

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**The Nativity of the Lord**  
**December 25, 2022**



*The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light*

*For unto us a child is born  
a son is given to us  
upon him dominion rests*

*They shall call him Wonderful,  
Counselor, Prince of Peace*



### Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 26	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Herbert & Mary Schrack James Fix Raymond Reiche John Joe & Bridie Donnellan	TMIY The Foster Family The Ferguson Family
Tuesday, December 27	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jackie & Tom Morsch 68th Wedding Anniversary Ronald & Raymond Holewa	The Holewa Family
Wednesday, December 28	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Judith Jane McAllister	The Madell Family
Thursday, December 29	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, December 30	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Katherine O'Brien	The Metzger Family
Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish	
Sunday, January 1 New Year's Day	Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish	

#### Presider's Schedule for December 24-25, 2022~Mass Time

3:00 pm Fr. Milek (Church) 3:00 pm Fr. Killeen (Alexian Chapel) 5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk 7:00 pm Fr. Milek Midnight Fr. Tkachuk  
9:00 am Fr. Milek 11:00 am Fr. Ilo

There will not be a 5:00 PM Mass on New Year's Day

### Please pray for . . .

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

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

### Born Into Eternal Life

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

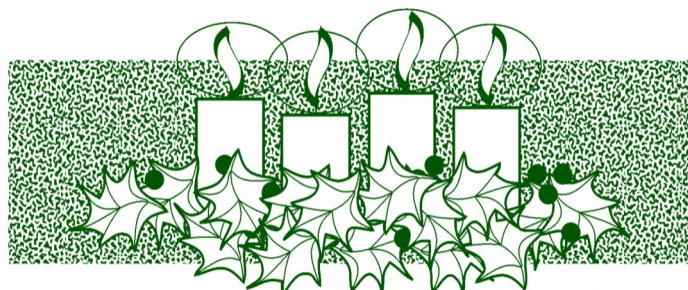


#### **Joanne Brieske**

Sister of Sr. Rosemary LaFlaur, CSJ  
and Donna Mulvenna

#### **Bonnie Velandor**

Friend and Neighbor of Anne Blazejak



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## Pastor's Letter

*The grace of our God has appeared, saving all.*  
Titus 2:11

The shepherds are the first to hear the news that God had come to earth as a newborn Child. They are the first to come to the stable and see this Child and his parents, seeking shelter with the cattle and the goats. And shepherds are the first to bring the news of this Child's birth to all who will listen to their story. They are not welcome among those with power and authority, who will reject this Child and the meaning of his birth. Yet they take to heart this day that God's love is born to all who will receive this Child in their hearts and carry the news to others. All are welcome to come and adore this Child, who brings Light to the darkness, Joy to a world without hope, and Love to all with open hearts.

Christ welcomes and makes room for *all* at the table, which today is a manger in a stable. The Christ Child sends us to do the same for *all* others, especially those who hesitate to join us this day. The Christ Child looks with love on *all* those whom some who hold religious or civil authority reject as unworthy of dignity and respect. If you approach the Child in the manger with fear or hesitation, may you feel his welcome in the greetings of those who gather with you this day. If in the past you have been made to feel unwelcome by the judgments or rejection of those who have claimed to speak in Christ's name, accept our apology for the harm they have caused you. If you feel that in any way you are not "good enough" to be embraced by the love of the Christ Child, open your heart to the love that surrounds you and the message that who God created you to be is who God asks you to be and is so much more than good enough.

To those who are with us through the year, thank you for the blessing you continue to be for this parish and those we serve through our mission and ministries. Continue to tell the stories of what God is doing for you and how your relationship with Jesus inspires your words and actions. To all who are visiting us with relatives or friends, or who are checking us out today, you are always welcome among us. To those who may feel on the 'outside' or hesitant to enter in, help us to know how we can make room for you at our table, which is really Christ's table.

When Christmas falls on a Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on the day after Christmas. I invite you to set aside some time tomorrow to be with family and to reach out to family with whom you cannot gather in person this year. Cherish the blessing of family in whatever form you find it.

**Christmas Peace,**

*J. Bill*

**Welcome to the Parish of St. Francis Xavier!**  
**Whether you are joining us in person**  
**at one of our Christmas Masses**  
**or via livestream from your home,**  
**we are blessed that you have chosen our parish**  
**to celebrate the birth of Jesus, God with Us.**  
**Have a blessed Christmas!**



Christmas 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“The Word was made flesh, and he made his dwelling among us.” These momentous words from the beginning of John’s Gospel describe exactly what we celebrate at Christmas. Jesus, the eternal Son of God, has indeed come among us and become a part of our human family. He shared our joys and our sorrows. He came to know the full expanse of our human experiences, those that lift us up and those that cast us down. Through his death and resurrection, he has transformed our lives and our very world. The One born among us as Son of God and Son of Mary has given us a new birth in hope.

We know the challenges that marked his life from the very beginning. We recall how the Holy Family shared the plight of refugees, when they had to flee to Egypt to protect their newborn child from violence. These challenges find an echo in our world today. We see people flee the violence of war and oppression and crushing poverty. Their plight moves our heart to do whatever we can to alleviate their pain. Their story, framed within the story of the Holy Family, also reminds of the unfailing hand of God’s providence that leads us and saves us. And that gives us joyful confidence.

Whatever the challenges we face as individuals and communities—from war, violence, disease, injustice, natural climate disasters—we do not lose hope. We know that the Word was made flesh and made his dwelling among us. He walks with us. He sustains us. He gives us a hope that will not disappoint.


Join me in prayer this Christmas season. Let us ask God to deepen our faith in the Incarnate Word. Let us ask God to renew our hope and lift us up when we are weary. Let us ask God to keep our hearts joyful in all circumstances, because we have come to know God’s love for us.

God bless you and all your loved ones. As I celebrate the Eucharist in this Christmas season, know that I bring all of you to the altar with me.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Archbishop of Chicago



## THIS CHRISTMAS



This Christmas...

Seek out a lost friend.

Replace suspicion with trust.

Mend a quarrel. Share some treasure.

Give a soft answer. Encourage youth.

Forgive an enemy. Apologize if you were wrong.

Welcome a stranger and gladden the heart of a child.

Try to understand. Examine your demands on others.

Appreciate. Be Kind. Laugh a little. Keep a promise.

Think first of someone else. Express your gratitude.

Go to church. 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



### *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.

### **Rectory Holiday Hours**

The rectory will close at 12:00 Noon on Friday,  
December 23 and reopen on Tuesday,  
December 27 at 8:30 am.

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  
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# Save the Date!



"There's a glove somewhere that's been thrown down. The women have put up a sign and said, 'Please listen to us. May we be heard'...

**I pick up that gauntlet."**

Pope Francis, 2019

**ST. PHOEBE**  
Diakonos of the church

**Join the conversation about women's leadership in the Catholic Church:**

Wednesday, Jan 25 | 12:30 - 2:00pm in Unity Hall

Sunday, Jan 29 | 6:00 - 7:30pm in Unity Hall

Thursday, Feb 2 | 8:00 - 9:00pm on Zoom

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics around the world to engage in prayerful conversations about the movements of the Holy Spirit in the Church today. **Female leadership in the Church and the restoration of women to the diaconate has been a consistent theme and call throughout the global conversations.**

A team of SFX parishioners, with the support of parish staff, are working with an organization called *Discerning Deacons* to bring this transformative conversation to our parish and local community.

Let your voice be heard. All are welcome!

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Contact Maggie McMahon at [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) with questions or to join the listserv.

For more information on the Catholic Church's discernment of women and the diaconate, [click here](#).

"Honestly, I was skeptical when I first learned of this conversation. But after participating in the *Discerning Deacons* prayer services and seeking to understand their response to Pope Francis' synodal invitation, it's so clear to me that the Holy Spirit is present here, asking us to pray and listen well. It's not about activism, it's about opening our hearts and imaginations to God's will. Letting the Spirit lead the Church beyond what we can imagine for ourselves."

- Maggie McMahon, MDiv (Pastoral Associate, St. Francis Xavier)



God, scoop me up into life as it is.  
Stop me from running ahead,  
so I can be here,  
in this space,  
for the moment.  
And breathe. Amen.

*Excerpt from 'A Blessing for when you are running on fumes' by Kate Bowler*

One of our greatest blessings is to be a place where our church family comes to find comfort and joy; a soft place to land where the love of God abounds. Whether it's the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, the neck breaking pace required to keep up with young children, or the illness or loss of a loved one - we all need a place where we can come to find the peace of the Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus.

As you consider a Christmas gift, please remember that your treasure in God's hands becomes a blessing in real form within the ministries of our parish.

You can make a gift via our website at [SFXLG.org](http://SFXLG.org) or via the QR code below.

God bless us, every one!





**The Yule Flip Pancake Breakfast and Santa's Workshop rekindled fond memories for some and created new memories for many!**



**Our Knights of Columbus cooks**



**Our Santa's Workshop Chairpersons:  
Kara Shanley and Nora Dudley  
(Catholic Women's Club)  
with Yule Flip Chairperson Jennifer Zeisloft**



**Our Knights of Columbus servers**







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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.

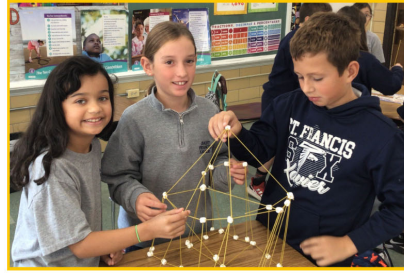
We strive to instill & nurture the belief that God is found in everyday things & especially in one another



## WE LEARN

Award-winning school for ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

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## GREAT NEWS FOR SFX & CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!

There has been a lot of buzz about a recent Wall Street Journal article on Catholic Schools leading the nation in test scores, while making a difference in students' lives. If you have not had the chance to read it, you can read the article at [bit.ly/3UB5BN9](http://bit.ly/3UB5BN9)



### ***AT SFX WE ARE KEEPING UP OUR BLUE RIBBON ACADEMIC STANDARDS!***

We are excited to report that the **Fall iReady scores at St. Francis Xavier School are once again ABOVE the National Board of Education Blue Ribbon eligibility standards for 22-23 School Year in all grade levels in reading and math!** We are proud of our hard-working students, talented faculty & staff along with our dedicated parents for working as a team to keep our achievement standards high! St. Francis Xavier School was awarded our 2nd National Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in Education in the fall of 2020. Schools are eligible to apply five years after being the recipient of the award.

### ***STUDENT RETENTION RATE AT SFX SCHOOL IS ABOVE THE NORM!***

We are PROUD to report that retention at St. Francis Xavier School in grades 1-7 from 21-22 to 22-23 is a **96% retention rate**. This is **ABOVE the Archdiocese of Chicago and National norms**. The average retention rate in schools in communities of similar income level as ours' was 92%. The average retention rate for all schools in the Archdiocese is 91%.

### ***NEW FAMILY OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2023-2024 BEGINS IN DECEMBER!***

From Preschool 3 through 8th Grade, St. Francis Xavier School provides students with academic excellence centered in the Catholic values of prayer, learning and service. All grades offer academic excellence firmly rooted in our Catholic faith. Beginning with our youngest students, the St. Francis Xavier Early Childhood Program welcomes children into a safe, consistent, nurturing environment that encourages the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth of children at their own rate. The unique personality, needs, abilities and learning style of each child are accepted and appreciated. The teachers work with the parents to make this experience the best for each child.

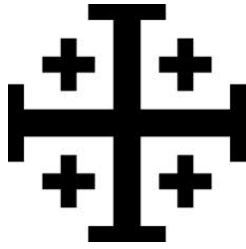


Would you like to learn more about St. Francis Xavier Parish School? You may request information at [bit.ly/3WqkFi1](http://bit.ly/3WqkFi1) Please email [enrollment@sfxlg.org](mailto:enrollment@sfxlg.org) and our Advancement Director, Mary Tassi, will reply with information on our Blue-Ribbon school, and opportunities for you to take a tour! We can't wait to meet you! The SFX new family enrollment protocol and 2023-2024 school year applications for children from families new to our school will be accepted beginning on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Peace,

Principal

*At SFX - Everyone has the Chance to Make a Difference!*



## 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.



*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](mailto:jzeisloft@sfxlg.org).

*Thank you in advance for your support.*

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



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## Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—  
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Commander Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—  
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and  
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC**—son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **1st Lieutenant Mitchell Ciszewski, USMC**—son of Bob & Pat Ciszewski
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini

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

# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

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

Rev. William Tkachuk  
Rev. Richard Milek  
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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.

## 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. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

## 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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