

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

4th Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022



Joseph
**DO NOT BE
AFRAID**
for it is through
the **HOLY
SPIRIT**
that the child
has been conceived.

You are to name him
JESUS
because he will
save his people from
their sins

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 19	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Craig Cozad Helen Ekmalion James Flynn Rafael Lopez & Lu Bednarz Special Intention	The Jolly Family Jennifer Driscoll The St. Francis Xavier Faculty & Staff Rosemary Carroll
Tuesday, December 20	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Besse & Dick Parlon Virgil & Phyllis Kuta	Pam Oplawski The Broderick Family
Wednesday, December 21	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Betty DePinto Sam Cuba	The Holly Family Ernie & Clare Froemel
Thursday, December 22	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00 pm		
Friday, December 23	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Stefano Scambiaterra	The Scambiaterra Family
Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Mass Mass Mass Mass Mass	3:00 pm 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm Midnight	(Church) *Live Streamed (Alexian Chapel) (Church) (Church) (Church)	(Overflow in Joyce Hall)
Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day	Mass Mass	9:00 am 11:00 am	(Church) (Church)	

Presider's Schedule for December 17-18, 2022

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

Please pray for . . .

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

James Fix
Father of John



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Pastor's Letter

You are called to belong to Jesus Christ, called to be holy.
Romans 1:6-7

The first three Sundays of Advent, I focused on the Advent virtues of Light, Hospitality, and Joy. On this fourth and final Sunday of Advent, scripture calls us to holiness, which is rooted in peace of mind and heart. Many associate holiness with external acts of piety and religiosity. The story of Joseph in Matthew's Gospel presents a very different view.

Joseph was a holy man, we are told. He was well-versed in his Jewish faith and lived it in word and deed. Imagine his confusion and disappointment when Mary told him that she was expecting a child. The child could not be his; and his religion made it clear that to take the mother of another man's child into his house was a serious sin; so serious that it could lead to public disgrace and expulsion from the synagogue. The *kind* response seemed to be to divorce Mary quietly and allow her to wed the unknown father of her child. Yet beneath his disturbance of mind and heart is an inner peace that keeps Joseph connected to God. *He believes* that the voice that comes to him in a dream is an angel of God sent to proclaim God's will. *He accepts* that holiness requires him to go against religious laws. *He welcomes* Mary into his home, and *he journeys* with her to Bethlehem before her pregnancy could be a cause for gossip. Joseph's *holiness flows from a deep, inner peace* that allows him to hear and follow God's will, even without the benefit of the special grace given to Mary at her own conception.

Are we willing to strive for that inner peace that leads to holiness in this final week of Christmas preparations? Will we resist the voice that tells us that it would be insane to seek peace amid the last-minute preparations for Christmas Day. Yet isn't that exactly what Joseph did? *He allowed his life to be turned upside down* by the voice of an angel in a dream. He gave up an established trade in his hometown, and *he set off to begin anew* in a part of the country that was far from family and friends. *He trusted* that all that was important would be accomplished if *he surrendered* what he thought he was supposed to do and placed God's desires at the center of his life. As Matthew proclaims, "*This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.*"

God's gift of peace is a thing of Christmas Day alone. *God offers us peace in each moment and in each circumstance* when we pause to allow God in; when we listen to God's messengers who speak to us in dreams, or through the voices of others; when we allow those voices to make clear *who we are and what God asks* of us. The way of holiness is to live from the peace that we allow into our minds and hearts. ***Take time to pause this week.*** Allow the wonder of what God is doing in your life to be born anew. *Allow the Christ Child to be born anew in you.* There is no greater gift you could give to those you love.

Advent Peace,

F. Bill

P.S. Make room for those who will join us for our Christmas celebrations. Help them to feel welcome among us by a cheerful greeting, offering your name, or just by commenting on how good it is for all of us to be here. Invite a neighbor, friend, or family member who may have been away from a church gathering for whatever reason to come and take in the wonder of Christ's birth. Be a gift of light, hospitality, joy, and peace for others!

Surviving the Holidays

Some family situations can make the holidays difficult. For example,

- 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; resist trying 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. Many people may 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 download 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 restores many to the reality that God is good and there are many things for which to be thankful. Some 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 let go of the rest.

6. Keep in touch with the children.

Children crave routines 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.

Unless it's been years, the kids are older, *and* you really do get along 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 can be to get a present for mom or dad without any help. Some things should never change: like encouraging children 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 there *will* be resurrection and salvation. *This* is the hope of these holidays.

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

Reflection For the 4th Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Planning Team #6
Susie Lehuta, Susan Lindsay, and Sue Martin

We are asked to listen to the call of apostleship.
Sometimes that call comes in a dream.
Sometimes that call comes when we listen to our hearts.
Sometimes that call comes from the nudgings of the holy ones in our lives.

It is up to us to listen and then to act.



Your Gift, God's Hands

How your gift comes to life at St. Francis Xavier Parish

Offertory Report	
Through November 30, 2022	
Sunday Offertory (This Year's Year-to-Date)	\$ 582,509
Sunday Offertory (Last Year's Year-to-Date)	\$ 586,067
Annual Budgeted Amount	\$1,833,000

Thank you for your generous support of our parish!

Prayer to St. Francis

Creator God

*Inspired by the example of St. Francis Xavier,
We pray to you for the courage to be missionaries,
Reaching out and leading others to Jesus.*

Like St. Francis,

May we help others in need,

May we live a life rooted in prayer and

May we bring Christ to all those we meet.

*This we ask through your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

The Season of Giving at SFX is inspired by our patron saint, St. Francis Xavier. You can see this inspiration come to life each week in our Food Pantry. Through your monetary and food donations and the support of 20 weekly volunteers and countless others, the pantry serves about 75 families - totaling 250 individuals each week.

This holiday season, the pantry provided a Thanksgiving meal (which included a turkey and pumpkin pie) to 121 families and expects to do the same for Christmas with ham and apple pie.

In addition, our volunteers hosted their annual Christmas Bazaar for our clients. God's Garage turned into Santa's Workshop and clients had a chance to select donated items to spread holiday cheer to their loved ones. Additionally, tags on our Giving Tree will help families provide Christmas gifts for their children.

All of this is made possible by the generosity of our donors and volunteers. When you reflect on your giving, we ask that you always remember that most of our clients live in 60525 and 60526 zip codes. When you give to St. Francis Xavier Parish, you are lifting up your neighbors in need.

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.*

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

ADVENT 2022

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



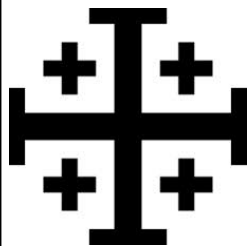
Seasons of Hope

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.



Kairos K 40

Registration for our next Kairos, K40, is open. Kairos is a 4 day retreat for juniors and seniors in high school. K40 will be February 23rd to February 26th in Lemont, IL. The fee is \$300. Register here: <https://forms.gle/Mfk5J3ZeQP7fYgRH6>. The link can also be found on the parish website under the Youth Ministry tab.

EMMANUEL
GOD is with us!

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.

*3:00 p.m. Live Streamed and
Joyce Hall will be open
to accommodate overflow.

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

**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)
Annmarie Gazdziak (708-655-3962)
Jarka Leicht (708-579-0747)
Joanne Matuszewski (708-870-0769)
Maureen Windmoeller (708-250-1049)

Katie Canino (708-870-3178)
Nancy Kalkowski (708-352-5993)
Nancy Leonard (708-846-4293)
Peggy Rost (708-505-3183)



Giving Tree Tags

The Giving Tree Tags are due back to St. Francis Xavier before 12:00 Noon Today! Gifts must be wrapped. Volunteers are needed. Contact Jenette if interested in helping at jteran@sfxlq.org.

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.



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.

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

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.

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.



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 if you are interested in joining this beautiful ministry or want to find out more information.



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 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.

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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WE PRAY

Our goal is to help our students live a life of generous service, motivated by a love of Jesus & others.

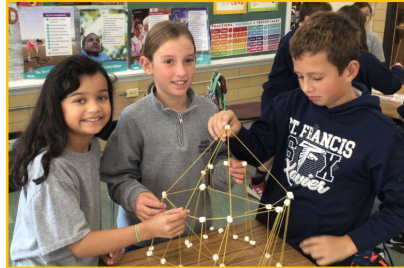
We strive to instill & nurture the belief that God is found in everyday things & especially in one another



WE LEARN

Award-winning school for ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

TWO time U.S. Department of Education NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL & Chicago. Archdiocese St. Thomas Aquinas Award



WE SERVE

Our All-School SERVICE PROGRAM exemplifies who we are as a school

Natnl. Catholic Educational Association, Maxine Donahue Award for Service



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CONTACT US FOR INFORMATION !



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ENROLLMENT@SFXLG.org

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Kitchen Angels



The Kitchen Angels are a group of parishioners who help people by bringing meals to their homes. The Kitchen Angels have been in existence for many years yet many of our parishioners are not aware of this outreach ministry.

If you know of a person or a family who could use some meals, or if you are interested in becoming a Kitchen Angel, please contact **Susie Lehuta** at 708-354-6380 or lehutams@gmail.com.

 *The heavens announce
the Lord's coming!*



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.**

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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Rev. Richard Milek
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Parish Accountant
Pastor's Secretary
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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

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.

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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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