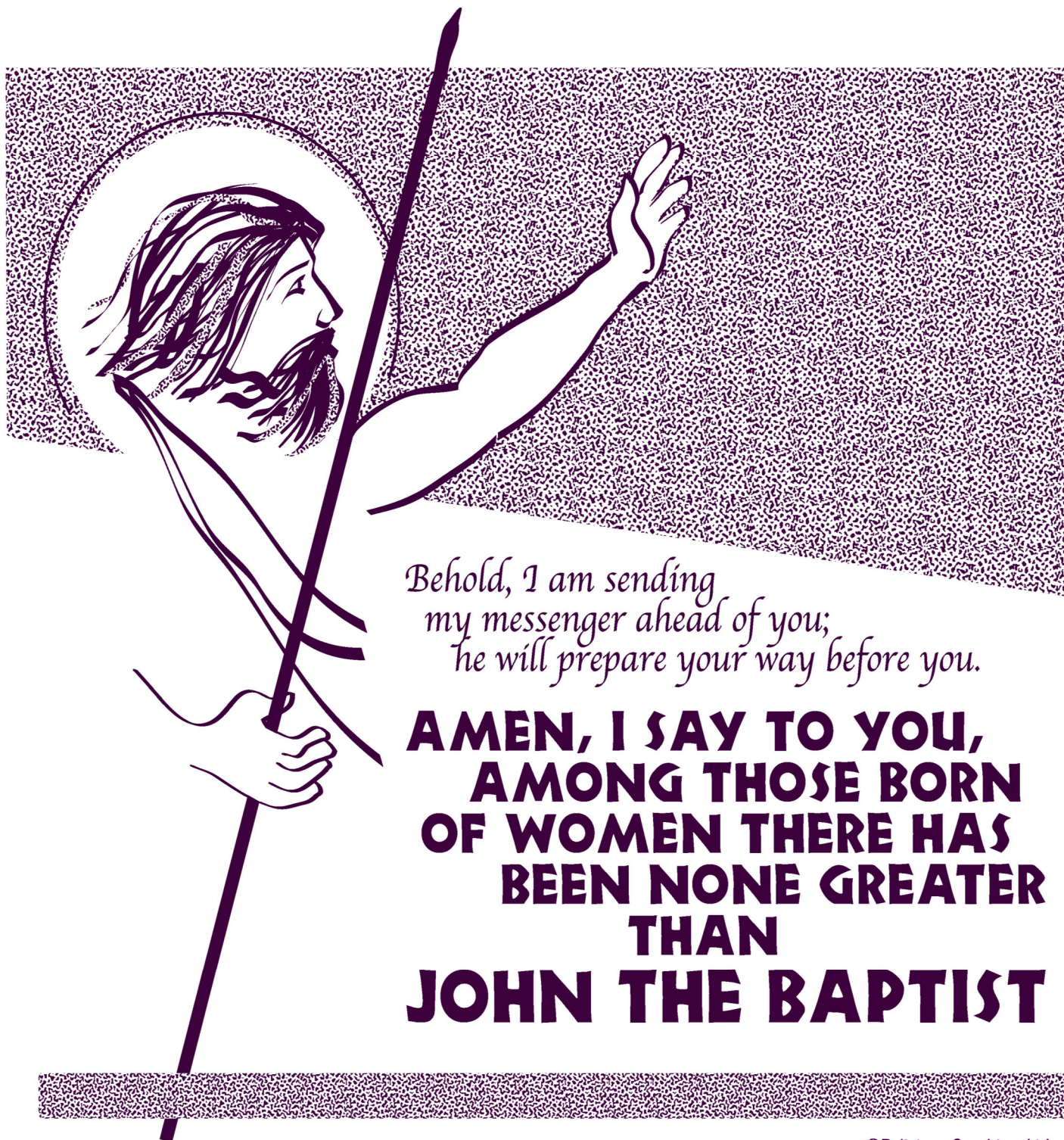


**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**December 11, 2022**



*Behold, I am sending  
my messenger ahead of you;  
he will prepare your way before you.*

**AMEN, I SAY TO YOU,  
AMONG THOSE BORN  
OF WOMEN THERE HAS  
BEEN NONE GREATER  
THAN  
JOHN THE BAPTIST**

## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 12	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Carl Walsh Carol Grimes Gregory Van Gorp Herbert & Mary Schrack Joan Westerdahl	Diane Walsh Donna Kurcz The Sajewski Family  Jack & Bonnie Sartore
Tuesday, December 13	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jennifer McFadden	Erin Kinahan
Wednesday, December 14	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Joseph, Salvatore, Palma & Jerry Frustaci	Gina Frustaci
Thursday, December 15	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, December 16	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Tom Hund	The Hannigan Family
Saturday, December 17	Mass	8:30 am	Chuck & Martha Sikaras	Ron Skupien
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Jim Kraft Stefano Scambiatterra	Steve Eaton The Scambiatterra Family
Sunday, December 18 4th Sunday of Advent	Mass	7:30 am	Pedro Cortez	The Rosinski Family
	Mass	9:00 am	Bob Schiffler	Jack & Mary Collins
	Mass	11:00 am	Billy Wielgos	Joan Wielgos
	Mass	5:00 pm	Vlade "Lottie" Siliunas	The SFX Rectory Staff

### President's Schedule for December 10-11, 2022~Mass Time

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

### Please pray for . . .

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

To add a name to the prayer list for friends and relatives who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

### Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers, those who have died, as well as their families:

**Robert Burns**

Father of Robert, Michael & Brian

**Shirley Hamilton**

Mother of Liz Allabastro, Bob & Bill Hamilton

**Paul Young**

Father of Christopher & Lisa



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# Pastor's Letter

*The desert and the parched land will bloom with abundant flowers  
and rejoice with joyful song.  
Isaiah 35:1-2*

Isaiah offers to a people in exile a vision of what their homeland will be in days to come. I was blessed to travel on pilgrimage to Israel in late spring. The desert was in bloom with the colors of many flowers that had been nurtured by the spring rains. Isaiah offers a vision of a desert that continues to bloom in the parched earth of summer through winter and into another spring; a desert that is filled with joyful music. *Advent offers that vision to us*, but not only as some future hope. Advent challenges us to see the abundant blooms and joyful melodies in the deserts of our lives and our world *in this moment*.

As with the light that already shines in the darkness, to see the blooms and hear the music, we must for a time close out the "noise" of all that surrounds us. We must choose to listen for the joyful sounds of children and holiday concerts and kind words spoken in unexpected moments. We must decide to look for the colorful blooms of food and presents shared with those of scarce means, colored lights in the darkness, and the stories of broken families healed and conflicts finding the way to peace.

This weekend, our high school youth distribute the tags of our **Advent Giving Tree**. Some of these tags will allow families on the West Side of Chicago or in our own community to provide presents for family members. Some tags will help those who have arrived in our area legally seeking asylum to establish a sense of home for their family as they move through the asylum process. Some tags.... Each tag is a chance to bring comfort and joy into an individual or family in need of both.

This Monday is the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, who has been named Patroness of the Americas. I encourage you to look into the story of what the appearance of Mary on a hillside outside of what is now Mexico City did to save the indigenous people of the area and prevent the genocide that was about to be committed against them. Mary, appearing in a way that would make her identity clearly known to both Aztecs and Spaniards, was a voice of peace and hope to what the Americas could become if those arriving from Europe and those who have lived in these lands for thousands of years would "build a church" that was home to all.

We also enter the time of seasonal celebrations with family, friends, and coworkers. Advent invites us to temper our celebrations with a spirit that expresses the true joy of God's presence among us. To that end, you will find some guidelines later in this bulletin that offer some guidelines for hosting and celebrating over the next few weeks.

Allow yourself time and energy to appreciate the beauty and wonder of this season. Be mindful of ways you can help others to do the same and feel the joy that is all around us if we but pause to let it in. Our world was forever changed by the gift of God at Christmas. Take time to take in the joy!

**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.*

## SAFE AND SOBER HOLIDAYS

Did you know that 10-13% of all people in any community live with the disease of alcoholism or other chemical dependence? This includes 10-13% of our parish community. Each person who lives with a chemically dependent person also has a disease that negatively affects the lives of at least four other persons. 40% of the members of any community know someone, or are concerned about someone, or are angry at someone who lives with this progressive and potentially fatal disease.

If you care about someone who has a drinking or other drug problem, I encourage you to get help for yourself. Go to ALANON if you are affected by someone's chemical dependency. Go to FAMILIES ANONYMOUS if you are the relative or friend of a young person with drug problems. Go to ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS if you are the adult son or daughter of someone with an alcohol or other drug problem. *Get help for yourself before* you attempt to intervene in the life of someone who is addicted. This is the best gift you can give to someone who is dependent on alcohol or another drug.

Here are some healthy guidelines for holiday drinking and entertaining.

Fr. Bill

### HOLIDAY DRINKING GUIDELINES

1. Drink only if you can. If you have been told not to drink, or if you take medication that does not mix with alcohol, don't drink.

**Just one drink can hurt you.**

2. Don't drink more than one drink per hour. If you can drink more than this without feeling any effect, it may be a symptom of the disease of alcoholism.

**A high tolerance for alcohol is a sign of disease – not a good thing.**

3. Don't drink if you "don't drink." Don't take a beverage to avoid hurting your host or hostess.

**Not drinking is okay.**

4. Alcohol mixes better with the gasoline in a car than with the driver. If you plan on having a "really good time?" then plan on not driving.

**Drunk drivers can kill people.**

### HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING GUIDELINES

1. Never tell a guest, "Aw, c'mon. One drink won't hurt you. It's Christmas!"

**The calendar has no effect on the effects of alcohol.**

2. Don't serve more than one drink per hour to any guest. Minimize the time before serving food.

**Don't poison your guests.**

3. Don't give a guest who "doesn't drink" a hard time. Don't argue when someone says, "No thanks."

**Provide non-alcoholic refreshments and let your guests choose.**

4. Hot coffee or cold towels only make a person more awake. If a guest is drunk, do not let them drive. Get them a ride or cab or let them sleep it off.

**Drunk drivers can kill people.**

## Reflection For the 3rd Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Planning Team #4  
Sara Quinn, Mark Bauer, and Elizabeth Bauer

As we approach the beginning of winter, each day is darker than the last, with the darkest day of the year on the 21st. But even in this darkness, we can trust that, after the 21st, each day will be a little brighter. The light increases so slightly, only by a few minutes each day. If we attract paying attention, it's easy to miss that the longer days are returning; more light is on the horizon.

How fitting, then, that this is the season when we anticipate the coming of the Light of the World, Jesus. When He came all those years ago in Bethlehem, His arrival was easy to miss, noticed only by the few who were searching the skies for His sign. Today, even in the midst of darkness, we can rejoice knowing that He has come to heal the world, to save us. Just as surely as we can see the seasons change, we need only to pay close attention to see that Jesus has changed our dark night into His light.

### *St. Francis Xavier* Christmas Mass Schedule 2022



**Christmas Eve in Church**  
3:00 p.m.\* and 5:00 p.m.

**Christmas Eve @ Alexine Chapel**  
3:00 p.m.

**Christmas Eve in Church**  
7:00 p.m.

**Midnight Mass in Church  
preceded by Christmas Carols**  
at 11:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day in Church**  
9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

\*Joyce Hall will be open  
to accommodate overflow.

Please check the website([www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org))  
for live-stream mass times.

### 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 this weekend 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.



Warm  
Clothing  
Drive



The Knights of Columbus and The Catholic Charities of Chicago thank the parishioners and friends of St. Francis Xavier Parish for your generosity to make the Annual Outerwear Drive a success.

It is because of your generosity that many people in need will be warm this winter.

May god bless you for a safe and joyous holiday season and New Year!

rejoice for  
the LORD  
is near.

# Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

## ADVENT 2022

### TODDLING TOGETHER ADVENT SOCIAL

*Families with "Littles"  
(age 5 and under)*

toddling  
together **SOCIAL!**

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

Gather for a social and playtime on Saturday, Dec 17th at 10am in Joyce Hall (enter through Waiola Ave school doors.) Meet other parents and run off your littles' energy before nap time! Help us plan by RSVPing on our "Toddling Together" Facebook group **or** just show up. :)

**Grief Support Group**  
**Beginning January 9, 2023**  
**Mondays at 9:10 a.m.**  
**following 8:30 mass, in Unity Hall**



**Seasons of Hope**

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. Attending Mass is *not* a requirement for the group!

**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.



## Giving Tree Tags

The **Giving Tree Tags** will be distributed at all the Masses this weekend **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).



### **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.

## 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)



### So Grateful

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parishioners,

Baby Natalie's mom says, "I'm so thankful for my little family. I love this little girl so much. I want to be the best mom I can be."

Seeing the closeness of mom and baby today, you would never know that just over a year ago, Natalie's mom sat in a counseling room crying and overwhelmed with worry.

But because of you, she found strength and hope when she needed it most.

Thank you! Natalie is just one of the babies born, loved and nurtured by Women's Care Center mom last year...all because of you! This Christmas, we hope you know how grateful we are for you.

God Bless,  
Katherine  
Women's Care Center

THE SFX SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD PRESENTS...

## Falcon Alumni gathering for the SFX Classes of: 2015 & 2018

On the Wednesday after Christmas, the SFX School Advisory Board is gathering day school alumni from the classes of 2015 and 2018.

Come start your night with old friends from SFX! Catch up with your old Falcon Buddy and see what people are up to. Pizza is on us!

WHEN: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28TH  
5PM - 7PM

WHERE: LUCCA'S  
108 W. BURLINGTON AVENUE  
LA GRANGE, IL 60525

QUESTIONS? CONTACT KARL OLSON  
[OLSON.KARL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:OLSON.KARL@GMAIL.COM)





## Calling all Shepherds and Angels:



Our 3PM and 5PM Christmas Eve Masses on Saturday, December 24th are especially for families with children. This year we would like our young parishioners to take part in the Gospel Reading. We ask that all children who are interested dress up as an angel or a shepherd. Angels can wear white clothing or wings and a halo. Shepherds can wear a robe and tie a towel over their heads. You don't need to go purchase a costume, so just be creative and use materials you have in your homes. During the Gospel your children will be called forward to participate in the dramatization of the Gospel. We hope to see all of you at Mass.

## Advent Morning of Meditation Saturday, December 17, 2022

### *Experiencing Hildegard of Bingen in Advent:*

*Medieval Abbess, Mystic, Doctor of the Church, Timeless Wisdom Figure*

*Part One: "Who Was this Woman?"*

*Part Two: "Hildegard's Incarnational Vision"*

With Guest Speaker, Avis Clendenen, PhD  
Professor Emerita in Religious Studies, St. Xavier University, Chicago  
Noted Scholar on St. Hildegard of Bingen

"Advent is an imaginative, prophetic and hopeful season that invites us deep into our faith tradition to discover all over again an experience of God wishing to be born in us. These brief presentations explore the life and vision of Hildegard of Bingen and her unique illuminations of God's Incarnation in Jesus, the Cosmic Compassion of God."

**The morning will include periods of meditation.**

***All are welcome***

**Saturday, December 17  
9:30am - 12:30pm; Registration/hospitality 9:00am**

**St. John of the Cross Parish Center  
5005 Wolf Road  
Western Springs**

**Sponsored by the SJC Christian Meditation groups  
([wccm-usa.org](http://wccm-usa.org), [wccm.org](http://wccm.org))**

**Free will offering appreciated**

**Reservations requested but not required**



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Supporting our school's mission,  
students and staff.

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*We believe that offering a blend of an exemplary academic and spiritually fortifying education for our children is a central parish mission.*

*We are blessed that in our community, this mission is unified in the educational experience children and families have at St. Francis Xavier School.*

If you currently support SFX Parish, you know that a significant portion of your gift contributes to the parish's investment in our elementary school. Even with this incredibly generous support, alongside families tuition investment, the school still needs to raise an additional \$274,000 annually in order to maintain a nationally recognized, academic environment that embodies our Catholic values of faith, prayer and service.

The **We Thrive** campaign (formerly Building our Future) raises funds to help us meet our annual fund goals - allowing us to support our students, faculty and staff in all that they need to succeed.

**As you consider your end of year giving, we'd be grateful for your consideration.**

**IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE VISIT [WETHRIVESFX.COM](http://WETHRIVESFX.COM) TO MAKE A DONATION.**

If you have any questions about the **We Thrive** campaign, please feel free to reach out to Jennifer Zeisloft, parish Director of Stewardship and Operations, at (708)352-0168 or [jzeisloft@sfxlg.org](mailto:jzeisloft@sfxlg.org).

*Thank you in advance for your support.*

*Please know that your gift is felt in our hallways, in our classrooms and in the hearts of our precious students. We are forever grateful.*



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## SPRED Liturgy

Please join St. Francis Xavier SPRED and the 6th Grade students from the Day School for the **SPRED Liturgy** this 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
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...  
and please let us know when friends and loved ones  
return from their deployment Overseas.  
Email the [bulletineditor@sfxlg.org](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

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

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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

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## 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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