



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

HOSANNA!

— MARK 11:9 —

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, March 25	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack	
Tuesday, March 26	Mass	8:30 am	Agnes McAndrews Lesley Harvey	Monica McAndrews The Harvey Family
Wednesday, March 27	Mass Tenebrae	8:30 am 7:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Thursday, March 28 Holy Thursday	Morning Prayer Living Stations Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 7:00 pm		
Friday, March 29 Good Friday	Morning Prayer Service Service	8:30 am 3:00 pm 7:00 pm		
Saturday, March 30 Easter Vigil	Morning Prayer Basket Blessing Mass	8:30 am 1:00 pm 8:00 pm		
Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday	Mass Church Mass Church Mass Gym Mass Church Mass Gym	7:30 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 11:00 am 11:15 am		

Presider's Schedule for March 23-24, 2024

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

Please pray for . . .

Dave Armstrong	Jessi Rita Hoffman
John Baggio	Tiffany Kahn
Ed Barrett	Eleanor Love
Albert Boemo	Patrick Morgan
Angela Bowman	Rosemary Nash
Dick Callahan	Geri Pfluger
Blake Donegan	Laureen Rabe
Barbara Doyle	Rita Mae Spearman
Matthew Doyle	John Stopka
Pat Eaton	Richard Szatkowski
Kathy Gleason	Olivia Tarsney
Lilli Gregory	Theresa Toher
Angela Hill	

To add a name to the prayer list 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:

Bill DeJonge
Husband of Mary
Father of Ryan

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Goli Zamyad & Sean Connolly
Aly LaMantia & Jack Richter
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Pastor's Letter

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Mark 15:34

These are the last words of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. What we now read as the last twelve verses of the gospel are believed to have been added some time later. Scholars think that Mark had intended to emphasize the power of the resurrection to gradually transform the trembling, bewilderment, and fear of the first witnesses to the empty tomb into a vibrant community of believers who would become confident and bold witnesses to the Resurrected Christ. Perhaps the early Christians insisted that Mark amend his gospel and tell the rest of the story. After all, isn't it much harder to sit with the bewilderment of suffering, death, and an empty tomb for which there is no easy explanation?

Throughout the first half of Mark's gospel, Jesus heals the sick and drives out demons. In each instance, he asks the healed person not to tell anyone; of course, they cannot keep their good fortune to themselves. However, Mark uses this device not to present the "humility" of Jesus, as much as this is true. Rather, Mark presents Jesus insisting that his mission involves both healing and suffering, glory and passion. At the midpoint of Mark's gospel, Jesus is transfigured before a few of his disciples as he converses with Moses and Elijah. It is a vision of glory that will come only through his loving sacrifice.

Jesus leads his disciples down from the mountain; they wonder what he means when Jesus refers to "rising from the dead." From that point forward, Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem. Several times he attempts to explain to his disciples that in Jerusalem he will be rejected, undergo much suffering, and die on a cross. Yet they are unable to accept what he is saying. Quite the opposite, they change the subject; they argue about who will have the best "place" when Jesus comes into his kingdom. It is easy to predict that they will abandon him in his hour of suffering.

The mission of Jesus was to reveal God's deep love for us: both through restoring people to wholeness and through becoming the sacrifice that would bring us life. His death on the Cross changed everything. But Mark shows us that, even as we were being restored to life through his death, the crowd mocked and jeered; and all but a few of his followers had fled in fear. The death of Jesus brings to fulfillment what God was willing to do to save us; yet the mission of proclaiming what Jesus had done for us would be handed on to those who would come to believe: to this day and until the end of time as we know it.

So, **what is our witness to others as we move through this Holy Week?** Do we proclaim Christ crucified and God's victory over sin and death as our reason to hope? Will we participate in the opportunities of this week to be present to what Jesus has done for us through his self-giving, both in the Eucharist and on the Cross? Will we proclaim to those in despair or who feel abandoned that **God is at their side**. Are we willing to accompany them on their journey with Christ through passion to new glory?

Many parishioners offer their time and talent through the music, environment, proclamation, and coordination of the services in which we journey with Jesus on the three holiest days of the Church year. **Join us** to the extent you are able. **Invite your family, friends, and neighbors** to join us for the celebrations of Easter Sunday. Be ready and willing **to make room and to welcome** the visitors, travelers, and newcomers who occupy your "regular" seats. Help them to feel welcome among us.

Holy Week Blessings,

J. Bill

St. Francis Xavier Church Holy Week Services 2024

Wednesday—March 27th

Tenebrae 7:00 pm
Church open until 9:00 pm

Holy Thursday—March 28th

Morning Prayer 8:30 am/Living Stations 9:00 am
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
Church open until 10:00 pm

Good Friday—March 29th

Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 and 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday—March 30th

Morning Prayer 8:30 am
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 1:00 pm
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm
(No 5:00 pm Mass)

Easter Sunday—March 31st

Masses at 7:30, 9:00* and 11:00 am Church
Masses at 9:15 and 11:15 am SFX School
Gym
(No 5:00 pm Mass)

*This mass will be live-streamed.

Hope springs
eternal



You are invited to donate at the
blood drive below:

Tuesday, April 2, 2024—3:00-7:00 pm

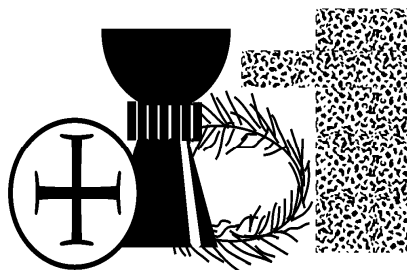
St. Francis Xavier Gym
145 North Waiola Avenue
(Ogden Avenue and Waiola Avenue
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schedules/drive_schedule/5606992](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5606992)



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Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.



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and glory
of the LORD*

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Holy Thursday Collection

Our parish Holy Thursday collection will be used to: (1) support Taller de Jose, a Congregation of St Joseph ministry of accompaniment, (2) purchase Welcome Packs of household items for refugee families who have been invited to resettle in the Chicago area through the US Resettlement Program and (3) support migrants living in the area.



To make a donation, please go to:
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/167/event/32141>
or scan the QR Code to lead you to the donation site.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Freeman,
Director of Community Outreach mfreeman@sfxlg.org.

Thank you for *Welcoming the Stranger* through your
prayers and generous monetary support!



St. Francis Xavier Parish

TENEBRAE

A SERVICE OF DARKNESS



Presider/Lector: Susie Lehuta

Commentator: Thom Serafin

Music: Celebration Ensemble

Come, and be a part of a beautiful tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. This service, through music and scripture, portrays the final hours of our Lord's life on earth, as he suffered death upon the cross. Candles are extinguished one by one to symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The complete darkness at the end of the service portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it.

Wednesday, March 27—7:00 p.m.



The St. Francis Xavier School is one of the many wonderful ministries within the St. Francis Xavier Parish. We are fortunate to have an active School Advisory Board (SAB) that works throughout the year on behalf of our school and parish community. The purpose of the SAB is to:

- Review and recommend policies that govern the operation of the school;
- Advise the Pastor in hiring the principal;
- Review and comment on the annual budget and assist with the development of sources for school funding, including tuition rates;
- Participate in the school's development, student recruitment efforts, and long-range plans;
- Help accomplish the goals and objectives of the St. Francis Xavier Parish School Mission Statement;
- Participate in the implementation of the school Strategic Plan;
- Listen to and communicate with parishioners and school parents; and
- Promote and publicize the school.

The SAB currently consists of twelve (12) members who each serve a three-year term. Each member is assigned to one of the five standing committees of the SAB. The standing committees are listed below:

1. Catholic Identity Committee
2. Strategic Planning Committee
3. Finance Committee
4. Development Committee
5. Marketing/Communications Committee

The SAB is looking for talented and energetic individuals to replace **four (4)** outgoing SAB members.

Interested in Becoming a School Advisory Board Member?

The School Advisory Board is currently accepting applications. Are you a:

- parent (guardian) of a school student? It's never too early or too late.
- parent (guardian) of a religious education student? We welcome your unique insights.
- parishioner? possibly even an alumna/us of SFX? Candidates need not be parents.
- marketing, legal or educational (teaching and/or administrative) talent? We have a particular need in these fields.

The School Advisory Board requires a diversity of backgrounds and skill sets, *so any absence of the above characteristics **should not discourage those whose talents lie elsewhere from applying.*** All submissions for candidacy are valued!

For more information regarding the School Advisory Board and the application process, **any interested parishioner or school parent (guardian)** can refer to the St. Francis Xavier School Web site (sfxlq.org) or contact School Advisory Board member Michael West at west.michael.a@gmail.com or 312-405-3242. If you intend to apply, please notify Michael West of the same no later than **March 31, 2024.**

STEWARDSHIP



Devote Time with God

Share Talent

Give Treasure

Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report Fiscal Year 7/1/23-6/30/24

Through February (the 8th month) of the fiscal year:

Total Sunday and Christmas Collection:	\$ 1,245,187
Targeted Offertory Budget based on 5% increase:	\$ 1,242,000 (See Note 1)
Total Collected through 8 months Last Year:	\$ 1,186,581

Total Annual Offertory Budget:	\$ 1,846,000
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What better to feature this month than the sacred Triduum? This year, the Triduum starts on Thursday evening (March 28) and lasts three days. Despite my decades of Catholicism, I had no idea what went into a parish preparing for these three most holy of days until I started working at St. Francis Xavier almost 10 years ago.

On Holy Thursday, *every parish staff member* has responsibilities as we prepare and celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Lent officially ends that afternoon, and we enter into a "direct expression of our service to one another and the world" and a liturgy of "the Eucharistic banquet itself." My duties include preparing the six hand-washing stations with bowls of water and hand towels. Members of staff tend these stations in an act of service which we will never forget – to pour water over your hands as we say, "As Jesus has done for us, so we will do for others." Amen!

On Good Friday, the Facilities team and our pastoral staff work with our Arts and Environment group, sacristans, musicians, liturgy team members, and lighting coordinators to prepare the church for this most solemn day of the year. A 6-foot high cross is brought into church for the veneration. We begin the Service of the Lord's Passion in silence, and "the passion narratives are proclaimed in full so that all see vividly the love of Christ for each person.... It is the glorious, the life-giving cross that the faithful venerate with song, prayer, and kneeling." Our deacons lead us through the passion narrative. Over the service's approximately 90 minutes, the depth of God's love surrounds all in the church and we worship in awe of Jesus' sacrifice for our salvation.

On the morning of Holy Saturday, we "make ready for this night's great Vigil." To name just a few preparations: beautifying the church, Unity Hall, and gymnasium; practicing with those who will be fully initiated as Catholics; setting up the lighting; and staffing enough ushers and Eucharistic Ministers to receive 3,000 people. In the midst of the Vigil Service, Easter arrives: our souls absorb the hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*. We celebrate the joyful Eucharist and give thanks for Jesus' Resurrection. **How did I not realize the breadth of coordination required, and the depth of the grace received, in preparing for and partaking in each day of the Triduum?**

Your offertory and Easter donations are an important part of bringing the Triduum to life here at St. Francis Xavier Parish! God bless you for your stewardship!

Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Development

(Quoted remarks above are excerpts from our new hymnals in the church pews.)



Note 1: The budget was approved based on a 5% offertory increase over last year and the use of about \$90,000 in parish savings to cover the budget deficit. Through February, our offertory is running in alignment with the budgeted 5% increase, and we continue to project a \$90,000 deficit.

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How Can I Help? - Offer Your Time – Volunteer

We need volunteers at store fronts collecting food, at the St. Francis Xavier parking lot on April 6 for drop offs, and drivers to pick up food. Volunteer at our sign-up genius at [click here](#).

Feed the Hungry

Drop off Donations in the St. Francis Xavier church parking lot on April 6, between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 noon. Text F4FPICKUP to 708-738-5930 or email to council6483@gmail.com to have our volunteers collect your food donations at your home.

Be a Financial Giver

Your cash donations benefit the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry and the Chicago Food Depository. The need is great. Any amount donated is appreciated.

Donate Online To

St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry sites.google.com/view/kofclg/food-for-families or point your phone camera at the QR code to the right and click or text F4FSFX to 708-738-5930 or email council6483@gmail.com.



For more information, please call or text Craig Jacklin at 708-738-5930 or email council6483@gmail.com.

This good cause, twice each year in April and October, is a partnership of the Knights of Columbus, SFX Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and the local community. Thank you!

**10th Annual All Parish Service Day!
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024**



**Shelter Homeless Feed Hungry Bury Dead
Clothe Naked Care for Sick Visit Imprisoned**

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to lead an outreach team, please contact:
Mary Freeman, Director Of Community Outreach mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.

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.

Our scheduled meetings in Unity Hall are as follows:

Thursday, April 11 from 7:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, May 8 from 7:00-8:00 PM

We welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills. Any questions, contact Mary Ellyn Witt at newittlagrange@yahoo.com.

Religious Education News



*Registration for our 2024- 2025
K – 8 Religious Education Program is now open (as of 3/16/24)!*

We are happy to continue to offer two in-person sessions and a virtual option for families for the 2024-2025 school year.

Our options are:

- In person bi-monthly grade level program held on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday afternoons.
- Our virtual asynchronous grade level program has lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays and is best for families with busy schedules.

Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass at least twice a month and will receive a separate weekly Google form to complete for “car ride” home liturgy discussions in our Weekly Parent Newsletter.

Please don't delay in registering your children today as classes fill up fast!

*Families who register by April 24th
will be entered into a raffle for free tuition.
The drawing will take place at our last class in person event on April 28th.
You must be present at the event to win!*

Visit our website for complete information on registration, tuition and calendar:

<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education>

Click the quick link “RE Registration Information for 2024-2025” on the left-hand side of the page to register.

End of the Year Fundraiser



The SFX Religious Education Program is partnering up with Aracely's Bakery and selling their delicious tamales for our end of year fundraiser. We hope for this to be our biggest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds will support our program and students. We are asking all our families and community for support. We will be taking pre-orders for the tamales and will only have a limited quantity available for sale the day of pick up.

Tamale Options: Pork in Red (Rojo) sauce or
Chicken in Green (Verde) sauce

You can order in quantities of a dozen or a half dozen.

Order deadline is April 19, 2024



[Click Here](#) for the link or scan the QR code below and it will take you directly to the order form page to order and pay for your tamales.



Pick up for the tamales will be at our End of the Year Religious Education Event which will be held in the Education Parking Lot off of Waiola on Sunday, April 28th from 1:30-3:00pm. Thank you so much for your continued support!

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TIM GANNON
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St. Francis Xavier parish member
volunteer & good friend
tim@gannon.com

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Saturday, April 27, 2024
6PM - 11PM
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MOM CAMP - CABLE LAKE, MI



Ladies, take a break and head to the lake for Mom Camp!
You'll enjoy time with SFX mom's and friends while sitting at the beach, kayaking or making S'mores around the bonfire and enjoying your beverage of choice. Pack your bag for this one night stay at a home generously donated by SFX family and friends in Cable Lake, MI. Transportation, lodging, food, drinks, and all camp activities included. Depart Sat., Sept. 14 and return Sun., Sept. 15, 2024 Tickets are \$150 ea. and only 50 will be sold!

Don't miss this night of laughter, drinks and endless stories!

SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW

SOUND THE ALARM!
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One family will enjoy breakfast at the Franklin Park Firehouse with the firefighters, tour the firehouse and fire trucks and much more!

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THANK YOU for YOUR SUPPORT!

For more information, go to: onecau.se/sfx2024



Teens Needed for Ministries at 5PM Sunday Mass

Being part of the liturgy is such a special gift. And our 5PM Sunday Evening Mass is for teens and run by teens, but we need your help! Since our Confirmation Prep has shifted to 7th and 8th Grade, we are inviting these students to take part in the Mass as ushers and choir members (singing or instrumental). Below you will find the Teen Mass schedule for the rest of the school year. Please review the available slots to usher and sign up for one by clicking on this link: [Click Here](#) or by scanning the QR code.

We need at least four ushers for each Mass. A reminder email/text will be sent to you the week prior to the Sunday's you signed up to usher for. If you are in 8th Grade and are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister please see Katie McCarthy after one of the 5PM Masses or email her at kmccarthy@getblueprint.com.



Thank you and we can't wait to see all of our teens involved!



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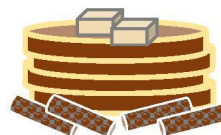
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St. Cletus Holy Name Society Pancake Breakfast



The St. Cletus Holy Name Society is having its Annual Pancake Breakfast **this Sunday March 24**, in the St. Cletus Parish Center, from 7:00 am to 12:30 pm. Cost \$10 adults - \$5 kids 12 and under.



SUMMER 2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IMPORTANT NEWS AND SAVE THE DATE!

The Parish Pastoral Council is excited to announce that SFX will be partnering with Grace Lutheran for a Vacation Bible School Program. The Summer 2024 VBS will run the week of June 24th (Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm) so mark your calendars now as you plan your summer activities.

Registration for VBS will open at the end of January. More details about how and where to register as well as volunteer opportunities will be provided early next year. In addition to parent volunteers we will be looking for teen volunteers, a great way to get service hours.

For those of you not familiar with Vacation Bible School, the program is a faith based, one week long (mornings only) filled with fun indoor and outdoor activities. It is open for pre-K through 5th grade children. 6th through 8th graders can participate in a "service crew" which spends the week doing service projects in the community.

The PPC is very excited about providing the opportunity to the SFX community. Watch the bulletin and the SFX Facebook page for more details. You can reach out to Phil Zadeik at pjzadeik@gmail.com for further information about VBS and volunteer opportunities at this time.



DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

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Divine Mercy Sunday APRIL 7, 2024

2:30 PM RECONCILIATION
IN SFX CHURCH

3:00 PM—HOLY HOUR WITH THE
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



(REFLECTION ON DIVINE MERCY,
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYER,
SILENT ADORATION, AND BENEDICTION).

The Feast of Mercy or Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated in many countries, dioceses and parishes for many years. Pope John Paul II, the Cardinals, Bishops and Priests who have read the diary of St. Faustina have come to appreciate the significance of this feast. But now, ever since the Holy See had decreed that the "Second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday," many more are seeking to go more deeply into the words of Our Lord to St. Faustina that were meant for all humanity.

Pope John Paul II in his homily at the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000 said: "Jesus shows His hands and His side. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity".

The image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, is to have a special place of honor on the Feast of Mercy, a visual reminder of all that Jesus did for us through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection...and a reminder, too, of what He asks of us in return—to trust Him and be merciful to others.

The Eucharist is the "Fountain of Life". The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.

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- ✓ Daily Art Class
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SFX Summer Camp

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La Grange, IL 60525

Registration Link

<https://sfxcamp.campbrainregistration.com>

More Information (708) 352-2175 or camp@sfxlg.org





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

- **Sgt. FC Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Green Beret 10th Special Forces Group**—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**—son of Jon Peterson
- **Major Marcos Melendez, USMC**—nephew of Jon Peterson
- **Major Michelle Melendez, USMC** niece of Jon Peterson
- **Capt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—son 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
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **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
- **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.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

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Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
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Director of Stewardship and Development
Parish Accountant
Pastor's Secretary
Parish Secretary
Staff Secretary
Facilities Manager

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Jane Bandyk
Maureen Pipal
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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30 am-7:00 pm
Friday.....8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 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 7:00-8:00 pm

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 9:30 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 sfxing@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

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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