

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022



a shoot shall sprout  
from the root of Jesse  
and a bud  
shall blossom.

the spirit of the Lord  
shall rest upon him,  
a spirit of wisdom  
and of understanding,  
of counsel  
and strength.

## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 5	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Dorothy Duranty Edward Joseph Jaeky, Sr. Eugene Learch Joyce Daly Mary Ann Slowick	The SFX Faculty & Staff The Jolly Family Kathy Vasquez The SFX Faculty & Staff Ellen Cudzik
Tuesday, December 6	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jeanne Turek	John F. Cooney, Jr.
Wednesday, December 7	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Giulia & Dino Ursetta	Gina Frustaci
Thursday, December 8	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, December 9	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Barbara Walsh	Mary Beth McCrory
Saturday, December 10	Mass	8:30 am	Dan MacAskill Mary Therese Scopelliti	The MacAskill Family The MacAskill Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Frances Eraci	Mary Kay Geraghty
Sunday, December 11 3rd Sunday of Advent	Mass	7:30 am	Pat Mallahan	Santa's Elves
	Mass	9:00 am	Frank Guastella	The Dolan Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Virginia Hirsch	Joan Wielgos
	Mass	5:00 pm	Julia Downs Joe Bauman	The Foster Family Your Friends at SPRED

### Presider's Schedule for December 3-4, 2022~Mass Time

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

### Please pray for . . .

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

***Paul Byron***

Father of Michelle, Lynnea & Jeff

***Judy D'Isa***

Mother of Kathleen, Maureen & Michael

***John Poole***

Cousin of John Rogers

***Richard Schmuhl***

Brother of Janaan Moore



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# Pastor's Letter

*Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.  
Romans 15:7*

One of the hallmarks of a parish that is developing **a culture of evangelization**, one that invites others to enter in and/or enter more deeply into discipleship, is **radical hospitality**. Hospitality and welcome have been qualities that our parish has embraced as who we are and hope to be. Radical hospitality asks us to go even deeper in making our parish a place of welcome in which people come to know one another, enter into communion at liturgy, and invite others to become part of who we are and what we do in Christ. Our periodic "Name Tag Sundays" will be one of the ways we encourage each other to know by name those who gather around us on Sundays. The monthly welcome prayer and reception for new parish households, and what will become periodic gatherings after a Sunday Mass also deepens our spirit of hospitality.

Advent is a time of opening ourselves to joy. The heart and source of our joy is an awareness of God's love for us, shown most fully in the birth of God's Son, Jesus, as one among us. We encourage joy in one another as we share the joy of God's love for us. We do this by taking time to remember that why we are doing all that we are doing in these days is to celebrate the gift of God's love. We do this by making an extra effort to greet those around us at Mass and by our kindness to those we encounter in stores and on the street. And we do this by reaching out with compassion to those in special need of comfort and cheer.

In response to several parishioner requests, we are offering additional **ways to follow along with the scripture readings at Sunday Mass**. The vision of Vatican II was that we would be attentive to the Sunday scriptures by listening attentively rather than reading them. However, this vision is impractical for those with hearing issues or who better receive words by seeing rather than listening. We will continue to offer **Seasonal Missalettes** at the doors of church and will increase the number of Missalettes available from 25 to 50 at the beginning of Lent. If you use one of these during Mass, **please return it** to the door from which you found it at the end of Mass. You also can download **the free app "ibreviary"** to your cell phone. When you open the app on a given day, you will be given the option to view the readings for that day. You also will have the option to increase the size of the font to one that best suits your vision.

Next Sunday morning, all are invited to participate in the return of the Yule Flip Holiday Pancake Breakfast. You will find more information in this bulletin. Consider inviting neighbors and friends to share in the joy.

Next Saturday, all are invited to participate in our Area Advent Reconciliation Service. It will be held at St. John of the Cross Parish on Wolf Road, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. This will be an opportunity for the celebration of Individual Reconciliation with one of eight priests who will be present; so you can arrive at any time within the above hours. We also will offer Individual Reconciliation at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 AM.

Make time to be joyful this week! Christ is already among us, if only we open ourselves.

**Advent Peace,**

*F. Bill*

## **FOLLOWING THE WORD OF GOD IN PRINT**

There are two options for those who prefer to follow the readings in printed form or who have hearing issues that affect their ability to understand what is being proclaimed.

- Seasonal missalettes containing the Mass readings are available at the back of the church (please return them after Mass!)

**OR**

- Download the "iBreviary" app in your phone's app store. Select "pray" in the top left corner and then "readings." You can zoom in to increase text size with this option. *Note: if the app is showing the wrong date, go back to home and tap "today" in the top left corner to be sure the app has refreshed the date. Then select "pray" and "readings" again.*



# 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 @ 708-352-0168.

*Join Us in Celebrating the Solemnity of the  
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Vigil Mass December 7th:*

7:00pm - St Cletus

*December 8th:*

8:00am - St. Cletus

8:30am - St. Francis Xavier

9:00am - St. John of the Cross

7:00pm - St. Francis Xavier

7:00pm - St. John of the Cross



# **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](http://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!**

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# Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

## ADVENT 2022

### Seasonal Advent Table

Advent wreaths and candles for you to take home (while supplies last!) Re-stocked after last weekend, free will donations accepted.

### Advent Small Group Schedule—it's not too late to join!

**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

Email [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) to register!

### 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, December 17th at 10am in Joyce Hall (enter through Waiola Avenue 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. :)



### Grief Support Group Began on November 1, 2022 Mondays at 9:10 am following 8:30 am mass, in Unity Hall

Seasons of Hope at St. Francis Xavier Parish will meet over a 6-week period to help participants walk through the grief process. Anyone mourning the loss of a loved one is welcome to attend. It is suggested that participants allow 3-6 months from the time of loss before attending.

PARTICIPANTS SAY:

*"The focus on prayer and scripture reminds me that God is within me."  
"This group was just what I needed at this time."  
"Meeting wonderful people because of difficult times is a blessing."  
"Helpful and comforting for my healing."*

Click here or call Maggie McMahon at 708-352-0168, ext. 338 for more information to register.

## Reflection For the 2nd Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Planning Team #2

Barbara Budak, Bernadette McMahon, Diane Redmond, Joan Stopka

There are two images of nature given to us in today's readings. The first we hear of is the root of Jesse where a small bud shall blossom. That bud is a glimmer of hope, it catches our eye, it makes us smile. Something is coming to bring beauty to our world. The spirit of the Lord is surrounding us, showering us with wisdom, understanding, counsel and strength. There shall be no hatred or fear. There will be only peace.

In the second reading we are shown a path to achieve that peace by means of endurance and encouragement. We will be at peace when we think in harmony with one accord and one voice. We are called to welcome one another as Christ welcomed us, to work for justice to try to set things right, to be a source of inspiration to one another to stay the course.

John the Baptist, in the Gospel, further urges us on to not just say we believe but to act on our beliefs. Here we find the second reference to nature. When we do God's work, we produce good fruit such as love, forgiveness and community.

As we approach the birth of the Christ child, let us "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths" as we reflect on the roots and fruit of our faith and most importantly, take action on our convictions.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2022 – FINAL APPEAL

Those parishioners who contributed to the 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal pledged over \$111,600, almost all of which has been paid as of this date. Thank you for your generosity! To those who have not yet contributed, our total pledges are \$6,000 short of our 2022 parish goal. If you have not yet contributed and want **to contribute before the end of the calendar year**, please go to [www.archchicago.org](http://www.archchicago.org), click on the DONATE button, and follow the link to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember to designate "St. Francis Xavier – LaGrange" as your parish so that your donation is credited to our parish.

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Lighten the load. An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church." The Second Collection will take place on December 10-11 for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This will help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously.

## 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.





## **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 [sfxreligious@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxreligious@sfxlg.org)  
if you are interested in joining this beautiful ministry or want to find out more information.

## **OPLATKI**

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.

## **SAVE THE DATES~RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The end of our 1st Semester is near!

### **IN PERSON CLASSES**

**On Sunday, December 18th we will have class from 9:15 - 10AM  
and then a mid semester prayer service in the gym at 10AM.**

**On Wednesday, December 21st we will have class from 4PM - 4:45PM  
and then a mid semester prayer service in the gym at 4:45PM.**

Parents will be invited to join us for the prayer service and then will have a chance to visit their child/children's classroom/s to pick up their 1st semester progress report.

Once you have visited your child's classroom that day, they are allowed to leave with you.

### **ONLINE CLASSES**

Progress reports for our online students will be emailed to parents the week of Sunday, December 18th.

## **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 December 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@sfxlg.org](mailto:jteran@sfxlg.org).





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  
sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org

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- Please check receipt for "fundraiser" item, if you do not see "fundraiser" on your receipt, please see or call a manager. For online orders, it will appear when you enter the promo code
- For questions or concerns please email [fundraising@loumalnatis.com](mailto:fundraising@loumalnatis.com)

## Our Family Tree in Unity Hall & A Gift of Christmas Florals

### Share your Gifts & Talents

#### Our Parish Family Tree is back in Unity Hall this year!

We are asking our Parish Families to bring an ornament that represents a GIFT/TALENT that you share with others for this 3rd year of our Family Tree tradition.

The theme will change from year to year allowing our tree to grow & reflect where our Parish Stewardship focus is for Christmas & beyond. The tree will be in Unity Hall on December 10th.

Let's fill our Family Tree with our gifts & talents!

#### In Memory of . . .

If you or your family would like to remember a loved one at this time of year through the gift of Christmas florals, you can make a donation in their name. These contributions help us create beautiful worship spaces for the Holidays using live plants while honoring the memory of those family members.

You can contribute online at: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1057/event/16732>

Questions? Contact: Celine Heraty - SFX Arts & Environment - [cmheraty@gmail.com](mailto:cmheraty@gmail.com)



### 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

# prepare the way of the Lord!

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### Thank You From Catholic Charities

Thank you for the donation of 82 bags of coats for clients of Catholic Charities. Your generosity helps us meet the needs of families in the west suburbs.

Catholic Charities provides food, shelter, clothing and counseling to tens of thousands of people in the west suburbs every year. Our West Region office in Cicero serves more than 300,000 meals a year through our food pantry and supper program; shelters dozens of men, women and children who otherwise would be homeless through programs such as New Hope Apartments clothes hundreds of people and offers support and counseling to help our clients on the path to self-sufficiency.

The coats donated will be distributed to families in those Catholic Charities programs, who are struggling more than ever with the high cost of living. Your generosity not only helps them make ends meet, it gives them encouragement and hope by letting them know someone cares.

Thank you again for your support. With your help, we are making a difference in the lives of those in need.

### Welcome

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

Jennifer Belna  
Matthew & Amy Chowanec  
Casey & Maura Cora  
Michael & Cari DeLillo  
Frank & Susan Essig  
Kimberly Frew  
Daniel & Bethany Griffin  
George & Cara Heidemann  
Christopher & Amanda Kopolas  
Mary Lynn Miscimarra  
Frank & Lisa Nowicki  
Paul & Mary Pabst  
Peg Parker  
Patrick & Kristen Powers  
Collin & Bridget Schmidt  
Kristopher & Michaela Serra  
Matthew & Amanda Taglia  
Nicholas & Laura Walls  
Carol Zola





## 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](http://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 21-22 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 schools 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](http://bit.ly/3WqkFi1) Please email [enrollment@sfxlg.org](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>.

Peace,

Principal

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

## SPRED Liturgy

Please join St. Francis Xavier SPRED and the 6th Grade students from the Day School for the **SPRED Liturgy** on Sunday, December 11 at the 5:00 pm Mass. This Mass will incorporate some of the special ways our SPRED group celebrates liturgy. Come experience our unique way to celebrate God's love for us all.

### St. Francis Xavier Parish Scripture Study

The Acts of the Apostles – Messianic expectations are fulfilled not only by the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus but also by the ongoing preaching in the name of Jesus "to all the nations." That "ongoing preaching" is the content of Acts of the Apostles. We, too, claim the heritage of Israel and are called to be "a light to the nations."

**Thursday 9:30 – 11:00 am Unity Hall  
January 12 – March 9, 2023**

Please register with Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ  
708-363-6728  
[mrace@csjoseph.org](mailto:mrace@csjoseph.org)  
Study Guide \$7.00 (available)

### 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](mailto:sspagetts@aol.com).

### SPRED Catechist Needed

SFX SPRED is special religious development for adults with intellectual disabilities, sharing God's love through this special program. A SPRED catechist is paired up with a special friend. No experience with persons with special needs is required. All that is required is sharing your faith with others. Training is provided. The group meets in the education building on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on specific dates from September to April. Time commitment is approximately four hours per month (twice a month). If you are interested in joining us in this ministry or have any questions, please contact any of the SPRED catechists below:

Cindy Anderson (708-402-0958)  
Katie Canino (708-870-3178)  
Annmarie Gazdziak (708-655-3962)  
Nancy Kalkowski (708-352-5993)  
Jarka Leicht (708-579-0747)  
Nancy Leonard (708-846-4293)  
Joanne Matuszewski (708-870-0769)  
Peggy Rost (708-505-3183)  
Maureen Windmoeller (708-250-1049)

### Volunteers Needed for Meal Teams at St. Barbara's in Brookfield

BEDS Plus is reopening seven churches as rotational sheltering from November 28, 2022 to March 5, 2023. Holy Guardian Angels (St. Barbara's in Brookfield) will be the housing site on Friday nights. We are looking to build our meal teams to help feed approximately 40 individuals a dinner, breakfast and lunch once a week. The lunch will consist of a grab and go bag for the clients when they leave St. Barbara's on Saturday morning. BEDS is looking for volunteers to join the meal teams at St. Barbara's.

I've been a parishioner at St. Francis for 25 years and had volunteered for BEDS for 25 years. My time with BEDS included site work and meal organization one night a month at St. Louise. I also was a part of a laundry team for at least a decade. Though my commitment was only once a month, I felt a part of a community which encouraged that all people need to be treated with kindness, dignity and not feel the pain of cold and hunger. If you would like to contact me, Mary Ellyn Witt, regarding what it is like to be a BEDS volunteer send an email to [mewittlagrange@yahoo.com](mailto:mewittlagrange@yahoo.com).

If you would like to join one of the meal teams at St. Barbara's, contact Beth Kulpinski at 708-634-8885 or [kulpinski@beds-plus.org](mailto:kulpinski@beds-plus.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
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# 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  
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School Office Coordinator  
Parish School Secretary  
Advancement Director  
Tuition Accounts  
Director of Religious Education  
Religious Education Administrative Assistant

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Janice Carr  
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## Youth Ministry

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## Music Ministry

Director

Allen Sterwalt

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## Parish Office Staff

Director of Stewardship and Operations  
Parish Accountant  
Pastor's Secretary  
Parish Secretary  
Staff Secretary  
Facilities Manager

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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

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## Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

## Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

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

## Infant Baptisms

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

## Marriage

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

## Parish Counselor

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

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, BC Shelly, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone 704-750-0686 or email bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.

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