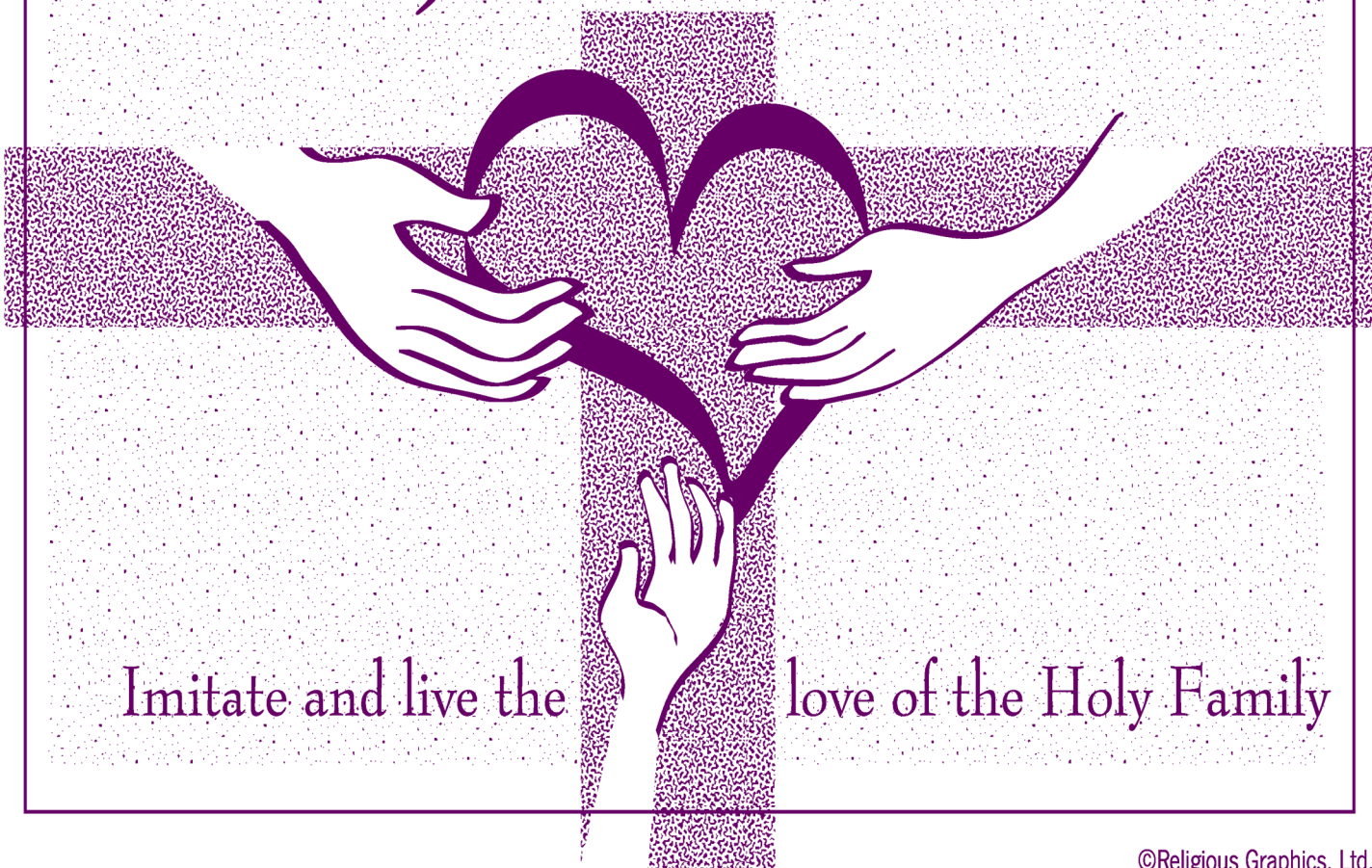


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 29, 2019



The shepherds hastened to Bethlehem where they found
Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

JESUS
MARY
JOSEPH



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, December 30	8:30 am	Timothy Hamilton	Kevin, Michele, Sean & Patrick Owens
Tuesday, December 31 New Year's Eve	8:30 am	Palma Frustaci Susan Kozlowski	Linda Smith & Laura Cooke Sue & Tom Staszak
	3:00 pm	Wedding~Laura King & James McGuire	
	5:00 pm	New Year's Eve	
Wednesday, January 1	10:00 am	New Year's Day	
Thursday, January 2 Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	7:45 am	Word & Communion Service	
	8:30 am	Richard Hofstetter	Catherine Hofstetter
Friday, January 3	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack	
Saturday, January 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	9:00 am	Peg & Bill Gallagher	The Menderle Family
	9:30 am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	4:15 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	5:00 pm	Antoinette Mangione	The Alfonso Mangione Family
Sunday, January 5	7:30 am	Richard Battaglia	Patrick Lambert
	9:00 am	Im Sun Kim	The Kanzer Family
	10:30 am	Colin Mayo	The Clawson Family
	12:00 pm	Bea Nelligan	Dolores Lewis
	6:00 pm	Jack Gleason	Jim & Joan Potsch

Please Pray For...

Jay Carroll
Chili Challenger
Kevin Corrigan
Anthony Dina
Blake Donegan
Pat Eaton
Lily Fielding
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick
Peter Ganzel
Lilli Gregory
Wilson Gregory
Brian Hahn
Patricia Hassler
Linda Hillsman
Rose Ilo
Mary J.
Jane Jacobsen
Theresa Kandall
Anne Kelly
Benny Kilman
Jerry Kolman
Liz Kosteck
Lou Ellen Krueger
Marian Lucas

Caroline MacGregor
Joe Montana
Patrick Morgan
Mike Morrison
Bernice Niemiec
Arnold Oppenheim
Jane O'Reilly
Shawna Palazzolo
Ryan Patyk
Donna Pekarek
Jim Potsch
James Pridmore
Madison Raupp
Anna Rose
Marilyn Rutkowski
Matthew Schiek
Gretchen Sterwalt
Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Pat Sullivan
John Thoms
Anne Titzer
Michael Ungari
Gregory Van Gorp
Marian Ward
Liz Wilk

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.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Mary Ann Vasil
Mother of Eileen Paliakas

Bryan Miller
Son of Keith & Renee and Brother of Keith

Richard Konigsfeld
Brother-in-Law of Nancy Filip

Weddings

Laura King & James McGuire



In observance of the New Year Holiday, the Rectory will close at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, December 31 and will reopen on Thursday, January 2 at 8:30 am.

Pastor's Notes

*The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.
Joseph rose and took the child and his mother
by night and departed for Egypt.
Matthew 2:13,14*

Joseph receives a second message from an angel. Matthew tells us that the magi found Mary and the Child in a house, suggesting that Joseph has established a house for his family and a livelihood to support them. Suddenly the Child is in danger because of the jealous wrath of King Herod; Joseph must flee to Egypt with his family. They must begin again, homeless and now immigrants; strangers in a land of unfamiliar language, foods, and customs; even farther from family and friends. Sometime later, the angel speaks to Joseph again and sends the family back to Nazareth to begin again. Through it all, Joseph and Mary trust that God is with them and will provide for all their needs.

Matthew is the only evangelist who relates these struggles of the young, Holy Family. He writes his gospel for a community that faced persecution and rejection for following Jesus. Matthew wants us to know that the presence of Christ in our homes and our lives does not exempt us from hardships or challenges. Rather, the presence of Christ provides the courage and compassion to “put on love.” When we invite Christ to dwell with us, *gratitude* replaces want; *song* replaces regret; and *compassion* replaces resentment.

Christmas on a Wednesday provides us with a weekend to relax and spend time with those we love. In the Orthodox tradition of my grandparents, these were days for visiting relatives and friends. My grandfather was born in a sleigh as his strong-willed mother returned from one of these visits to “have her child at home.” The Feast of the Holy Family invites us to reflect on the shape of family in our lives. Do we gather as a “traditional” family of three generations of parents and children? Do we live in families reshaped by death, divorce, and/or remarriage; or broken by addiction, mental disease, abuse, or past wounds? Do we experience family in less traditional but equally loving unions and communions that have become home? Do we gather as couples or small groups apart from family living in another place? Do I live as a “family of one,” alone and apart, with memories of Christmases past and those who are no longer with me?

Christ desires to dwell in the heart of *all families of all shapes and sizes*. He journeys with us in our joys, sorrows, successes, struggles, journeys, and homecomings. We need only open our hearts and homes to welcome him home and be welcomed home.

Christmas Peace,

J. Bill

Christmas
Epiphany Concert &
Candlelight Service

St. Francis Xavier Church
124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange

Saturday, January 4, 2020

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- Cultivates global solidarity



The Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Program creates opportunities for us to bring these core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers—choices that have the power to lift our brothers and sisters out of poverty.

Effort is made to see that these coffee farmers are given a fair wage!!!

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK MASS

As we celebrate this holy season of Advent, we long for the coming of Christ whom we welcome into our lives as one disguised in those on the margins of society. In doing so, we are encouraged to look beyond our own needs to the needs of the people around us, particularly those displaced by war, sectarian violence and economic hardship.

You are invited to participate in the fourth annual National Migration Week Mass, on Sunday, January 5, at 5:15 PM at Holy Name Cathedral. (Free parking at Loyola Self-Park located at 20 West Chicago Avenue.) This year's Mass will center on the theme for National Migration Week, "Promoting a Church and World for All," answering the call of the Holy Father to provide companionship and support our migrant brothers and sisters, especially those who are on a pilgrimage to a life of greater dignity.

For more information, contact:

Miguel Salazar at
msalazar@archchicago.org or 312-534-8509,
 Michael Warrell at
mwarrell@archchicago.org or 312-534-8044;
 or visit catholicsandimmigrants.org.

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MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO 2020

On Saturday, January 11, thousands of people will join together in downtown Chicago to celebrate the sanctity of life. The March for Life Chicago is the largest pro-life event in the Midwest and you are invited to join in this celebration at the March for Life Chicago Convention.

For more information, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/human-dignity-solidarity/respect-life-chastity-education/events.

Schedule

Saturday, January 11

March for Life Youth Rally	Doors open at 8 a.m.	Congress Hotel
March for Life	1 p.m.	Daley Plaza
Mass for Life	4 p.m.	Congress Hotel
Banquet	5:30 p.m.	Congress Hotel



Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

Grade 2 Eucharistic Prep Liturgies
Sunday, January 12 1:30 pm in Church

Reconciliation
Grade 5 January 19 and January 22 during Class

Class Dates	
Sunday, December 29	No Class
Wednesday, January 1	No Class
Sunday, January 5	At Home Lesson
Wednesday, January 8	At Home Lesson
Sunday, January 12	Class/ 8th Grade Retreat
Wednesday, January 15	Class/ 8th Grade Retreat (4:00 Only)
Sunday, January 19	Class
Wednesday, January 22	Class
Sunday, January 26	At Home Lesson
Wednesday, January 29	At Home Lesson



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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Saturday evening 5:00 pm Mass offers the opportunity for children in Grades Kindergarten-Fourth to experience hearing and reflecting on the Word of the Lord in a way that is an empowering experience. Children in these grades are invited to follow their Reflector of the Word to a prayer space away from the gathered assembly to hear the Scriptures in words they can understand.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in church whenever the children's choirs lead us in song/prayer AND when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated. The Scriptures we hear will then be taken from the Children's Lectionary and the homily will be given in a way that children are able to relate a little more readily. The children in Grades K thru 4 will go to their prayer space on the Saturdays that the choirs are not singing and when a specific grade is not scheduled to celebrate liturgy at the 5:00 Mass.

Here is the tentative schedule with the children's choirs: January 25; February 29; March 14.

Here is the schedule when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated: February 1 & 8; April 18.

Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflector in a prayer space away from the adults and to hear the Word of the Lord in words they can better understand on the following Saturdays (subject to change): January 11 & 18; February 15 & 22; March 7, 21 & 28; and April 28.

You can call 708-352-0168 and direct your calls to: Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music or Terri Simeoni, Coordinator of Religious Education.

Christmas Budget

Our Christmas Budget is \$155,000. Last year, SFX received \$153,017 in Christmas offertory. Please support our parish outreach to the community and the beautiful liturgies celebrated in honor of the birth of Christ! Prayerfully consider your Christmas donation to the parish during this season of giving as we continue His mission.

How to give:

- * Envelopes are included in the Christmas letter you should have received.
- * Visit our website www.sfxlg.org to enter your credit card or bank account.
- * Text JOYFUL to (708) 340-6630.

Have a Blessed Christmas!



"Go forth and set the world on fire"

We are honored to share with you, how the SFX parish school students put LOVE into ACTION ...

St. Francis Xavier School's Service Day 2019:



PARENT, FACULTY & STAFF VOLUNTEERS

- Over 200 Parent Volunteers
- Over 50 Faculty and Staff Members

PRESCHOOL 4 – ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FOOD PANTRY

- Made 120 ornaments
- Decorated two trees
- Sorted over 300 food items for the SFX Food Pantry

KINDERGARTEN – BROOKFIELD ZOO

- Spent the morning at Brookfield Zoo, they adopted "Arnetta" a reticulated giraffe. They had a chat about giraffes with the zoo keeper,
- Made giraffe ornaments and decorated their own tree in front of the lions.
- They visited and sang many carols to the animals

GRADE ONE – BETHLEHEM WOODS

- 90 Christmas cards were made for Bethlehem Woods & Interfaith Community Partners
- Sang 12 songs to 50 residents of Bethlehem Woods
- 25 parent volunteers
- 100 Bingo prizes handed out

GRADE TWO – ST. BLASÉ CHURCH

- Made 100 ornaments
- Crafted 40 bookmarks
- Completed 1 lesson (taught entirely in POLISH)
- Learned 10 new words
- An incredible 1750 BOOKS collected, sorted and donated

GRADE THREE – MARILLAC HOUSE

- Students wrapped 54 books to donate to the Marillac House toddler and pre-school classrooms
- Plus, 65 Homebound Elderly Care Kits with homemade Christmas cards)
- 38 Adult Coats, 119 Child Baby Coats, 143 Hats, 27 Scarves, 53 Pairs of Gloves & 1 Pair of Boots

GRADE FOUR with GRADE SEVEN FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

- Raised \$300 in Quarters for FMSC
- Made 150 hygiene gift bags for SFX Food Pantry clients
- Crafted 150 cards for SFX Food Pantry clients
- Packed 165 boxes (enough to make 35,640 meals)
- 97 children will be fed for a year at a cost of \$8553

GRADE FIVE – AMERICAN LEGION HALL

- Assembled 90 care packages containing 1,587 items such as shaving cream, nail clippers, puzzles, books and hats
- Wrote 50 letters to active service men and women
- Honored 50 Veterans and Active Duty Men and Women at a beautiful mass on Veteran's Day on Nov 11th
- Learned facts about military & proper flag etiquette and proper way of folding from a veteran

GRADE SIX – SUBURBANITE BOWL

- SFX students and 71 Seaspar friends bowled together at Suburbanite Bowl
- Gave tons of high fives & Shared many smiles

GRADE 8 – HELPING HANDS

- 16 students, 5 adults, and 25 clients
- 30 ornaments made with countless games of UNO, Minute to Win It and multitude of smiles

GRADE 8 – GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

- Unpacked, bagged and distributed
- 1014 lbs of pears
- 1617 lbs of apples
- 1116 lbs of cabbage
- 1200 lbs of peppers
- 1800 lbs of onions
- 1200 lbs of tomatoes
- 33 total volunteers
- 376 people fed

GRADE 8 – BIG SHOULDERS/ST. CONSTANCE SCHOOL

- 30% of students below the poverty line
- Secret Santa shopped with 130 children (pre-k-8th)
- Wrapped 800 Christmas gifts and exchanged countless Christmas wishes

Mark your calendars!

St. Francis Xavier Parish School



OPEN HOUSE

PreSchool-3, Pre-K, Kindergarten, Gr 1 - 8
Under One Roof

10am-12:30pm

JAN
26TH

145 N. Waiola Ave.
LaGrange, IL 60525

LEARN ABOUT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

- Student Guided Tours
- National Blue Ribbon School
- 2019 Winner of Chicago Archdiocese St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Academic Excellence
- Student Community Service Program
- Activities Fair: 22+ Activities & Clubs
- Robot Playground: Student Computer Coding Demos
- Alumni Presentations "Portrait of a SFX Graduate"
- No Cut Athletics

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
(708) 352-2175
SFXLG.ORG/SCHOOL



GIVE THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

The best opportunity of the year to support Catholic schools

To increase the funds available for tax credit scholarships*, several donors partnered to create a **matching gift pool**. Every dollar donated to this program through the scholarship granting organization Empower Illinois between Dec. 1, 2019 and Feb. 29, 2020 and designated to a school operated by the Archdiocese of Chicago will be matched with two dollars from this pool (limitations apply). The program will end when all matching funds have been depleted or on Feb. 29, 2020, whichever comes first.

Example: A taxpayer donates \$2,000 to Empower Illinois through the match program. The taxpayer will be eligible to claim a \$1,500 tax credit when he/she files their previous year's taxes. The donation creates \$6,000 in scholarship support (after the \$4,000 match). For the net cost of \$500 (\$2,000 donation less \$1,500 tax credit), this donor will provide a student with a \$6,000 scholarship to attend a Catholic school of his/her choice.

To take advantage of the matching gift program, follow the steps at empowerillinois.org/donors. For additional information, contact the Archdiocese of Chicago's Tax Credit Scholarship Office at tcs@archchicago.org or 312.534.2617.

*The Illinois tax credit scholarship program provides a 75 percent state income tax credit to individuals who contribute money to fund scholarships for students from low-income families to attend private schools. Eligible students may use these scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice, including the more than 200 Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools in Cook and Lake counties.



Help Wanted

Interfaith Community Partners is looking for a part-time Volunteer Coordinator to arrange for transportation for clients 60 and better within our community. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm. Computer skills necessary, pleasant phone communication plus love of working with older adults.

Please submit your resume to Janet Garreau at: jgarreauicp@gmail.com or call our office for further assistance at 708-354-9328.



The Well Spirituality Center 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park

Mary Southard Paint Your Soul Retreat from 9:00 am on Thursday, January 16 – 3:00 pm Sunday, January 19. Mary Southard, CSJ is a celebrated artist, experienced educator and retreat director in love with Life and with the Creator/Creation. In this retreat, for artists and non-artists alike, we will engage with the energies and images from within our own abundant and beautiful souls. Cost: \$475 (includes overnight accommodations and meals)

**To register: www.csjthewell.org
or call 708-482-5048**

Interfaith Career Network

Career Resource Center

The ICN Career Center is open on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 7:00-9:00 pm. It is volunteer staffed to help job seekers with internet usage, resume/cover letter preparation, LinkedIn and other electronic job search skills. These services are available at no cost and no appointment is needed. Just ring the Office door bell at First Baptist Church of LaGrange, 20 North Ashland Avenue and let us help you.

Catholic Women's Club

All women of the parish are members of the Catholic Women's Club. If you would like to get involved or if you would like to receive monthly newsletters about our upcoming events via email, please contact Tiziana Lambert at tizianalambert@gmail.com.



Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide

Offering Hope and Healing for Those Who Mourn a Loss to Suicide

St. John of the Cross parish will begin hosting a monthly support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one from suicide. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month.

L.O.S.S. (Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide) is a non-denominational program that provides a safe, judgement-free environment intended to help survivors and family members share experiences and draw strength and hope within a loving community. Trained counselors are on hand at each meeting. Call LOSS at 312-655-7285 or SJC 708-246-4404 for more information.

SFX Men's Club

All men of the parish are welcome.
For further information, please contact:

Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com or
Joseph Enright at joseph_owen@hotmail.com.

Follow the Parish on Social Media!

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

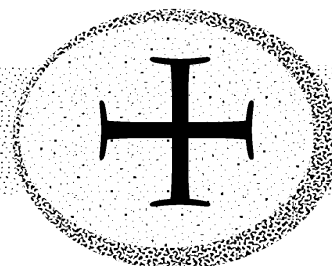


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St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL

Holy Family
pray for us!



Stewardship in Action!

Photos from the
Yule Flip Pancake Breakfast
and Santa's Workshop
on December 15.



A HUGE THANK YOU to the YULE FLIP Event Chairs

Jeff Cogelja
Nancy and Joe Cummings
Julie Gies
Frank and Kathi Mungo
Laura Walsh

And over 60 volunteers AND
15 Knights of Columbus
who helped bring back this
beloved event!



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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.

J. 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.

Drunk drivers can kill people.

Surviving the Holidays

Some family situations can make the holidays difficult: 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; don't try 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. But many people will 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 rent 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 brings many back to the reality that God is good and there are many things for which to be thankful. Others 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 get rid of the rest.
- 6. Keep in touch with the children.** Children crave routine 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.** Not unless it's been years, the kids are older, and you really do get along fairly 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 would be to get a present for mom or dad without any help. Some things should never change . . . like encouraging kids 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 if you remain open to God through the crosses of life there *will* be resurrection and salvation. *This* is the hope we have in these holidays.

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



Join us at the WELCOME Women's Retreat and see what gifts you will receive.

THE GIFT OF...

"Time to reflect, rest and laugh."
Heather F.

"Silence, solitude and deep lasting friendships."
Pam D.

"The opportunity to re-charge my spirit and to still my mind."
Katie M.



Women's WELCOME Retreat Weekend

Saturday, February 8 - Sunday, February 9, 2020

(begins at 8:30 am on Saturday - ends at 3 pm on Sunday)

Carmelite Spiritual Center
8433 Bailey Road, Darien, IL

Registration is now open and spots are filling up fast. Please visit the SFX Parish website or our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WelcomeWomenSFX/>) for more details and if you have questions, please contact Pam Devitt at (708) 250-3711.

Please join us for the
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Pre-Lent Event



Carnivale

Saturday, February 1, 2020

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

LaGrange Country Club

To purchase event tickets or donate, please visit: Prelentevent.com

Please register by January 25th



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 Jack & 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**—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas,
and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **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
- **Sgt. David T. Benson**—son of Linda & Charles Benson
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Ist Lt. Alexander Dale Fisher, USMC**—nephew of Michelle & Bill McKeown and cousin to Elizabeth & Liam
- **Rob Parisi, PV2, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Kathi & Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack
and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch

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

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Rev. William Killeen

Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister

Rev. Ed Barrett

Weekend Sacramental Minister

Rev. Stan Ilo

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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

Sabbath Liturgy

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and
 (6:00 pm September until first weekend of May)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....After 9:00 am Mass
 Saturday afternoon.....4:15 pm
 The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the
 tabernacle prayer area.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Friday8:30 am
 Saturday9:00 am
St. Cletus (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 am
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....9:00 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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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

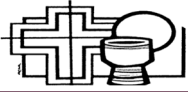
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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

All counseling services are confidential, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, our parish counselor, Patrice Nerone, from the Claret Center can be reached by phone 312-884-9879 or email patricenerone@protonmail.com.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—January 4-5, 2020

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	K. Prenger E. Kudia L. Mackenzie	L. Bannach D. Dunlap K. Kanzer M. Milligan F. Kudia D. Mulvenna K. Preussner C. Witt Lisa Young	M. Kanzer C. Cushing A. Culin		M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Barrett	M. Kalkowski S. Lindsay T. Marthaler	S. Augustyn D. Walsh P. Olson G. Rutkowski Open	J. Nisivaco D. Dudek Open		J. Augustyn
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	L. Nichol C. Crowe B. Olson	R. Barker M. Branecki V. Bracht J. Cogelja C. Froemel E. Froemel C. Pratali R. Pratali D. Sherman	E. Geraghty N. Olson Open		J. Burson
10:30 AM	Fr. Barrett	B. Boyd J. Schwister A. Sullivan	M.P. Flaherty J. Garreau M. Joscelyn A. Krol S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak G. Rutkowski P. O'Malley L. Ovník	Q. Filbin R. Nowak D. Janiszewski		P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	D. Lewis M. Weihoffen D. Newcomb	N. Dekoker K. Borawski A. Chimento Open Open	S. Parkes T. Mulcahy Open		O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Cyscon	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

Readings For The Week of December 29, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

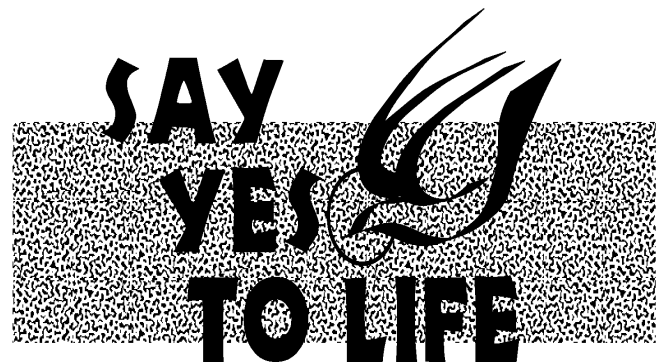
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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