

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

## 4th Sunday of Advent

### December 20, 2020



*The angel Gabriel was sent from God  
to a town of Galilee called Nazareth to a virgin named Mary*

*Hail Mary  
full of grace  
the LORD  
is with you*

*Behold  
you will conceive and  
bear a son and  
you shall name him*

**†JESUS**

## Week at a Glance

Monday, December 21	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Billy Wielgos
Tuesday, December 22	Morning Mass	8:30 am	John Bullio
Wednesday, December 23	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Bernice Mushow, Pat McGrath
Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve	Mass Church Mass Gym Mass Church Mass Church Mass Church	3:00 pm 3:15 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm Midnight	Fr. Milek Fr. Killeen Fr. Tkachuk Fr. Hoffman Fr. Tkachuk
Friday, December 25 Christmas Day	Mass Church Mass Church Mass Gym	9:00 am 11:00 am 11:15 am	Fr. Milek Fr. Ilo Fr. Tkachuk
Saturday, December 26	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	William P. Sifferman
Sunday, December 27 The Holy Family	Mass Mass No 5:00 pm Mass	9:00 am 11:00 am	Tom & Jackie Morsch~66th Wedding Anniversary Rose Tkachuk

## Presider's Schedule December 26-27, 2020~Mass Time

**5:00 pm** Fr. Milek

**9:00 am** Fr. Milek

**11:00 am** Fr. Tkachuk

**No 5:00 pm Mass**

### Please Pray For...

Diane Bereckis  
John Bovard  
Jay Carroll  
Chili Challenger  
Mary Culin  
Americo DiGianfillippo  
Baby Catherine DiMarco  
Anthony Dina  
Blake Donegan  
Matt Doyle  
Wendy Einspar  
Lily Fielding  
Will Fleming  
Lilli Gregory  
Wilson Gregory  
Frank Hoos  
Rose Ilo  
Mary J.  
Jane Jacobsen  
Peter Johns  
Theresa Kandall  
Mark Kiley  
Jeanne LeBeau  
Mary LeBeau  
Jim Martin  
Enrique Martinez  
Lisa Massaro  
Patrick Morgan  
Mike Morrison

Baby Amy Nesterowicz  
Carolyn Nesterowicz  
Bernice Niemiec  
Gert Ogilvie  
Arnold Oppenheim  
Jane O'Reilly  
Shawna Palazzolo  
Ryan Patyk  
Donna Pekarek  
Carolyn Peters  
Jessica Phillips  
James Pridmore  
Baby Lucia R.  
Madison Raupp  
Anna Rose  
Rita Scalcon  
Matthew Schiek  
Larry Skippet  
Greyson Stanley  
Brian Stephenson  
Kate Frugoli Sullivan  
Michael Ungari  
Gregory Van Gorp  
Helena Walden  
Marian Ward  
Maribeth Watkins  
Liz Wilk  
Scott Young

Prayers are requested for our relatives and friends who are sick. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

Names of the sick are listed for two months in the bulletin. If there is a recurrence of illness, names can be listed again. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

### MASS INTENTIONS

We continue to accept requests for Mass intentions at a future date. Please call the office on weekdays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm or you can email Missy Westerhoff directly at [sfxinlg@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxinlg@sfxlg.org). We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

### Born Into Eternal Life



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

**Walter Johnson**  
Brother of Nora Murphy

### Readings For The Week of December 20, 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

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

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

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

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

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/  
Lk 2:22-40

## Pastor's Notes

*The angel Gabriel was sent from God  
to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,  
to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph,  
of the house of David,  
and the virgin's name was Mary.  
Luke 1:26-27*

Luke deliberately places the Annunciation of the birth of Jesus in a specific context. God is sending God's messenger, to be sure. But the angel is sent to Galilee, far from Jerusalem and suspect in its purity of religion due to intermarriage with foreigners. Instead of a major commercial town of Galilee, such as the fishing village of Capernaum, the angel is sent to Nazareth. The announcement of this birth will come to the house of David, as the ancient prophecies foretold. But it will be to the betrothed of a carpenter, a tradesman, living an honest but hard life far from David's royal city of Bethlehem. And she will be of such little note that the last thing to be mentioned is her name, Mary.

Luke wants us to know that, from the beginning, the Son of God came into our world in simple, unexpected ways. Those who would look for him in a palace or in the home of a religious or civil authority of high renown would be sleeping and unaware on the night of his birth. It would be shepherds in the cold and dark of hillsides distant from the town who would hear the angels who announced this birth and sent them to the manger outside of Bethlehem. The first celebration of Christmas would not involve fancy clothes or plush surroundings. It would take place in a cave designed to shelter the livestock, visitors in sheep-smelling garments not newly washed, to see an infant lying on the straw of a rough manger.

Where do we look for the Christ Child in these final days of Advent? We are invited to look beneath the bright lights and wonderful aromas and fine clothing, as wonderful as these will be. We are invited to unite ourselves with the shepherds of our day – those on the outskirts of society, often forced to find their way through the shadows of hunger, fear, or illness. We are invited to open our hearts to the infant in the straw and not be distracted by the king on the throne. We are invited to a cave on the outskirts of town where God's light shines brightly for all who will let it into their lives.

We will not be a people of crowded Masses this year. Most will come to the cave via digital livestream rather than arriving in person. Those of us in the church, gym, or Joyce Hall will hum rather than sing the carols of Christmas. Nonetheless, we will come together in communion. If we open our hearts, we will hear the song of the angels and gaze with wonder on the Light that dispels the power of

darkness. And, like the first shepherds, we will bring the Good News of this birth and the warmth of his Light, to all who will receive it. For that is what disciples of Jesus do.

**Advent Peace,**

*F. Bill*

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Reflection Liturgy Team #3

David Sherman, Barbara Kalnes, Charles Brewick,  
Gertrude Nalumansi, and George Rutkowski

In the old testament Samuel tells us that God reminds David, and us all, that he will always be watching over his people and that in the fullness of time the messiah, the son of God, will come from his people. To what extent are we available to God and do we see what he wants to do in us and through us?

Scripture gives us the marvellous example of Mary. Even if she did not see clearly all it implied, Luke is telling us that even Mary who bore Jesus in her womb found it difficult to comprehend and accept what God might be doing and that the reality is that any encounter with God can lead us into confusion and questioning, "How can this be We too may have been troubled by events in our own lives and knowing that God is always present in our lives we accept what God has plans for us.

In Mary's willingness to say yes to God, she reveals great trust that God will provide what she needs to accomplish her role in this miraculous journey. The angel assures her, "Do not be afraid. Do not fear, Mary, for God is with you." We are reminded that with God everything is possible.

Like Mary, we too may be troubled by the uncertainty of the future yet Mary accepted her mission to become the mother of the Savior. We too have to say yes to God and to his plans with us and with the world. The story of the annunciation is *our* story – the story of *our* confusion and disbelief when God appears. Yet it is also the story of God's faithfulness and immeasurable love revealed in the Good news. With Mary as our model, we, too, learn to open our hearts to welcome the divine so that God's holy presence may take root and dwell in us.

In today's world there is a vital connection between Mary, God's beloved son Jesus, and the many essential workers who serve the world during these challenging Covid-19 times. They are the ones who extend their abilities, knowledge, and trust in loving service to others. Imagine Mary and Jesus alive within their hearts as these dedicated workers commit to God's call: "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to God's will."



**In observance of the Christmas Holiday, the rectory phones will be answered by the service from noon on December 24th through December 25th.**

**A staff person will be answering phones beginning Saturday, December 26th at 9:00 am.**

### **Parishioner Volunteers Needed**

Our ability to celebrate Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and weekday and Sunday Masses depends on the ability of the parish to provide ministers to offer a welcoming and healthy environment. We have been blessed by scores of parishioners who share their time and spirit to keep us moving forward. To establish a regular rotation of volunteers, we seek additional people, especially to greet and seat people, or to wipe down the seating areas after each service. We welcome anyone of high school age or older who is in good health. A few volunteer comments:

*"There isn't a better way to start my day than seeing the familiar, friendly faces that attend daily mass. I've gotten to know quite a few of the regular attendees and they "fill my bucket" with their gratitude and appreciation.*

*What I looked at as a necessity to do to keep the church open, has turned into something I truly look forward to doing each week."*

Please contact Maureen Pipal ([mpipal@sfxlg.org](mailto:mpipal@sfxlg.org)) who will forward your name to one of our volunteer coordinators. Basic training is provided.

## **2020 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**If church buildings remain open at Christmas, our Mass schedule will be:**

### **Christmas Eve**

3:00PM in church  
3:15PM in the gym  
5:00PM in church and livestreamed to Joyce Hall and the parish  
7:00PM

### **Christmas Day**

Midnight livestreamed to the parish  
9:00AM in church and livestreamed to Joyce Hall and the parish  
11:00AM in church  
11:15AM in the gym

(All three livestreamed Masses will be recorded and posted on the parish website through December 27. We will livestream and record three Masses at these times even if we are required to close the church for Christmas.)

### **OPLATKI**

Due to COVID, we are sorry we will be unable to distribute Oplatki from the rectory offices.



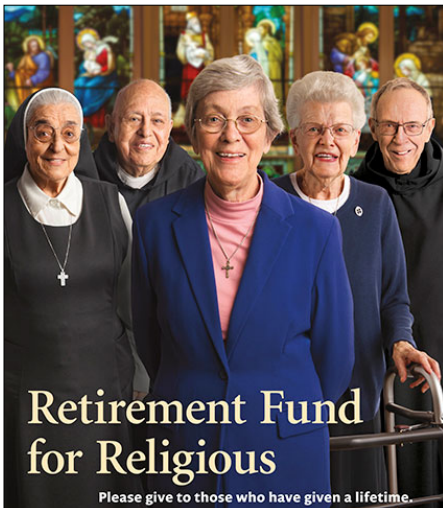
Please call or visit Watra Church Goods at 4201 South Archer Avenue in Chicago 773-247-2425 to get your Oplatki this year.

## **St. Francis Xavier Scripture Study Thursdays 9:30 - 11:00 am virtual by Zoom**

**January 14 - March 11, 2021  
Job, Psalms part 2**

Please register with Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ at 708-363-6728 or [mrace@csjoseph.org](mailto:mrace@csjoseph.org)

**New members welcome!**



Support aging religious. Please help support the second collection on December 12-13. Funds raised will provide support for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

For more information visit [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org). To donate, go to: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/28929>, visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Retirement Fund for Religious" and drop it off at the rectory or in a church collection box.

## 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.

## Meditative Nativity Walk



Grace Lutheran Church has set up a lighted labyrinth on their Catherine Avenue lawn (north of Ogden Avenue) adjacent to the church building. The labyrinth is lit at dusk and the lights remain on until about 10:00pm. The Grace Lutheran community is inviting all area faith communities to come by any evening during the Advent and Christmas seasons to walk this path of prayer. An amazing artist couple who are members at Grace Lutheran has made this come to life.

## 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. The past nine months of living within pandemic restrictions has intensified this situation in many households.

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 child 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.

Most Al-Anon meetings in the Chicago area continue to meet virtually on Zoom, including a Zoom newcomer's meeting every Wednesday at noon. Newcomers continue to join this meeting. For a confidential inquiry on how to participate in this meeting, contact Fr. Bill at 708-352-0168 or [wtkachuk@sfxlg.org](mailto:wtkachuk@sfxlg.org). Give yourself a gift this Christmas!

To see how we are Celebrating Sacraments and Services, and to view our Tips for Worshipers, please click on the links below:

[Celebration of Sacraments](#)

[Tips for Worshipers](#)



## Christmas Budget

The contributions of parishioners at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses constitute a sizable portion of our annual budget, which funds vital ministries for our parish. Limited attendance at Christmas Masses could impact our offertory. Last year, SFX received \$151,504 in Christmas offertory.

Your generosity through the pandemic has been greatly appreciated. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to share this Christmas to ensure that our parish ministries and operations thrive in the new year. Please know that we remain prudent with our funds and have made some difficult decisions to maintain critical areas of service.

### How to give:

- Envelopes are included in the Christmas letter you will receive in the next week.
- Visit our website [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org) and click DONATE.
- Text JOYFUL to (708) 340-6630 and follow the return text's instructions.

**Have a Blessed Christmas!**

## Adult Confirmation Classes

St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Parishes will be hosting a Confirmation prep program for any adult Catholic who has received First Holy Communion, but not the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is open to all parishioners at St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier, and St. John of the Cross Parishes. Sessions will be held on Monday nights on Zoom, January 11, January 18, January 25, February 1, February 8, February 15, and February 22. We will meet on Zoom from 7:00-8:30 pm. Registration is required.

Please use this link to sign up: <https://stcletusparish.com/learn/adultconfirmation/>.

For more information, please contact Barb Campbell at St. Cletus [bcampbell@stcletusparish.com](mailto:bcampbell@stcletusparish.com) or Steve Weigand at St. John of the Cross [sweigand@stjohnofthecrossparish.com](mailto:sweigand@stjohnofthecrossparish.com).

## THIS CHRISTMAS

This Christmas...

Mend a quarrel. Seek out a lost friend.  
Replace suspicion with trust. Share some treasure.  
Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Keep a promise.  
Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong.  
Try to understand. Examine your demands on others.  
Think first of someone else. Appreciate. Be Kind. Laugh a little.  
Express your gratitude. Go to church.  
Welcome a stranger and gladden the heart of a child.  
Take pleasure in the beauty of the earth.  
Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once more.  
Let us celebrate Christmas and give it the realization of its true meaning  
with the sudden stirring of the heart extended toward the care of life.  
Then, it is possible to grasp the significance of the first Christmas.

Author Unknown

# Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

## Advent 2020

### *This Week: Living Liturgically*

SUN 20	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
MON 21	
TUES 22	
WED 23	
THURS 24	Christmas Eve – <i>Blessing of a Christmas Tree</i>
FRI 25	Feast of the Nativity of the Lord; <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b> <i>Christmas Season begins!</i>
SAT 26	Feast of St. Stephen – <i>Prayer for Deacons</i>

Do you know someone who is pregnant, fostering, adopting, or recently had a baby?



SFX Elizabeth Ministry would love to celebrate them and the child in their life!

Send contact information to [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) and we will reach out with congratulations, resources, and support.

### SNEAK PEAK:

### January Events!

- *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* (Jan 18-25)
- Discussion Series: Pope Francis' Encyclical, *On Friendship and Social Fraternity* (Thursday nights starting Jan 21)
- Adult Confirmation Course (Monday nights starting mid-January)

### Pope Francis Announces the Year of St. Joseph!

(Beginning Dec 8, 2020)

In his apostolic letter, *Patris corde*, "Heart of the Father," Pope Francis dedicates this liturgical year to St. Joseph.

Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a...

- Beloved Father
- Tender and loving Father
- Obedient Father
- Accepting Father
- Creatively courageous Father
- Working Father
- Father in the shadows

May St. Joseph guide us to grow in virtue over the next year – all of us, but especially those husbands and fathers of SFX!

**St. Joseph, pray for us!**

### **Families with Young Children:**

Are you interested in any of the following events?

- Meeting another family outdoors for a nature walk, Zoo Lights, or other
- Meeting another family via Zoom
- Backyard Babies, Beers, and BBQ
- "Baby and Me" Catholic Gymboree (0-12, 24-24, 24-36 months)

Or do you just want to be kept in the loop?

Email [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) to join the listserv!

Click here for more information about Faith Formation at SFX.

## Calling All Saint Francis Xavier School Alumni

Stay connected with your school classmates by creating an alumnus profile today!

**SFX is collecting a database of all alumni over the last 80 years and we need your help!**

**Go to:** <https://forms.gle/HwtKX8iUdbB27tQV7>

This Database Will:

- Connect SFX alumni past and present
- Inform alumni of current state of SFX school and vision for the future
- Celebrate our teachers and their teaching accomplishments
- Celebrate current student and alumni accomplishments
- Provide an opportunity to share photos, athletic records and more
- Keep you updated on notable school events and projects

Questions? Please contact [sfxgrad@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgrad@gmail.com) for more information.

## Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration Packets can be found on the website at [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org).

If you have any questions, please email Terri Simeoni at [tsimeoni@sfxlg.org](mailto:tsimeoni@sfxlg.org).

## 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!



@sfxlg\_parish



St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL

## We encourage all to follow SFX School on social media



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

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Facebook SFX Alumni site:  
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/ART/595d889cdee3e>

SFX School Website:  
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School>

**See the latest happenings at the day school:**

A very very nice congratulatory message to the SFX community from Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. <https://vimeo.com/465845503>

Socially distanced Rosary: <https://vimeo.com/465845340>

## St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

We are excited to share the following service opportunities! SFX families are invited to participate in these service events. The idea behind the Family Ministry is to give families a chance to have fun and work together while serving others in need. Please help us make a difference.

**October through May**~Some of you may already be aware that the guests of the BEDS program are not staying at St. Francis Xavier due to COVID-19 concerns. The guests are staying at various locations, so for now, please drop all dessert donations on Monday mornings before noon at the BEDS Plus facility on the corner of East Avenue and Ogden Avenue, please contact Theresa at [thsully28@yahoo.com](mailto:thsully28@yahoo.com) to sign up.

We hope to have more opportunities in the new calendar year and will keep you updated.



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## 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. 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
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and  
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **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
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **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
- **Capt. Richard Hoover, U.S. Army**—nephew of Lorraine Donegan
- **Capt. Matt Waite, U.S. Army**—cousin of Justin, Maggie, Winona & Bea Waite
- **Neil Donegan, U.S. Navy**—grandson of Lorraine Donegan

**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*  
*Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister*  
*Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister*  
*Weekend Sacramental Minister*

*Rev. William Tkachuk*  
*Rev. Richard Milek*  
*Mr. Andrew Allison*  
*Mr. Phil Gianatasio*  
*Mrs. Margaret McMahon*  
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*Parish School Secretary*  
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*Religious Education Administrative Assistant*

*Mrs. Sharon Garcia*  
*Mrs. Janice Carr*  
*Mrs. Mary Hoffman*  
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*Mrs. Mary Tassi*  
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*Ms. Terri Simeoni*  
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### Parish Office Staff

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*Parish Accountant*  
*Pastor's Secretary*  
*Parish Secretary*  
*Staff Secretary*  
*Facilities Manager*

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*Mrs. Maureen Pipal*  
*Mrs. Melissa Westerhoff*  
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### Food Pantry/Community Outreach

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### **Rectory Hours**

Monday-Thursday ..... 8:30 am-8:30 pm  
 Friday ..... 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
 Saturday ..... 9:00 am-5:00 pm  
 Sunday ..... 9:00 am-1:00 pm

**At this time due to COVID-19 the rectory offices are closed. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. The answering service will answer calls after that time.**

### **Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am

### **Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church**

Thursday 8:15 am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday morning ..... 9:00-10:00 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

(Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisg-SrOcvM>)

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, Lolan Adan, from the Claret Center who can be reached by phone 442-264-7589 or email [lolanadan@gmail.com](mailto:lolanadan@gmail.com).

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