



**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 5, 2023**

# LIGHT



“You are the light  
of the world.”

MATTHEW 5:14A

## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 6	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Anna Synowiec Herbert & Mary Schrack John McAndrews Patricia McCarty	Debby Dybas & Family  Monica McAndrews John Leal & Kenneth White
Tuesday, February 7	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Allen Schlicht	The Donahue Family
Wednesday, February 8	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Alex Marthaler	The McKenna Family
Thursday, February 9	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, February 10	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Dorothy Duranty	The Grimes Family
Saturday, February 11	Mass	8:30 am	Dorothy Weigand Leonard, Eunice & John Stanzyk	The Bovard Family Linda Danielson
	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Becca Mueller	The Muller Family
Sunday, February 12 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Andrew Newman	The Newman Family
	Mass	9:00 am	The Kuchler Family	Margaret Peterson
	Mass	11:00 am	Teresa Boylan	The Fielding Family
	No Mass	5:00 pm	No Mass Super Bowl Sunday	

### President's Schedule for February 4-5, 2023

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



**Next Sunday, February 12 Due to Super Bowl Sunday there will not be a 5:00 PM Mass**



### Please pray for . . .

John Amato	Mary Ellen Leslie
John Baggio	James Madden
Linda Bieniek	Lisa Massaro
Michael Cannon	Mary Jo McMahon
Jay Carroll	Patrick Morgan
Chili Challenger	Gert Ogilvie
Laurie Coughlan	Jane O'Reilly
Blake Donegan	Karen Payne
Barbara Doyle	Beth Pfluger
Matthew Doyle	Geri Pfluger
Rosemary Fanta	Madison Raupp
Lily Fielding	Anna Rose
Jim French	Pat Saraz
Lilli Gregory	Santa Snieg
Wilson Gregory	Rita Mae Spearman
Baby Poppy Harwood	Barbara Stewart
Angela Hill	John Stopka
Rose Ilo	John Strougal
Mary J.	Olivia Tarsney
Jane Jacobsen	Theresa Toher
Theresa Kandall	Quinn Whalen
Mark Kiley	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.



You prepare  
a table for me  
O LORD

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## Pastor's Letter

*Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless,  
clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own.*

*Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.*

*"Your light must shine before others."*

Isaiah 58:7-8a

Matthew 5:16

Christ's light is *given to be shared* with those who need it most. A *missionary disciple* is known more by deed than by word. We *tell the stories* of our relationship with Jesus and **give witness** through what we do for others. We become salt where society shows disinterest; we shine light to reveal and help those hidden in the shadows. We go to the very people and places that the world tells us to ignore or consider beyond hope. We cannot bring an end to poverty, injustice, or oppression; that will come with God's kingdom at the end of time. But we *work toward the coming of the kingdom* through small acts of kindness done with great love.

Many parish ministers shine Christ's light within and beyond this community. Some operate our **Food Pantry** for families in our community in need. Some support the **BEDS** program, which provides shelter for homeless men, women, and families in our area. Some are participating in efforts to assist the **Venezuelan families legally seeking asylum** in our country – a process that may take years. People donate clothing through the **Vincent de Paul boxes** in our parking lot and the Knights of Columbus annual **Winter Clothing Drive**. Our high school youth spend one week of their summer on a **Teen Mission Trip**. This weekend our teens are collecting donations to feed the hungry on **Soup-er Bowl Sunday**. Some people engage in efforts to protect the **dignity of human life** from conception through natural death; others write **cards to those in prison**. Most of our outreach ministers are unknown to us by name or actions. *May God bless them all* for being Christ's light in our name and inspiring us to reach out as they do.

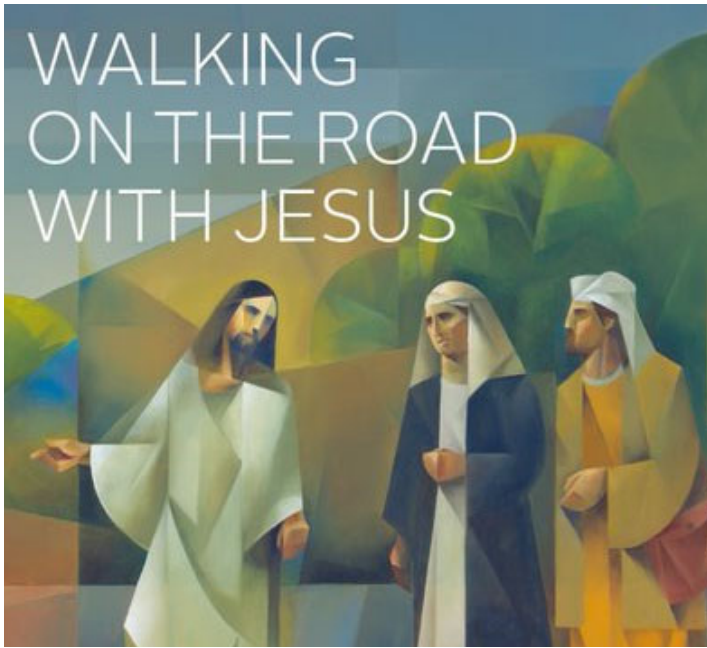
This weekend we celebrate our second parish **Name Tag Sunday**. This effort of our Hospitality ministry encourages us to become better acquainted with those who gather around us each week at Mass. Eucharist calls us to connect with one another on a personal level rather than as strangers. Word and Eucharist re-form and send us as *one Body in Christ*. We go forth as *members of one family*.

This weekend we also commission the members of the **2023 Parish Pastoral Council**. I am grateful to Chris Grech, Bernadette McMahon, and Tom Marthaler who have completed a two-year term on the PPC. Nine members have agreed to a second term: Curt Aronson, Beth DiMarco, Laura Duelm, Mike Hattie, Barb Kalnes, Marko Magajne, Tony Pangan, Carolyn Simone, and Jody Wise. They are joined by four new members: Elizabeth Cooley, Lindsey Mackenzie, Alex Ruff, and Phil Zadeik. PPC members wear gold name tags at Mass and at parish functions, and they welcome your comments, questions, and suggestions. The PPC is a diverse group of parish leaders whom I consult and trust, and who help set the direction of the parish in response to parishioner input. *May God bless them, and may the Spirit inspire them.*

Peace,

*J. Bill*

**Archdiocese of Chicago**  
2023 Annual Catholic Appeal



The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call to “walk on the road with Jesus.” Cardinal Cupich writes: “The Appeal is an occasion and a means for bridging together our efforts to support parish life, Catholic schools, programs of religious education, and various archdiocesan initiatives and outreach that include, for example, respect for life and violence reduction. The Appeal can draw us together in a unified sense of purpose.” We encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative. This year’s ACA will take place over the weekend of February 11-12.

God bless you for supporting the ACA in the past and in years to come!



**How Your Gift Was Used**  
2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

\$	3,405,927	Financially Challenged Parishes and Schools	Support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities
\$	3,833,465	Parish Rebates/ Incentives	Funds raised in excess of individual parish goals are returned to the parish for use with their local ministries
\$	1,513,841	Evangelization Efforts	Spiritual renewal efforts at parishes
\$	854,985	Priest Development	Continuing education and development for seminarians And priests ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago
\$	749,255	Scholarships for Catholic School Families	Tuition assistance for Catholic school families in need
\$	859,180	Parish Life and Divine Worship	Enhancements for liturgy and sacred music at parishes
\$	606,833	Young Adult Faith Formation	Support for youth, young adult, and campus religious education ministries
\$	559,018	Family Ministries	Programs to strengthen and support family/faith formation
\$	288,954	Human Dignity and Solidarity	Activities promoting respect for life at all stages, immigration, Kolbe House prison ministry and Peace and Justice initiatives
\$	545,000	Catholic Relief Services	Assisting the poor and vulnerable overseas
\$	13,216,458	<b>PROGRAMS TOTAL</b>	
\$	1,078,172	Cost of Appeal	Design, printing, postage, production, staff and vendors Who implement the Annual Catholic Appeal
\$	14,294,630	<b>TOTAL APPEAL</b>	



Make a *Joyful* noise

*Do you have an ear & a love for singing?  
Consider joining one of our **CHOIRS**  
for the 2023 Lenten & Easter Liturgical Season...  
Your voice is needed!*

***Gallery Choir—9:00 a.m. Mass (Sundays)***

*\*rehearsals: Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*

***Celebration Ensemble—11:00 a.m. Mass (Sundays)***

*\*rehearsals: Thursdays - 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

***Spirit Choir - 5:00 p.m. (Sundays)***

*\*voices: teens (rehearsals: prior to Mass)*

***Women's & Men's Choirs***

*\*rehearsals: MEN Tuesdays, beginning February 21 - 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.*

*WOMEN Thursdays, beginning February 23 - 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.*

*... in preparation for*

*Good Friday, April 7: Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

*WOMEN'S CHOIR - 3:00 p.m./MEN'S CHOIR - 7:00 p.m.*

**Please contact our Director of Music Ministry,  
Allen Sterwalt**

**asterwalt@sfxlg.org / 708 352-0168**

# Lent 2023

*Begins February 22nd!*



## SFX Women's Retreat 2023 Lenten Offerings **"Loaves and Fishes"**

### Opening Mass

The women of our parish are invited to the opening mass of the SFX women's retreat 2023 on Saturday, February 18 at 10:30 am. Our theme is "Loaves and Fishes" in the spirit of answering Jesus' call to bring what we have, with the promise that He will give us all we need and more.

### Lenten Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina means "divine reading" in Latin.

It's a meditative way of reading the Bible in which we attempt to let go of our own agendas, let the Spirit guide our understanding, and open ourselves up to what God is trying to say to us. Join us Tuesdays at 8:10-8:45am (beginning February 28<sup>th</sup>) in Unity Hall.

### Wednesday Morning Rosary

Women of all ages are invited to join us for this early morning rosary on Zoom. It starts at 7:15 and concludes by 7:45. It's a great way to start the day - and no need to get "camera ready" before you come. You are welcome just as you are!

### Lenten Word & Communion Service

Join us Thursday mornings at 7:30am during Lent for a special Word and Communion service, which will be led by the Women's Retreat 2023 team, but open to all parishioners and friends. Start the day exploring what God is calling us to this Lent through dedicated time with God's Word and the Eucharist. All are welcome!

### Stations of the Cross from Mary's Point of View

Join us in the Church at 7pm on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> followed by fellowship in the Courtyard Room.

### Adoration

Join us for a special time of Adoration, led by the SFX Women's Retreat 2023 team on Thursday, March 23, from 6-7pm in the church. This time of adoration will offer sacred time with the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities to engage in quiet prayer in a variety of ways. All will find a way connect with Jesus in this special time set apart just for Him.

### Bread Baking Class

Join in an online bread making class as we approach Holy Thursday and remember the sacred breaking of bread on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Get your ingredients and join via Zoom from your own kitchen or gather with a few friends to share in this hands-on class, hosted by Lee Egan (FeedMeGuideMe). Sign up to get details and Zoom link.



Scan here to sign up!

# NO GREATER LOVE

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH  
CHRIST'S PASSION

In *No Greater Love*, You Will Experience the Unconditional Love Christ Has for You

We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary.

Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today.

*No Greater Love* is a five-part Bible study program (book with accompanying video presentation [preview](#)) that begins Monday, March 6 from 7:00-8:30 in Unity Hall. To purchase the book, follow this [link](#); it is also available through on-line bookstores. If assistance is needed to purchase the book or for more information, contact Katie Kanzer at [k.f.kanzer@gmail.com](mailto:k.f.kanzer@gmail.com) or 773.860.5283. Register [here](#) or via the Lenten Faith Formation quick link on our website ([sfxlq.org](http://sfxlq.org)).

## FOLLOWING THE WORD OF GOD IN PRINT

There are two options for those who prefer to follow the readings in printed form or who have hearing issues that affect their ability to understand what is being proclaimed.

- Seasonal missalettes containing the Mass readings are available at the back of the church (please return them after Mass!)

OR

- Download the "iBreviary" app in your phone's app store. Select "pray" in the top left corner and then "readings." You can zoom in to increase text size with this option. *Note: if the app is showing the wrong date, go back to home and tap "today" in the top left corner to be sure the app has refreshed the date. Then select "pray" and "readings" again.*

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Francis Xavier began in 2005. Members knit and/or crochet shawls and lap blankets. They work with their hands and the kindness of their hearts to provide comfort and strength to those needing this support. These handmade gifts are available to anyone who reaches out to the rectory staff and mentions they would like to have a prayer shawl or lap blanket.



We welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills.

Our scheduled meetings for early 2023 will be from 7:00-8:00 PM on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 9; Thursday, March 9; Wednesday, April 12; and Thursday, May 11.

**\*\*Please note, there is a change of location for our February meeting. Attendees should come to the rectory and will be directed to the Courtyard Room.**

Any questions, please contact Mary Ellyn Witt at [newittlagrange@yahoo.com](mailto:newittlagrange@yahoo.com).

## New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social



Let's gather for a prayer service in church on **Monday, February 6th, at 6:30pm** for a special Newcomer Blessing.

Afterwards, if you are able to stay, we hope you will join us for **socializing in Unity Hall**. Fontano subs and cookies will be served.

Whether you are new to the parish, have joined us for previous Welcome Events, or have been parishioners for awhile, we hope to see you there!

**Who is invited? Parishioners who have recently joined the Parish \* Those who have considered joining officially and have not yet \* Individuals who have been members of the Parish and would like to join us \* Families with children of all ages \* ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Depending on your schedule, please join us for the prayer service at 6:30pm or the social, which will begin about 7:00pm, or BOTH!

If you are able, **please RSVP by February 2nd** to let us know you will be there. Please attend even if you do not RSVP.

RSVP and Questions call or text Laura Duelm at 708-309-9079 or email [lauraduelm@gmail.com](mailto:lauraduelm@gmail.com)

## Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of January:

Steven & Hartley Arnold  
Nicholas & Catherine Auriemma  
Jacob & Bridget Bax  
Conway & Lauren Bennett  
Matthew & Sarah Connelly  
Jacob & Sara Crawford  
Don & Janis Jaksa  
Daniele Ludovisi & Nitika Pant  
Ian & Tess Quinn  
Kaitlyn Olsick  
Micheline O'Neil  
Michael & Kathleen Smith  
Ulysses Sosa & Janet Jaimes  
Sue Svec  
John & Mary Thunander  
Brian & Holly Wohlberg



## 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.



## Food Pantry

THANK YOU for your ongoing generous support! The Food Pantry is currently in need of breakfast items -- all varieties of cereal, oatmeal and pancake mix & syrup. We currently serve about 80 families each week. Donations may be dropped off at the side door of the Rectory (off Church parking lot) on Mondays 9am-noon.



## 2022 Contribution Statements

A listing of your 2022 donations along with a letter from Fr. Bill Tkachuk has been emailed to all parishioners that started on January 26, 2023. The email comes from [notifications@ondemandmail.com](mailto:notifications@ondemandmail.com) and has the subject line of "St. Francis Xavier Contribution Statement". Please contact Parish Accountant, Jane Bandyk, at [jbandyk@sfxlg.org](mailto:jbandyk@sfxlg.org) or call 708-352-0168 with any questions.



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# GIVE TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION

## Fund a Child's Future

The **Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program** helps children from low-income homes receive scholarships that cover up to 100% of a Catholic school's tuition. Thanks to this program, thousands of students are gaining knowledge in a faith-filled environment in Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. Your support helps educate the next generation of Catholic student leaders and builds on a brighter future for all.

There is still over \$1,000,000 of matching dollars left for TCS donation for scholarships made through Empower Illinois. Your gift to SFX School could **DOUBLE** if you give while matching funds are still available!

### **What is a Tax Credit Scholarship?**

Tax Credit Scholarships cover tuition and fees for the 2023/24 school year. Children from low-income households may qualify for tax credit scholarships if their family income is less than \$79,500 per year (based on a family of four). Of the nearly 8,000 students who qualified last year, more than half remained on a waitlist for tuition assistance.

### **Cut tax liability**

You can receive a credit for your state taxes equal to 75% of your Tax Credit Scholarship donation.

For more information, please contact the TCS hotline at 312.534.2617 or [tcs@archchicago.org](mailto:tcs@archchicago.org), or visit [archchicago.org/tcs](http://archchicago.org/tcs).

### **HOW IT WORKS**

We use \$10K in this example, but any amount is needed.

#### **DONATE \$10,000**

After following the **step-by-step guide**, a taxpayer can donate \$10,000 to **Empower Illinois**, the Scholarship Granting Organization working with the archdiocese.

Designate the archdiocese's Catholic schools as the beneficiary.

#### **TAX REWARD CAN EQUAL \$7,500**

You are eligible to claim a \$7,500 tax credit on your state taxes -75 percent of your gift! This will reduce your 2023 tax liability.

#### **CORPORATE MATCHING**

Please confirm with your employer's matching gift office to see if your donation is eligible for corporate matching. Empower Illinois will provide the corporate matching gift funds to the designated school.



## Kairos Registration is Open!

Juniors and Seniors are invited to attend our Kairos 40 Retreat February 23-26, 2023, at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Lemont, IL. Registration closes February 3rd so register soon! Register on St. Francis's youth ministry web page.

## February Teen Night Hosted by St. John of the Cross

You are invited to our first ALL TEEN NIGHT of 2023! Let's start the new year in faith, fellowship and fun! Following the 5pm Teen Mass on Sunday, February 5, head to the Parish Center at St. John of the Cross for dinner, faith sharing, and a service activity. All teens will receive 1 hour of service for attending.

Start the New Year off right....won't you join us?

Please RSVP on St. Francis's or St. John's youth ministry web pages.

**St. Francis Xavier School  
Fine Arts**

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm  
Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2pm and 7pm

Purchase tickets at the gym door!  
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Music by George Stiles      Book & Lyrics by Anthony Drewe

CHRIST JESUS is the light of the world



**Webb Space Telescope:  
Illuminating the Cosmos  
Tuesday, February 7, 6:30-8:00pm (CT)  
Facilitator: Geza Gyuk**

The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), NASA's newest space telescope, a technological triumph, is poised to shake up Astronomy. Geza Gyuk, Director of Astronomy at the Adler Planetarium, will discuss some of the science that JWST is aimed at addressing, from the largest cosmological scales to the planets in our own Solar System.

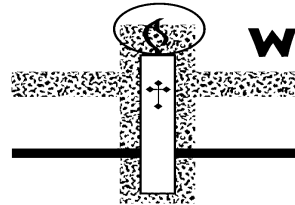
## **SFX MEN'S CLUB**

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!

Monthly meetings on the  
1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 7

Contact Matt Hubert at [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or Jack Horrigan at [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.



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## **GRADE SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday, February 11, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm**

**St. Mary School, 97 Herrick Road, Riverside (Parish Center and Oak Room)**

**Grades K-8**

**Presented by:** St. Mary Golden Bishops Chess Club and Chess Scholars

**2 Divisions:** Grades K-3 and 4-8; everyone plays 5 rounds

**Cost:** \$58.25, includes pizza lunch and beverage; packaged snacks available for sale

**Time:** Check in at **9:30-9:45 am**; 1st round starts at 10 am

Top ten scorers in each division will receive trophies and medals; best school team in each division will receive trophies.

A guardian must be present for any child 11 and under.

**SIGN UP INFO:** <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>

Enter code **SMR2.11.23**

Register no later than February 10. Walk-in registrations available if space allows.

**MORE INFO:** Chess Scholars, 847-482-9999 or [registration@learningmeansfun.com](mailto:registration@learningmeansfun.com)

No advance refunds will be made due to illness or other circumstances.

NO admittance allowed with signs of illness.

## JOB OPENING AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



We are looking for a full time Custodian Worker to work first shift Tuesday through Saturday. The custodian is responsible for performing janitorial duties, minor maintenance, and other miscellaneous duties to ensure buildings and facilities are maintained in a healthy, safe, and sanitary manner. Some examples of duties include:

- Clean, mop, and vacuum offices, classrooms, cafeteria, gym, rectory, sanctuary, stairways, etc.
- Maintain outside grounds (raking, grass cutting, watering, garbage, snow removing).
- Perform and/or report minor maintenance repairs in the building, church and school.
- Set up and take down chairs, tables and equipment during special church or school events, and work in a custodial capacity during these events as needed.

For more information or to send in your resume/qualifications, email our Facility Manager, Antonio Franceschi, at [afranceschi@sfxlg.org](mailto:afranceschi@sfxlg.org).

## Help Wanted

Hitzeman Funeral Home is looking to expand their team. We are seeking a caring and professional individual to fulfill our Funeral Care Manager position. He/she will be working directly with our families before, during and after services. This consultative position does not require a Funeral Director License. We are looking for an individual with their insurance license or interested in obtaining their licensure. Benefits and compensation negotiable. Flexible hours available, from part time to a (preferred) full time position.

Please send your contact information and your resume to: [info@hitzemanfuneral.com](mailto:info@hitzemanfuneral.com). If you have any questions please call 708-485-2000.

## Interfaith Career Network

### Quarterly Resume Review

Join us on Saturday, February 11 from 9-11 am for a helpful 20 minute, one-on-one conversation with a HR or other search related professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 W. 55th Street in LaGrange.

Visit us at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.com](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com) for additional resources.

### Mid-Career Job Search Techniques for Success

Are you over the age of 50? Many mid-career job seekers have concern of age bias when in search of new opportunities. There are ways to enter the competition with more confidence when you overcome some of these natural concerns. Panelists Eileen Paliakas and Jim Fix are two mid-career professionals who have recently landed great jobs. They will share their experiences including the obvious suggestions, the less obvious and what may potentially waste your time. Please join us on Thursday, February 16 from 7-9 pm. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Visit us at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.com](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com) for additional resources.



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

**Rev. William Tkachuk**  
**Rev. Richard Milek**  
**Andrew Allison**  
**Phil Gianatasio**  
**Margaret McMahon**  
**Mary Freeman**  
**Rev. William Killeen**  
**Rev. Stan Ilo**

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## Education Ministry

Parish School Principal  
Assistant Principal  
School Office Coordinator  
Parish School Secretary  
Advancement Director  
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## Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-7:30 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.