

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021



Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 6	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Lorry Roantree Mary Rodgers Mary Sfondilias	The McKenna Family Chris & Theresa Rodgers Patrick Daly
Tuesday, December 7	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Giulia & Dina Ursetta	Gina Frustaci
Wednesday, December 8 Immaculate Conception	Morning Mass Mass	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Cookie Hofstetter	Scott & Jill Burson
Thursday, December 9	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, December 10	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Herb Schepel	Howard Hammond
Saturday, December 11	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish Kathryn O'Brien Lawrence Skippet, Sr. Marilyn Jareczek Tom Mulvenna Jim & Joan Dunne	The Filbin Family Nancy Panson Kate Kelly Dan & Nancy Morgan Dan & Nancy Morgan
Sunday, December 12 3rd Sunday of Advent	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Dale Gurley Carl Walsh Bryan Miller John Cronin Rita Haggerty Marge McGrath Terry Coyle	Tom & Jackie Morsch Diane Walsh The Brian Stephenson Family The Schiffler Family Joe Seplecha Pam Oplawski The Byrne Family

Presider's Schedule for December 4-5, 2021~Mass Time

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

Please pray for . . .

Linda Bieniek	Lisa Massaro
Jay Carroll	Caitlin McNeily
Chili Challender	Ron Minella
Blake Donegan	Patrick Morgan
Barbara Doyle	Mike Morrison
Matthew Doyle	Bernice Niemiec
Lily Fielding	Gert Ogilvie
Colleen Fleming	Jane O'Reilly
Terry Gazdziak	Ryan Patyk
Lilli Gregory	Donna Pekarek
Wilson Gregory	Carol Pratali
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
Patricia Lees	Albert Tassi
Kathleen McFadden Maher	Gregory Van Gorp
Enrique Martinez	Liz Wilk
Teresa Martinez	

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:

Clarke Devereux
Father of Clare Roche

Herbert Doonan
Brother of George Doonan

Stephen Flaherty
Father of Michael

Robert Kozak
Brother of Elvira Kudia

Michael Reilly
Husband of Maralyn,
Father of Mark, Erin, Lynne & Michael

Weddings

Michelle Skowron & Nick Manzella



Readings For The Week of December 5, 2021

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Pastor's Letter

I am confident that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

Renew My Church is the Archdiocesan initiative, now entering its fifth year, to renew the Church in Cook and Lake Counties through its many parishes. Many parishes already well into this process had to first discern the physical structure of parish that would best enable a renewed parish structure to serve the local community. The final wave of Renew My Church involves groupings such as ours in which structural changes are not under consideration due to our current size and financial stability. We are grouped with St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross as **the West Burlington Grouping**. In January, we will enter the evangelization phase of Renew My Church, which restructured parishes have entered only after establishing the new parish structure.

The Archdiocese has a three-pronged vision for how Renew My Church will transform who and how we are as Catholic Christians in the greater Chicago area. The first of these is for people **to develop a renewed encounter with God through a more personal relationship with Jesus**. This is in response to an identified need for people to find a deep sense of belonging.

For believers, there is no deeper belonging than **to know we are loved by God** as one who chose to be born as one like us so that we might strive to become more like our God. Out of this deep sense of belonging, **we become disciples of Jesus who want to reach out to others**; to share our faith with an invitation for others to encounter what we have found in and with Jesus. Our faith as disciples is not meant to be something that we keep private and share only within the confines of a church building or moments of private prayer. An alive faith is something we want others to know about. It is not that we become street corner preachers, forcing our faith on others at every family gathering or friendly conversation. It is rather that we become unafraid to share how our relationship with God in Jesus shapes and graces our lives.

We are in the Season of "God with Us." We also have entered a year in which we are focusing on our stewardship of time by devoting more of it to our relationship with God. God is within and around us as we decorate our households, shop for and wrap presents, send cards, bake cookies, or gather with family and friends. Will we be looking for God's presence? Will we be opening our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to Jesus, within and among us *in this very moment*.

Welcome back to our Saturday morning Mass community at the new time of 8:30AM, followed by Reconciliation from 9-10AM, now back in the church Reconciliation Room. Thanks to Frank Roccasalva and our Facilities team for a few upgrades to the room, including an air purifying system. Please note the area opportunity for Reconciliation at St. John of the Cross this Saturday, December 11, from noon until 3:00PM. A large number of priests will be available for individual Reconciliation during this time.

Finally, consider taking a tag this weekend for families in St. Agatha Parish, our sisters and brothers on Chicago's West Side. Due to COVID restrictions, gifts will take the form of gift cards rather than wrapped presents. You can always "shop" for the requested items to determine the amount of the card to purchase.

Advent Peace,

J. Bill

AREA ADVENT RECONCILIATION

We join St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Parishes for an area opportunity to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation next Saturday, December 11, at St. John of the Cross, from 12:30 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.

Second Sunday of Advent
Liturgy Group #4
Sara Quinn, Mark Bauer, Elizabeth Bauer

On this feast of St. Nicholas, we remember a third-century bishop who, through his actions of justice, mercy and charity, spent his life generously giving to the poor and bringing joy to those around him.

As John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord, we are reminded that we too, can prepare the way of the Lord as we joyfully serve Him in this life. With our Lord's help, 'Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.'

Following Christ and His teachings in our daily life so orients our soul to the "straight path" mentioned in today's gospel. When we choose this way we are choosing the good, true, and beautiful. What may sound hard or even impossible is not, for we have Christ on our side. He is with us along this journey and even does the heavy lifting for us. Remember that Jesus said himself in Matthew 11, "my yoke is easy, and my burden is light".

We have a joy found in the grace and mercy of Christ our Lord. As we anticipate the coming of our Lord, we are to bring this joy to others through acts of mercy, justice, and charity because of the flat and straight terrain made possible for us. Through the example of St. Nicholas, we too can show others the joyful simplicity and light burden we have through our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

GIVING TREE

Our Tradition Continues in 2021!

Rather than gift tags with specific item requests, we will be collecting donations via checks that can be dropped off or mailed to the Rectory or via Give Central. [Click here](#) to donate online.



We will use the donations to purchase gift cards through the SFX School gift card program. These will be given to our sharing parish, St. Agatha's on the west side of Chicago as well as some outreach organizations in our community. Thank you for continuing to spread Christmas Cheer! Monetary donations will be collected through **December 13.**

Any questions, call 708-352-0168 or email Merry Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlg.org.

Mass Schedule for Christmas



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.

***11:30 p.m. Christmas Prelude & Carols**

*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).*

All masses broadcast to Joyce & Unity Halls will also be livestreamed on our website.

Make your reservation at www.sfxlg.org.

Welcome

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

Kathryn Telecki
Angelica Torres
Arnoldo & Ruby DeHoyos
Elizabeth Roth
Carolyn Chapas
Noel Thornton
James & Beverly Maguire
Richard & Natalie Robinson
Erik & Kimberly Unger
Michael & Malinda Pileggi
Lawrence & Francine Ahren



FREE Little Blue Books to guide your Advent reflection can be found in the baskets at each entrance to the church. Other Advent ideas/opportunities can be found on our parish website – visit sfxlg.org -> Parish -> Faith Formation -> ADVENT!

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Some family situations can make the holidays difficult: there's no money; the kids are at the other parent's house; a loved one has died this past year. These top ten tips for "Surviving the Holidays" can help you exchange the dread, anxiety, or loneliness for a time of inner peace and hope.

1. Have realistic expectations.

This year WILL be different; don't try to make it the same as other years.

2. Know you can stay home this year.

This year you may feel like staying at home, which is a normal part of grief and healing. But many people will insist—maybe even push—to get you out. Be honest with yourself. If you are overwhelmed and need the security of solace, give yourself permission to stay in. If you go to the party and are ambushed by extreme emotions, give yourself permission to thank the host and leave early.

3. Do something special for yourself. Plan a time close to Christmas day to go to a good movie, do a little window shopping, drop into church for a prayer, or enjoy a special treat. It doesn't have to be lavish. If you'd rather stay home, then rent a favorite movie, cook a favorite meal, and cozy up in a way that comforts you.

4. Do something for someone else.

One of the best ways to come out of our misery is to help someone else. Volunteering brings many back to the reality that God is good and there are many things for which to be thankful. Others focus their attention on Christmas presents for the children.

5. Keep it simple.

Having a Christmas tree may cheer up some; but for others it will be too depressing. Sending Christmas cards can be very therapeutic; but for some it is a time-consuming and unnecessary expense. Re-examine everything you used to do during the holidays; keep what works and get rid of the rest.

6. Keep in touch with the children.

Children crave routine and rituals which give them a sense of security—especially holiday customs. Keep as many of the holiday routines that they best love. Ask what their favorites are and help them focus on the fun.

7. Don't celebrate with your ex.

Not unless it's been years, the kids are older, and you really do get along fairly well. It sounds good that you should all be able to get along at the holidays—but it's most often a myth. In most cases it confuses everyone, especially the children.

8. Help the children buy a present for their other parent.

Imagine how difficult it would be to get a present for mom or dad without any help. Some things should never change . . . like encouraging kids to love, honor, and respect both parents.

9. Draw close to God.

This holiday is about the answer to every person's prayer: God come to us in the flesh. Let Mary's kind eyes fall upon you and Joseph's strong gaze give you hope.

10. Go to Christmas Mass and rejoice in your heart.

On Christmas day your emotions may be extremely tender; the tears may flow and the cries of your heart may mix with the strains of "Silent Night." But come. Come as you are. Know that you are loved. Know that there is hope. Know that if you remain open to God through the crosses of life there *will* be resurrection and salvation. *This* is the hope we have in these holidays.

O come, let us adore our God made flesh in Jesus.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give generously to
the upcoming collection.



Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priest have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.

Visit www.retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

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

2021 Advent Gathering & Reflection



“Thinking with the Saints”

Reflections on how to become a better Catholic

December 5, 2021, 3-5 pm
St. Cletus Parish
600 W. 55th Street, LaGrange, IL 60525



Songs for December 5, 2021
2nd Sunday of Advent

Opening Hymn: "A Voice Cries Out"

Refrain.

A voice cries out in the wil-der-ness:

Pre-pare a way for the Lord!

A voice cries out in the wil-der-ness:

Make straight a high-way for God!

Con-sole my peo-ple, the ones dear to me:
speak to the heart of Je-ru-sa-lem:
the time of your mourn-ing is end-ed now,
the Lord of life will come. **Refrain.**

Ev-'ry val-ley is made a plain, ev'ry moun-tain is lev-eled
the glo-ry of God shall then be re-vealed,
and the na-tions will sing in praise. **Refrain.**

Responsorial Psalm 126: (7:30/9:00)

"The Lord Has Done Great Things for Us"

**Refrain: "The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy."**

Responsorial Psalm 126: (5:00/11:00)

#69 "The Lord Has Done Great Things for Us"

**Refrain: "God has done great things for us,
filled us with laugh-ter and mu-sic;
God has done great things for us,
filled us with laugh-ter and mu-sic."**

Communion Hymn: "Now In this Banquet"

Refrain.

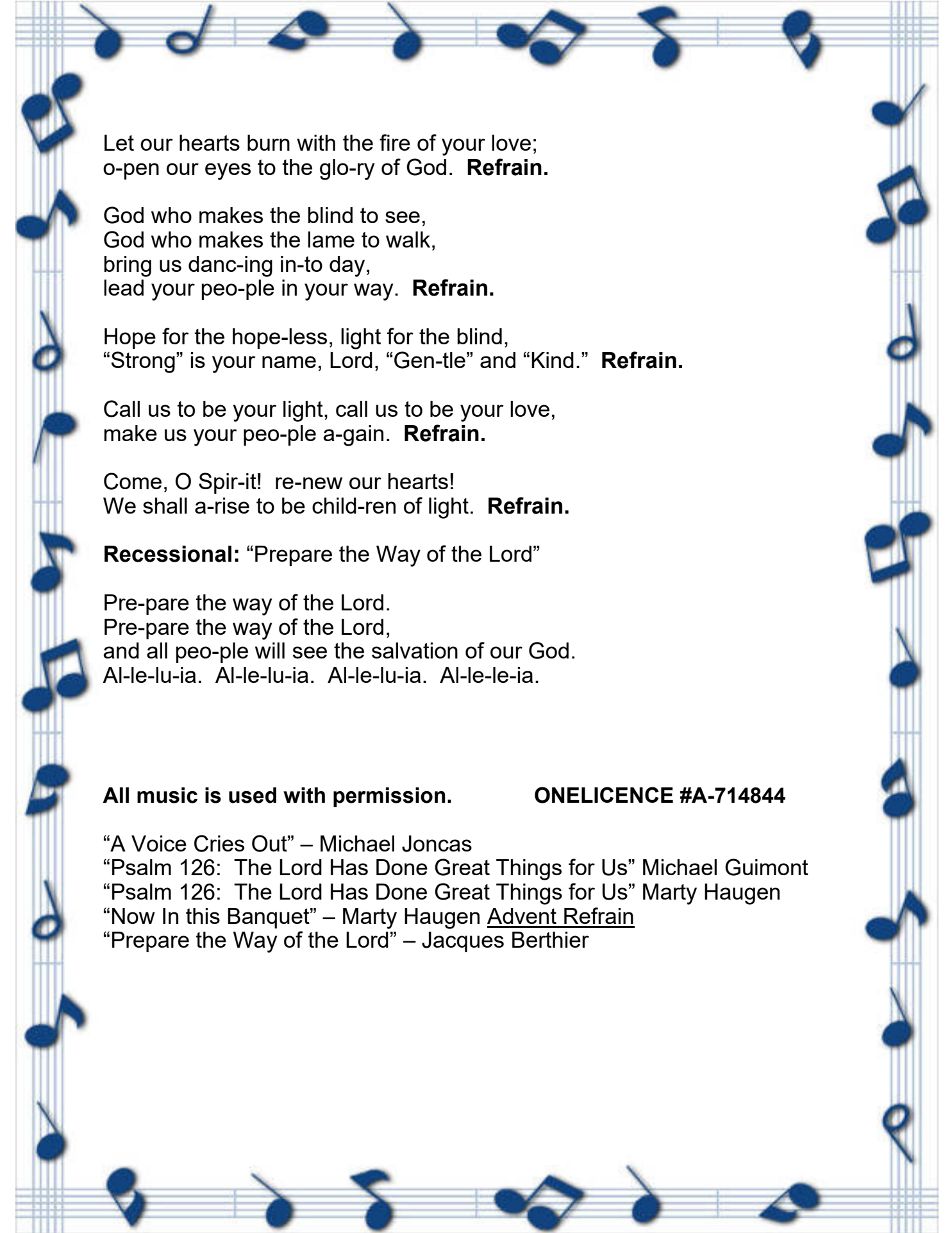
God of our jour-neys, day-break to night:

Lead us to jus-tice and light.

Grant us com-pas-sion, strength for the day,

Wis-dom to walk in your way.

You who have touched us and graced us with love,
make us your peo-ple of good-ness and light. **Refrain.**



Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;
o-pen our eyes to the glo-ry of God. **Refrain.**

God who makes the blind to see,
God who makes the lame to walk,
bring us danc-ing in-to day,
lead your peo-ple in your way. **Refrain.**

Hope for the hope-less, light for the blind,
“Strong” is your name, Lord, “Gen-tle” and “Kind.” **Refrain.**

Call us to be your light, call us to be your love,
make us your peo-ple a-gain. **Refrain.**

Come, O Spir-it! re-new our hearts!
We shall a-rise to be child-ren of light. **Refrain.**

Recessional: “Prepare the Way of the Lord”

Pre-pare the way of the Lord.
Pre-pare the way of the Lord,
and all peo-ple will see the salvation of our God.
Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-le-ia.

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“A Voice Cries Out” – Michael Joncas

“Psalm 126: The Lord Has Done Great Things for Us” Michael Guimont

“Psalm 126: The Lord Has Done Great Things for Us” Marty Haugen

“Now In this Banquet” – Marty Haugen Advent Refrain

“Prepare the Way of the Lord” – Jacques Berthier



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SFX School on social media**

SFX School Website: sfxlg.org/school

SFX School Instagram: [@sfxlg_school](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg_school)

SFX School Facebook: [facebook.com/sfx.lg](https://www.facebook.com/sfx.lg)

SFX School Website: sfxlg.org/School

SFX Falcon Alumni Facebook:
[facebook.com/sfxlgalumni](https://www.facebook.com/sfxlgalumni)

SFX Virtual School Tour

<https://vimeo.com/506617250>

See the latest happenings at the SFX school:

2021 Living Rosary: vimeo.com/626693886

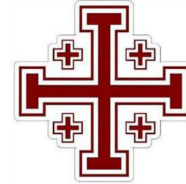
Homecoming Pep Rally: vimeo.com/624574399

Homecoming Parade: vimeo.com/624559358

Homecoming Football Game: vimeo.com/624566088

Falcon 5K Video: vimeo.com/643629220

KAIROS JANUARY 2022



We welcome all High School Juniors and Seniors to sign up for **Kairos 37**, which will take place on **January 2-4, 2022** at the Carmelite Retreat Center in Darien, IL. Be sure to sign up right away, as we anticipate that demand will be high for our first Kairos retreat since 2020.

Please complete the registration form found on the St. Cletus website: <https://stcletusparish.com/news/kairos-is-back/> and return it along with your check no later than December 17th to St. Cletus Parish, 600 W. 55th Street, LaGrange, IL 60525. Any questions should be directed to Barb Campbell by email at bcampbell@stcletusparish.com.

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.

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](#).

Calling All Men of the Parish Pig Roast 2021 SFX Men's Club



*Friday, December 10~6:00-11:30PM
American Legion Post 1941
900 South La Grange Road*

*Space is limited so reserve your spot at
www.sfxpigroast.com*

Contact Matt Hubert at
mthubert@gmail.com or (773) 619-0554
with any questions.

**All proceeds benefit
SFX parish organizations!**

Price Includes:
**Professional BBQ - Open Bar -
Beer - Wine -Liquor - Soda**

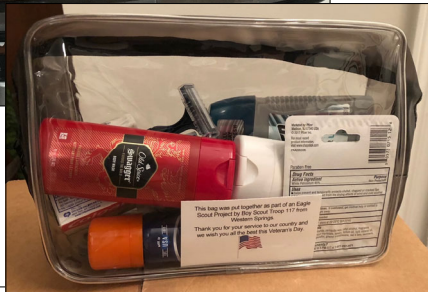
Thank You

I would like to thank you for all your help with my Eagle Scout Project. The outpouring of donations (items and monetary) was amazing to see, and I could not be any more thankful to you and the parishioners of St. Francis. With all the items, my Boy Scout Troop and I were able to put together almost 400 toiletry kits and hundreds of religious items to give to Veterans. The veterans I was able to speak with were extremely thankful for all those who had contributed.

Once again, this project would not have been possible without your generosity!

Attached are some photos from my project.

Thank you so much,
Peter Geneser



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.

SFX Women's Retreat 2022



Save the date--February 5th & 6th, 2022, at the Carmelite Retreat Center located in Darien, Illinois. More details coming soon!

*The light
of the Lord
draws near*



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.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Director of Community Outreach
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Weekend Sacramental Minister

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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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