

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
4th Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021



Blessed
are you
among
women



and blessed
is the
fruit of
your womb



Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 20	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Babe Lilek Besse & Dick Parlon Lillian & Victor Copp Tia Kandall Virgil Kuta	Vicki & Steve Pachol Pam Oplawski Jill & Scott Burson SFX Food Pantry Volunteers The Clayton Family
Tuesday, December 21	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Dick Whittleton	The Boylan Family
Wednesday, December 22	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Eileen Casey	The Longino Family
Thursday, December 23	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, December 24	Mass	3:00 pm	Alexian Chapel (Nazareth Academy)	
Christmas Eve	Mass	3:00 pm	Church (Broadcast to Joyce & Unity Halls)	
	Mass	5:00 pm	Church (Broadcast to Joyce & Unity Halls)	
	Mass	7:00 pm	Church & Unity Hall	
	Mass	Midnight	Church & Unity Hall	
Saturday, December 25	Mass	9:00 am	Church & Unity Hall	
Christmas Day	Mass	11:00 am	Church (Broadcast to Joyce & Unity Halls)	
Sunday, December 26	Mass	7:30 am	John Thoms	The Thoms Family
The Most Holy Family of	Mass	9:00 am	People of the Parish	
Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Mass	11:00 am	Colleen Walsh	Mark Kinsella
	No 5pm Mass			

President's Schedule for December 18-19, 2021~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Barrett 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 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:

William Husfield
Brother-in-Law of David Sherman

Peter Lucas
Nephew of Rosemary & Sr. Kathleen Lucas, CSJ

Weddings



Michelle Skowron & Nick Manzella

Readings For The Week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/L 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52

Pastor's Letter

For now God's greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth.

Micah 5:4a

Renew My Church is the Archdiocesan initiative to renew the Church in Cook and Lake Counties 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 as three distinct parishes with common goals. 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 third and final goal, which is **to form and inspire missionary disciples who are on fire with the Holy Spirit** who will collaborate with the pastor and staff to invite others into a life of faith, build up the parish community, and serve those in need.

This language may seem strange to many lifelong Catholics who associate this language with "evangelical" faith communities. Yet the renewal of the Church envisioned by the Second Vatican Council inspired a dialogue with the world that would also inspire others to want to know Christ and his message. It is a movement from a faith of personal piety and strict observance to a living faith that reaches out to welcome others through the witness of word and action in the world. Can we learn to live in a way that invites others to want to know the deep sense of belonging that flows from our relationship with Jesus? Can we become a community that understands and practices welcoming and builds relationships within the parish community? Can we "be" parish in ways that lead others to want to join us in faith, worship, and service?

Next weekend offers us a special opportunity to be missionary disciples to others. This year's Christmas Masses will be the first we will celebrate with limited seating restrictions. We will be challenged to "make room in the inn" for visitors, extended family, and those who feel the

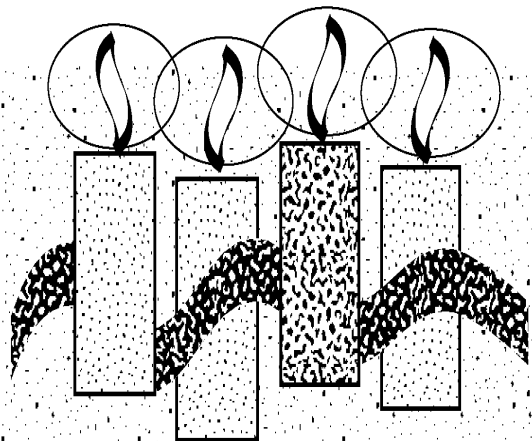
pull of Christmas to come to the stable and feel its warmth and welcome. Bring your Christmas voices as we return to singing the *Gloria* and the other Mass responses along with Christmas carols. We will not let the masks squelch our voices shared in song. Technology installed over the past 21 months will allow us to broadcast the Mass into both Joyce and Unity Halls, and to the homes of all with internet access. Our Food Pantry volunteers will have served food for Christmas dinner and beyond to well over 100 households, and parishioners will have provided gifts to over 100 families in the St. Agatha community.

A reminder to all children who have reservations for the Christmas Eve Masses in church at 3PM or 5PM. Boys are invited to dress as shepherds (a bathrobe and a hand towel or piece of fabric tied around the head with a cord will suffice) and girls are invited to come as angels (long white garment/sheet and a homemade halo – wings optional). Or, boys may choose to be angels and girls shepherds – all are welcome!

May your week leading to Christmas include time to be aware of the presence of the Lord and grow closer to the Child of Bethlehem.

Advent Peace,

J. Bill



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Group #2

Barbara Budak, Bernadette McMahon, Diane Redmond, Joan Stopka

Everyone counts! It doesn't matter your size or prominence in the world. We are all important parts in God's puzzle of life. If one piece is missing, his work is incomplete. God can use the smallest among us to fulfill his plan for salvation. Jesus does not go for the glitzy and glamorous to announce his coming into the world. He chooses a tiny, insignificant clan, that of Bethlehem-Ephrathah to make his appearance. He elevates the lowly to create the powerful center of attention for the entire world.

In the gospel, he picks two women, one advanced in age and the other young. Women who during this period of history do not wield much power. Both of them are pregnant by "impossible" means. Yet they are chosen to present such a hope filled, joyous scene. Even between the two of them there is a recognition of status when Elizabeth says, "And how does it happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

In closing, our group was also struck by the statement in the first reading that says, "He shall be peace." What can we do to be peace during this season, during this coming year, during our lives?

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

Calling all Shepherds and Angels:



Our 3PM and 5PM Christmas Eve Masses 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.

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.

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)
(see Note below)

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.

Alexine 3PM Mass Attendees

Please enter on the east side of the building under the blue awning marked "Nazareth Alexine Chapel".

SOMEONE BEAUTIFUL TO GOD

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FINDING THE LIGHT OF FAITH
IN A WOUNDED WORLD



STAN CHU ILO

Finding the Light of Faith in a Wounded World, by Stan Chu Ilo
Fr. Stan Ilo is a regular weekend presider at St. Francis Xavier and a research professor at the Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology, DePaul University. His recently published book, "Someone Beautiful to God," can now be purchased through the parish office. It makes an excellent last minute Christmas gift to yourself and/or to lift the spirits of a friend or family member.

Taking personal reflection as his starting point, Fr. Stan writes as an African Catholic priest who has lived and ministered to God's people in Africa, Europe, and North America. "Everywhere I go," he says, "I see the beauty and purpose that give people so much joy and hope when they embrace transformational faith." In addition to having grown up in a typical African village, his theological and biblical studies and pastoral experience and social ministries on three continents have contributed to

a treasure trove of stories about people with robust and expectant faith doing extraordinary things for God.

The book can be purchased for \$20.00. Please call the rectory (708-352-0168) to reserve your copy and arrange for pick-up at the rectory or sacristy.

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 21.**

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

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](#).

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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**Songs for December 19, 2021
4th Sunday of Advent**

Opening Hymn: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" 7:30 – vss. 1, 4 & 5 only

Verse 1

The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri-um-phant breaks.
When beau-ty gilds the east-ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.

Verse 2

Not, as of old, a lit-tle child, To suf-fer and to die, But crowned with glo-ry like the sun
That lights the morn-ing sky.

Verse 3

The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And earth's dark night is past;
O haste the ris-ing of that morn Whose day shall ev-er last.

Verse 4

And let the end-less bliss be-gin, By wea-ry saints fore-told,
When right shall tri-umph o-ver wrong, And truth shall be ex-tolled.

Verse 5

The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau-ty brings.
Hail, Christ, the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings.

Responsorial Psalm 80: "Lord, Make Us Turn to You"

Refrain: "Lord, make us turn to you, show us your face, and we shall be saved."

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.**

Meditation: "Hail Mary: Gentle Woman"

Hail Mar-y, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Bless-ed are you a-mong wom-en, and blest is the fruit of your womb, Je-sus.
Ho-ly Mar-y, Moth-er of God, pray for us sin-ners now and at the hour of death. A-men.

Refrain.

**Gen-tle wom-an, qui-et light, morn-ing star, so strong and bright,
gen-tle Moth-er, peace-ful dove, teach us wis-dom; teach us love.**

You were cho-sen by the Fa-ther; you were cho-sen for the Son.
You were cho-sen from all wom-en and for wom-an, shin-ing one. **Refrain.**

Recessional: "Soon and Very Soon" *[7:30 – vss. 1 & 2 only](#)

Verse 1

Soon and ver-y soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and ver-y soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and ver-y soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-el-lu-jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Verse 2

No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cry-in' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah we're goin' to see the King!

Verse 3

No more dy-in' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dy-in' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dy-in' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Verse 4

Soon and ver-y soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and ver-y soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and ver-y soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, we're goin' to see the King!

We are so grateful to all of our parishioners whose financial support makes the mission of the St. Francis Xavier parish possible. As we come together during this Advent season, we ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to our mission. Did you know that you can make your gift from your phone by simply accessing our QR code? Thank you in advance for your consideration.





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See the latest happenings at the SFX school:

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“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” –

Text: John Brownlie /Tune: MORNING SONG

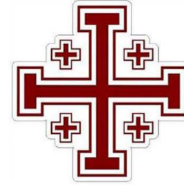
“Psalm 80: Lord, Make Us Turn to You” – Marty Haugen

“Now In This Banquet” – Marty Haugen **Advent Refrain**

“Hail Mary: Gentle Woman” – Carey Landry

“Soon and Very Soon” – Andraé Crouch

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.



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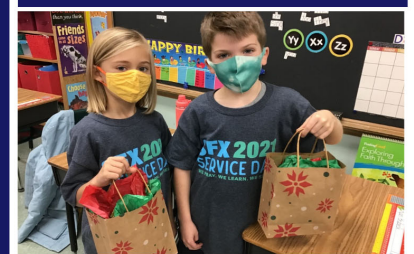
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SFX Women's Retreat 2022
Save the Date
February 5th & 6th, 2022
at the
Carmelite Retreat Center
located in
Darien, Illinois.
More details coming soon!

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.

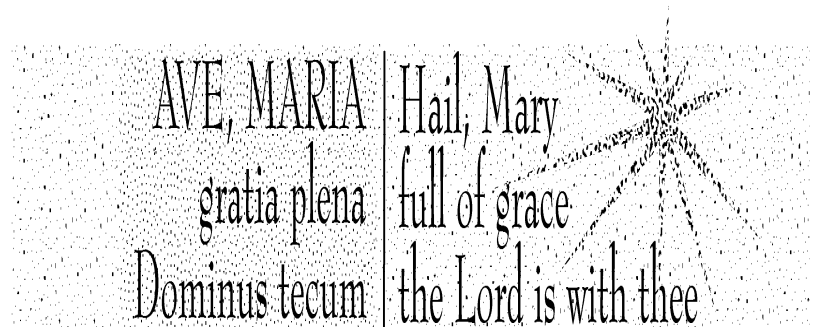
Angel Donations, Sponsors and Raffle Item Donations are welcome, as 100% of proceeds will be directed to St. Francis Xavier Church. Please visit our website at www.sfxladiesdayout.com.

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



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!





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
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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, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning9:00-10:00 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-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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