of everything that is not Christ." In addition to gatherings on Zoom on the evening of November 29 and December 14, each participant promises to spend a half-hour a day in prayer and to meet with a retreat director 5 times for ½ hour during the 16-day retreat. Cost of this retreat: \$125.



Advent is HERE – and the "Little Blue Books" are back! FREE Little Blue Books to guide your Advent reflection can be found in the baskets at each entrance to the church. If you are leading a small group or would like to join a weekly small group to discuss these reflections throughout Advent, please contact Carol Promisel at cpromisel2000@yahoo.com. Other Advent ideas/opportunities can be found on our parish website – visit sfxlg.org -> Parish -> Faith Formation -> ADVENT!

Songs for November 28, 2021
1st Sunday of Advent

Opening Hymn: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" *All verses/7:30 – vss. 1, 4 & 5 only

Verse 1

The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri-um-phant breaks.
When beau-ty gilds the east-ern hills And life to joy a-wakens.

Verse 2

Not, as of old, a lit-tle child, To suf-fer and to die, But crowned with glo-ry
like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.

Verse 3

The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And earth's dark night is past;
O haste the ris-ing of that morn Whose day shall ev-er last.

Verse 4

And let the end-less bliss be-gin, By wea-ry saints fore-told,
When right shall tri-umph o-ver wrong, And truth shall be ex-tolled.

Verse 5

The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.
Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly King of kings.

Responsorial Psalm 25: "To You, O Lord"

Refrain: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

Communion Hymn: "My Soul In Stillness Waits"

Refrain.

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits, tru-ly my hope is in you.

O Lord of Light, our on-ly hope of glo-ry, your ra-diance shines in all who look to you,
come, light the hearts of all in dark and shad-ow. **Refrain.**

O Spring of Joy, rain down up-on our spir-its, our thirst-y hearts are yearn-ing for your Word,
come, make us whole, be com-fort to our hearts. **Refrain.**

O Root of Life, im-plant your seed with-in us, and in your ad-vent, draw us all to you,
our hope re-born in dy-ing and in ris-ing. **Refrain.**

O Key of Knowl-edge, guide us in our pil-grim-age, we ev-er seek, yet un-ful-filled re-main,
o-pen to us the path-way of your peace. **Refrain.**

Come, let us bow be-fore the God who made us, let ev-'ry heart be opened to the Lord,
for we are all the peo-ple of his hand. **Refrain.**

Here we shall meet the Mak-er of the heav-ens, Cre-a-tor of the moun-tains and the seas.
Lord of the stars, and pre-sent to us now. **Refrain.**

Recessional: "Come, O Long Expected Jesus" *7:30 – vss. 1 & 2 only (7:30/9:00)

Verse 1

Come, O long ex-pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set your peo-ple free;
From our fears and sins re-lease us; Free us from cap-tiv-i-ty.

Verse 2

Is-rael's strength and con-so-la-tion, You, the hope of all the earth,
Dear de-sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Come, and save us by your birth.

Verse 3

Born your peo-ple to de-liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us for ev-er, Now your grac-ious king-dom bring.

Verse 4

By your own e-ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a-lone;
By your all suf-fi-cient mer-it Raise us to your glo-rious throne.

Recessional: "Sing Out, Earth and Skies" (5:00/11:00)

Refrain.

**Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joy-ful cries! Dance to the life a-round you!**

Verse 1

Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O Right-eous One;
Come, and bring our love to birth: In the glo-ry of your Son. **Refrain.**

Verse 2

Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with right-eous-ness;
Teach us all to sing your name: May our lives you love con-fess. **Refrain.**

Verse 3

Come, O God of flash-ing light: Twin-king star and burn-ing sun;
God of day and God of night: In your light we all are one. **Refrain.**

Verse 4

Come, O God of snow and rain: Show-er down up-on the earth;
Come, O God of joy and pain: God of sor-row, God of mirth. **Refrain.**

Verse 5

Come, O Jus-tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our hearts a-new,
Come and make op-pres-sion cease: Bring us all to life in you. **Refrain.**

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"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" – Text: John Brownlie /Tune: MORNING SONG, CM

"Psalm 25: "To You, O Lord" – Marty Haugen

"My Soul In Stillness Waits" – Marty Haugen

"Come, O Long Expected Jesus" – Text: Haggai 2:7; Charles Wesley/Tune: STUTTGART

"Sing Out, Earth and Skies" – Text: Marty Haugen/Tune: SING OUT



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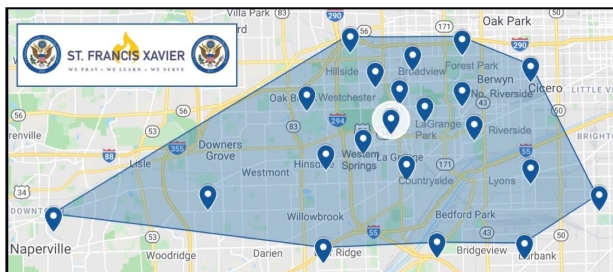
2021 Living Rosary: vimeo.com/626693886

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**YOUR
Multigenerational
S.F.X. Alumni Family
Photo HERE !!**

It is the perfect time of the year to take a SFX Alumni Family photo! Are you a multigenerational SFX Alumni Family? Please send your alumni family photo including Names and Graduation Years to SFX Advancement Director Mary Tassi mtassi@sfxlg.org and your family may be featured in a future SFX Alumni Family Spotlight!

Nazareth Academy 8th Grade Testing

Nazareth Academy invites 8th graders to Test at Nazareth Academy on December 4, 2021. Preference for admission and scholarships will be granted to students who test with Nazareth on that day. The exam begins at 8 am and concludes at approximately 11:15 am. **Pre-Registration is Required.** More information and Registration can be found at nazarethacademy.com.

Parents are invited to an optional Parent Gathering Q & A session from 8:30-9:30 am on December 4. Pre-registration at nazarethacademy.com is required to attend.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 West Ogden in LaGrange Park. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at 708-397-8505.

VOLUNTEER for the SFX AUCTION!



Volunteering is a fun way to **become involved** in SFX School and Parish, to **meet new friends** & to **help throw a GREAT & MEMORABLE party!**

Please sign up for one of the volunteer committees below! We are looking for volunteers to help with:

Event Coordination

Live Auction

Silent Auction

Registration

"Fund a Need"

Email: **Andrea Dekoj** andreadekoj@gmail.com to sign up!

BEDS Dessert Program



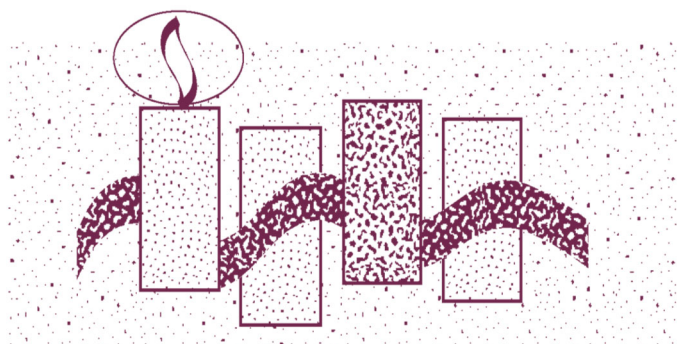
Sign up for the BEDS Dessert program is now open. Please plan to bring dessert for 18 guests of the BEDS Plus program. We kindly ask that the desserts be store bought, individually wrapped and delivered to the BEDS Plus Care Facility located at **9601 East Ogden in LaGrange before 12:00 pm on Monday**. If you would like to be a back-up in case of unforeseen cancellations, please email at thsully28@yahoo.com. For questions, please call or text Theresa Sullivan at 773-592-7155.

Thank you for your generous support!

The sign up link is [Copy of Oct-Dec 2021 Dessert for BEDS](#).

Family Outreach Ministry Committee Volunteering Returns December 4!

The SFX Family Outreach Ministry Committee is excited to begin volunteer opportunities for families once again! Please join us on our first outing on Saturday, December 4 from 10:30 am-1:00 pm. We will be preparing and serving food to the needy during the Saturday Meals Program at First Congressional Church of LaGrange. Registration is required and we kindly ask for a \$5-\$10 donation per person to purchase food to prepare. Email Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net in order to reserve your spot!



2021 Advent Gathering & Reflection



“Thinking with the Saints”

Reflections on how to become a better Catholic

Special Guest Speaker
Paul C. Hilliard, Ph.D.



Chairperson and Associate Professor in the Department of Church History; Director of Doctor of Ministry Program at University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.

Dr. Hilliard received his B.A. in History with Concentrations in Classics, Medieval and Renaissance Studies from the University of Dallas. He received his Masters in Philosophy in Medieval History from University of Cambridge. Additionally, he received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Cambridge. Dr. Hilliard is a member of the American Historical Association, American Catholic Historical Association, Ecclesiastical History Society, International Society of Anglo-Saxonists, Medieval Academy of America, and Society for the Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages

Gather at St. Cletus Catholic Church as we prepare for the celebration of the coming of our Lord and Savior in the Nativity of Jesus! Come together to share the joy of the season in shared song, prayer, and reflection followed by fellowship and light refreshments in the Parish Center.

December 5, 2021, 3–5 p.m.
600 W 55th St., La Grange, IL 60525



St. Cletus Parish

Spreading The Good News Through
Worship, Service, And Education



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.
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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 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 morning9:00-10:00 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.

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