

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021



There is one
to come
mightier than
I and he will
baptize you
in the Spirit
and in fire

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 13	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Jamie Pridmore John Joe Donnellan William & Evelyn Sanford	The Barrett Family Mary Carmel & Family
Tuesday, December 14	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Joseph, Jerry, Salvatore & Palma Frustaci	Gina Frustaci
Wednesday, December 15	Morning Mass	8:30 am	James Foy Suzanne Sommerfield	Mary Katherine Foy Tom & Jennifer Crooks
Thursday, December 16	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00 pm		
Friday, December 17	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Dr. Joseph Discipio	The Crooks Family
Saturday, December 18	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Jim Foy Family John Pope	The Cody Family
Sunday, December 19 4th Sunday of Advent	Mass	7:30 am	Marge McGrath	The Grimes Family
	Mass	9:00 am	Joan Dunne Norm Wasz	Barbara Marshall Shirley Wyrembek
	Mass	11:00 am	Brian Stephenson Don Schwendner & Amy Nelson Bob O'Malley	The Hillsman Family Marge Schwendner Joan Potsch
	Mass	5:00 pm	Poor Souls People of the Parish	Liz Wilk

Presider's Schedule for December 11-12, 2021~Mass Time

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

Please pray for . . .

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

Bill Kalnes
Cousin of Tom & Barb Kalnes

Jack McConville
Father of Kate Brogan

Carol Pratali
Wife of Russ
Mother of Jill & Eric

Weddings



Michelle Skowron & Nick Manzella

Readings For The Week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
 Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
 Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Pastor's Letter

*Rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all.
By prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
Keep on doing what you have learned and
received and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you.*
Philippians 4: 4-6,9

Renew My Church is the Archdiocesan initiative to renew the Church in Chicago through its many parishes organized into geographical groupings. We are grouped with St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross as **the West Burlington Grouping** and will enter the evangelization phase of Renew My Church in January. 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. This week I will focus on the second goal, which is **to reanimate the legacy of innovation in our parishes as faith communities that provide a sense of deep belonging for those who do not feel connected.**

The Archdiocese has identified five hallmarks of a faith community that provides the experience of welcome and belonging.

- ◆ **Compelling Entry Points** for exploring fundamental questions about the meaning of life, the presence of the Holy Spirit in the world, faith in God, and the role of the Church.
- ◆ **Radical Hospitality** that develops deep bonds of belonging and an experience of communion in place of isolation.
- ◆ **Vibrant and Transformative Liturgies** that include reverence for the Eucharist, homilies that foster an encounter with God, and music that supports prayerful and engaging worship.
- ◆ **Faith Formation Based on Readiness** to accompany disciples of all ages, and touching both hearts (encounter) and minds (catechesis).

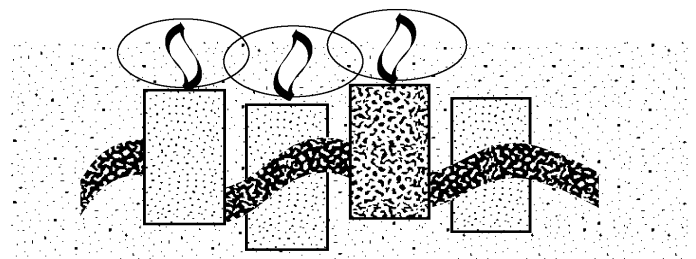
- ◆ **Outreach in Love and Charity** to the larger community, serving those in need and witnessing to the life in Christ that motivates our service.

A leadership team of six to eight people, including me and another member of the pastoral staff, will engage in a series of weekly meetings in late January and early February to discern our parish focus for renewal and to propose a direction to the parish at one or two parish gatherings. I will provide more details in the early weeks of January. Let us pray for one another as we seek to discern the Spirit's movements in this faith community and the specific ways in which God is calling us to renewal in our time and place.

Blessings to our parishioners of Mexican ancestry as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary's appearance to a humble man of mixed heritage in 1531 prevented the genocide of the indigenous peoples of the area and established a church in the Americas into which all are welcomed. She has been named Patroness of the Americas, two continents that continue to form one people out of a wide diversity of cultures from across the globe. Pope John Paul II, in his visit to the United States, spoke of the unique opportunity we have as Catholics in this nation to become a communion in Christ while embracing all of the diversity that is God with us, the coming of Jesus into our midst.

Advent Peace,

J. Bill



Third Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Group #1

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

“Rejoice in the Lord always” “Have no anxiety at all.” How is it even possible to rejoice every moment and to be free from all anxiety? In a world full of so much pain and hurt, this seems unfathomable. It appears you have to live in a fantasy land for this to happen. But that is what the Lord is calling us to do, so it can't be fantasy. When something seems impossible for us, then it can only be possible through God. True joy and peace are found in the Lord alone. Our wealth, fame, family, friends, appearance, health, hobbies can all bring us temporary and fleeting happiness, but not the enduring joy and peace of the Lord “that surpasses all understanding”.

Having this lasting joy and anxiety-free disposition doesn't mean the absence of pain or hurt. It means that in spite of all the difficulties and challenges we face, we are at peace and still able to rejoice, because of the One we know and serve. We choose not to live in fear not because there is nothing to fear, but because fear is nothing compared to “the peace of God” that guards our “hearts and mind in Christ Jesus”.

“Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none,” said John the Baptist. If we want to have this deep joy and peace, our hands should be outstretched to give. Our “kindness should be known to all.” For in giving, we receive. For then our joy and peace will know no boundaries!

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 Mary Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlq.org.

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.

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.sfxlq.org.



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 sfxlq.org -> Parish -> Faith Formation -> ADVENT!

SAFE AND SOBER HOLIDAYS

Did you know that 10-13% of all the 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, including ours, 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 or behavioral 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, you have 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.

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Our Finances as of November 2021

Monthly Electronic Offerings (EFT and Credit Card)

November 2021	\$73,774
November 2020	\$72,279

Monthly Basket Offerings

November 2021	\$53,961
November 2020	\$41,014

Misc. and Holy Day Donations

November 2021	\$ 6,907
November 2020	\$18,990

God bless you for your support of
St. Francis Xavier Parish!

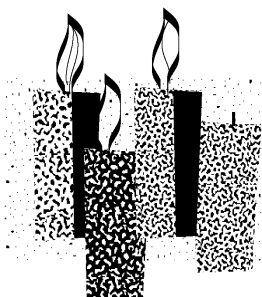
OPLATKI



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.



Rejoice
Your God is near!

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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.



**Songs for December 12, 2021
3rd Sunday of Advent**

Opening Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Em-man-u-el, And ran-som cap-tive Is-ra-el,
That mourns in lone-ly ex-ile here Un-til the Son of God ap-pear.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el Shall come to you, O Is-ra-el.

O come, O Wis-dom from on high, Who or-der all things might-i-ly;
To us the path of knowl-edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el Shall come to you, O Is-ra-el.

O come, O come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Si-nai's height
In an-cient times once gave the law, In cloud, and maj-es-ty, and awe.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el Shall come to you, O Is-ra-el.

Responsorial Psalm: "Isaiah 12: Cry Out With Joy and Gladness"

Refrain: *"Cry out with joy and gladness:
among you is the great and Holy One of Israel."*

Communion Hymn: "My Soul In Stillness Waits"

Refrain.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Recessional: "People, Look East" *All verses/*7:30 a.m. - vss. 1, 2 & 5 only

Verse 1

Peo-ple, look East. The time is near Of the crown-ing of the year:
Make your house fair as you are a-ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta-ble.
Peo-ple look East: Love the Guest is on the way.

Verse 2

Fur-rows, be glad. Though earth is bare. One more seed is plant-ed there:
Give up your strength the seed to nour-ish, That in course the flow'r may flour-ish.
Peo-ple look East: Love the Rose is on the way.

Verse 3

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be filled.
E-ven the hour when wings are fro-zen He for fledg-ing time has cho-sen.
Peo-ple look East: Love the Bird is on the way.

Verse 4

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shin-ing be-yond the fros-ty weath-er, Bright as sun and moon to-geth-er.
Peo-ple look East: Love the Star is on the way.

Verse 5

An-gels an-ounce with shouts of mirth Him who brings new life to earth.
Set ev-'ry peak and val-ley hum-ming With the word, the Lord is com-ing.
Peo-ple look East: Love the Lord is on the way.

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"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" – Text: John M. Neale /Tune: VENI VENI EMMANUEL

"Psalm: Isaiah 12: Cry Out With Joy and Gladness– Michael Guimont

"Psalm: Isaiah 12: Cry Out With Joy and Gladness– Josh Blakesley

"My Soul In Stillness Waits" – Marty Haugen

"People, Look East" – Text: Eleanor Farjeon/Tune: BESANCON



Thank you to the SFX families and individuals who volunteered at the Saturday Meals Program (SMP) at First Congressional Church in LaGrange on Saturday, December 4. We prepared and served a delicious lunch to the needy in our community! Interested in helping at another SMP event? Contact Volunteer Coordinator Joanne Konkle by email at joanne3230@comcast.net.

BEDS Dessert Program

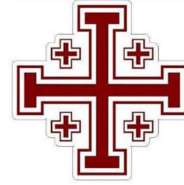


Sign up for the BEDS Dessert program is now open. Please plan to bring dessert for 18 guests of the BEDS Plus program. We kindly ask that the desserts be store bought, individually wrapped and delivered to the BEDS Plus Care Facility located at **9601 East Ogden in LaGrange before 12:00 pm on Monday**. 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](#).

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.

Follow the Parish on Social Media!

Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!



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St. Francis Xavier Parish
LaGrange, IL



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WE PRAY

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WE LEARN

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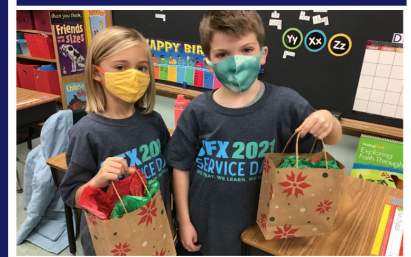
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a retreat created by women,
for women,
about women.



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!

Discovering our sisterhood rooted in
God's love



The St. Francis Xavier Parish Catholic Women's Club cordially invites you to join us for our annual Ladies Day Out, on Saturday, March 5th, 2022.

Those interested can put Passion into Action by volunteering locally in the morning from 10am-12pm. All are welcome to join us for our Ladies Day Out Reception at The Elm from 3-6pm.

Register online to volunteer and celebrate at: www.sfxladiesdayout.com.

Angel Donations, Sponsors and Raffle Item Donations are welcome, as 100% of proceeds will be directed to St. Francis Xavier Church. Please visit our website at www.sfxladiesdayout.com.

Thank you always to this community for your incredible generosity. Questions? Please email Lindsey Mackenzie at lindseycotter@yahoo.com.

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples"
Mother Teresa

REJOICE

Daughter Jerusalem

Be glad with all your heart



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.**

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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 by appointment only. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-5:00 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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