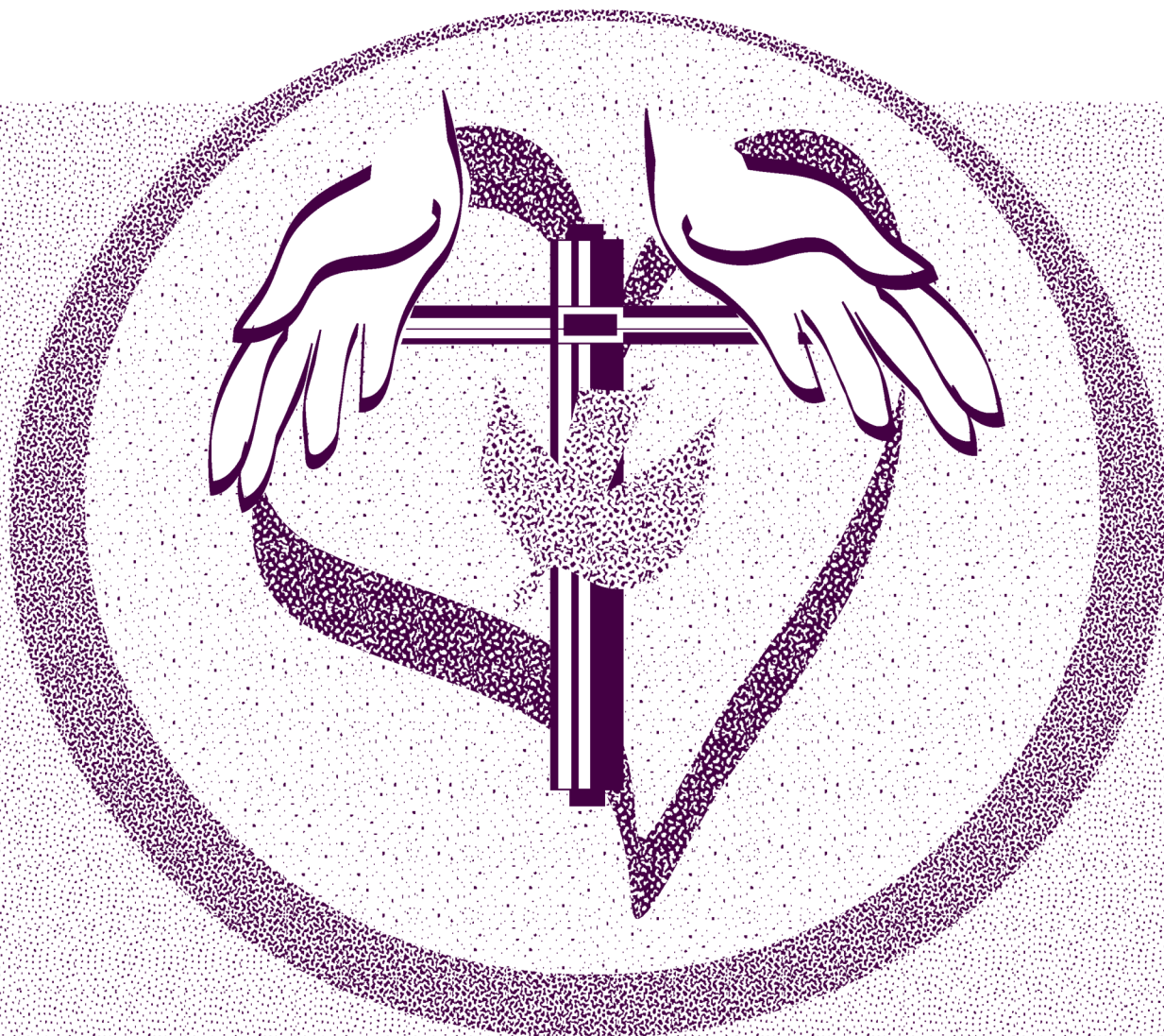


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

5th Sunday of Lent

March 29, 2020



If the SPIRIT of GOD
who raised JESUS from the dead
dwells in you, GOD will give life
to your mortal body also,
through his SPIRIT dwelling in you

5th Week of Lent
Monday, March 30
Tuesday, March 31
Wednesday, April 1
Thursday, April 2
Friday, April 3
Saturday, April 4
Sunday, April 5 Palm Sunday

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Community,

We welcome you to Sunday Mass at St. Francis Xavier. Beginning last weekend, a pre-recorded Sunday Mass was posted and will continue to be posted on the parish website (www.sfxlg.org), and on Facebook and Instagram. We encourage you to worship with others at the time you usually attend Mass on weekends. In addition to this link, we are providing words to the hymns being sung. Be daring and join the virtual choir that will be singing with you throughout the LaGrange area. Let us hold one another in communion.

And please send your feedback to wtkachuk@sfxlg.org. Your feedback will help us make adjustments in the weeks to come.

Peace,
Fr. Bill Tkachuk


Please Pray For...

Sue Beyer	Patrick Morgan
Jack Boyd	Mike Morrison
Jay Carroll	Bernice Niemiec
Chili Challenger	Bert Ogilvie
Americo DiGianfillippo	Arnold Oppenheim
Anthony Dina	Jane O'Reilly
Blake Donegan	Shawna Palazzolo
Lily Fielding	Ryan Patyk
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Donna Pekarek
Lilli Gregory	Norma Pentracosta
Wilson Gregory	James Pridmore
Brian Hahn	Madison Raupp
Patricia Hassler	Anna Rose
Linda Hillsman	Marilyn Rutkowski
Rose Ilo	Matthew Schiek
Mary J.	Larry Skippet
Jane Jacobsen	Greyson Stanley
Michael Janus	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Theresa Kandall	Anne Titzer
Mark Kiley	Michael Ungari
Benny Kilman	Gregory Van Gorp
Jerry Kolman	Carl Walsh
Lou Ellen Krueger	Marian Ward
Margaret LaFrener	Liz Wilk
	Malcolm Young

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

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

Born Into Eternal Life



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

William P. Sifferman
Father of Bill Sifferman

Frank Blazina

Eleuterio Salinas

Readings For The Week of
March 29, 2020

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54



Pastor's Notes

*"Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.
Do you believe this?"*
John 11:26

I was at my mother's hospice bedside a few hours before she would leave us. She had that Irish streak that insisted that you never spoke of unpleasant subjects unless absolutely necessary. As a result, there had been no mention, let alone discussion, of death with her priest son. But that day was different. She opened the door that she knew I was waiting to enter. She shared her fears of "what comes next." In response, I shared my belief in the loving, merciful God that would be there to embrace her and welcome her home. I chose my words carefully; I sense that it was important that I speak from the heart and mean each and every thing that I said. When I had finished my "confession of faith," she looked into my eyes and said, "Do you believe this?" I did not hesitate to say "Yes."

Four days later, I sat in my car looking out on a nature preserve near the family home, praying about what gospel I would recommend and what I would say in the homily. My mother's words came to me: "Do you believe this?" I knew the gospel that would be proclaimed at her funeral Mass. And then I smiled through my tears. For at that moment, I was not sure whether I had been comforting my mother in the hours before her death, or she had been comforting me for the hours that would come after her death. I knew that the faith we shared in Christ Jesus was a promise of life for us both.

What entombs you at this moment? In the gospel, Martha is entombed by her anger at the Lord's delay in responding to her call. Mary is entombed by her profound grief. Lazarus is literally entombed yet seemingly still in a place between life and death.

Jesus calls all three of them out from their tombs. Martha must trust that God is with her at each moment, whether her specific prayer is answered or not. Mary must let go of the grief that has paralyzed her, and that for a time separates her from God's comfort. And Lazarus must be willing to make the first move from the sleep of death back into life, allowing his friends to remove some of the bindings that he cannot remove by himself.

Some of us may be feeling entombed by what we have been asked to do to keep others safe from COVID-19. Yet when taking a walk last Sunday, I saw the cheerful chalk messages on neighborhood sidewalks; I saw crocuses blooming on lawns and the first daffodil along the side of the rectory. I learned of a friend of my sisters who encourages everyone to light a candle in the window each night as a prayer and a sign of hope. I experienced the generosity of people who called the parish to see how they could help, the gracious donations to the Food Pantry, and the sacrifice of volunteers who carried bags of food to cars to observe social distancing and of the sacrifice of volunteers who stayed home to avoid unnecessary risks.

Hear your name spoken today when Jesus shouts, "_____, come out!" Believe in the one who has conquered sin and death and the power of the coronavirus to isolate us. Believe in the one who is with us at every moment; who brings hope to each situation even if not always in the way we would want. Believe in the one who died that we might live, and in whom we too have died that we will live.

Lenten Joy,

F. Bill

Reflection on the Fifth Sunday of Lent

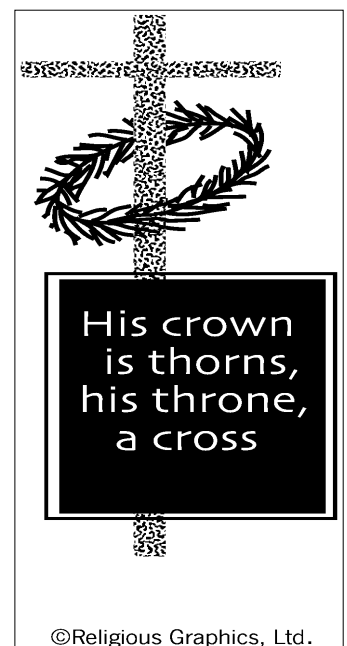
Liturgy Planning Team #3

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

We are called today to come out of the tombs of our hardness of heart, out of the graves of our fears and selfishness, of everything that keeps us imprisoned. Heed the Lord's call to life, to rise with him to joy and love and freedom.

Jesus does a great miracle: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus comes out of the tomb, comes back to life, because Jesus calls him to live. This miracle is amazing and one we would all like to see. The thing is, every day, Jesus calls each of us to live. Every day, Jesus calls us to come out into the world, and we answer this miraculous call to life by caring for each other.

Look on life with the eyes of faith, to see exactly what you see now but to see it in a different way. To do this, allow Jesus to rise you up to new life. The resurrection is not just something in the future, Jesus offers life *now*. The new life in the resurrection is for *now*.



Ringing of the Church Bells

Because some churches do not have bells, we ask parishioners to set their alarms so that they can stop for a moment to join in this common prayer.

Beginning Saturday, March 21, the prayers and intentions for each hour of prayer are below:



9:00 a.m. - Prayer for those infected with the virus and all who are ill.

Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

12:00 p.m. - Prayer for health care workers and those attending to the sick.

Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

3:00 p.m. - Prayer for first responders and essential workers.

Lord, we pray for those who run to danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

6:00 p.m. - Prayer for people of every nation and their leaders.

Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray for people of every nation and their leaders, asking that they be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

9:00 p.m. - Prayer for those who have died today.

Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Sharing The Light

Leave a light/candle shining in your front window each night:



- for those who are traveling to get home safely;
- for those who are ill, to recover;
- for those who are lonely, to see friendship;
- for those in fear, to see a sign of comfort;
- for researchers, caregivers and all working night/day for our safety, to be strengthened by the warmth of gratitude

I will be putting a light in my window.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to
receive You into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this
moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually
into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if
You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You.**

Amen.

Neighborhood Window Walk

All you do is put pictures of the weekly theme in your window so parents can then take their children out for a walk and search for said theme. Gives parents and their children a reason to get fresh air without being in large groups.



March 29th
Flowers

April 1
Jokes!

April 4th
Easter Eggs



Sew...We Need Your Help!

If you can sew, we need your help! Disposable face masks are in short supply and fabric masks can help our healthcare workers and senior citizens. There are many designs online but simple is best. The instructions below for a simple mask can be adapted depending on what you have available. Tightly woven cotton fabric is best. If you don't have flannel for the lining, use two layers of cotton fabric. If you don't have elastic, use bias tape or fabric to edge the short end of the mask and make 10-12" ties on each corner.



A collection box has been placed in the vestibule of the Oak Lawn Village Hall by the police desk on the west side of the building. The address of the Village Hall is:
9446 Raymond Avenue
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Please put your completed masks in a plastic bag and drop them in the box. They will be distributed as needed to local health care providers, nursing homes, etc.

For any questions please email community.mask.initiative@gmail.com
Dig into your fabric stash and be creative! Happy sewing!

Since many stores will be mandatory closed, fabric can be purchased at Walmart, Amazon or mail order from Joann Fabrics.

How to make a Face Mask

Materials Needed:

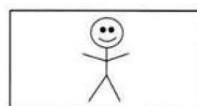
Fabric 1 - Cotton Fabric

Fabric 2 - Cotton or Flannel for the backing

1/8" Flat elastic (If you don't have elastic, use bias tape or fabric to edge the short end of the mask and make 10-12" ties on each corner.)

1. Put right sides of cotton fabric together.
2. Cut 9" x 6"
3. Starting along one of the 9" sides from about 3 inches from the corner, begin sewing the bottom edge, sew to the first corner, stop. Place the elastic into the corner and sew back and forth a couple of times to make sure it is secure.
4. Continue sewing along the 6" side and stop before the corner. Bring the other end of that same elastic to the corner and sew back and forth a couple of times.
5. Next sew across the top of the mask to the next corner. Again put the elastic in the corner and sew back and forth.
6. Continue sewing to the next corner and place the elastic into the corner and sew back and forth.
7. Sew across the bottom leaving about 1.5" to 2" open. Stop, cut the thread. Turn in-side out.
8. Pin 3 tucks on each side of the mask. Make sure the tucks are the same direction.
9. Sew around the edge of the mask twice.

Be sure the fabric design is place horizontally.



RIGHT



ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

The Archdiocese has issued the following guidelines for celebration of the Anointing of the Sick until further notice.

“Under the State’s exemption for essential services, the Archdiocese of Chicago is including Anointing of the Sick as an essential service. However, **out of an abundance of caution only a select number of priests will be allowed to administer this sacrament to any confirmed COVID-19 patients until further notice.** When a request is made for a priest to administer this sacrament, the priest must inquire if the ill person is a confirmed COVID-19 patient.

- **If no**, the priest may proceed under the following guidelines.
- The priest must maintain social distance with everyone present so as to offer comfort without making physical contact.
 - The priest must wash or sanitize his hands with soap and warm water both before entering the room and after leaving.
 - The anointing must be done with a cotton-tipped swab or a cotton ball which will be burned or buried after use.
 - Bleach wipes or soap and water will be used to sanitize all supplies both before and after the anointing.
 - If the sacrament is celebrated in a health care facility, the priest must follow the protocols and protective guidelines of that facility.
- **If yes**, the family must be notified that, due to guidelines set forth by the archdiocese to ensure everyone’s health, another priest must take the call and that the family will be contacted by that priest. Explain to the family members that out of an abundance of caution **only a select number of our priests are allowed to administer this sacrament to any confirmed COVID-19 patients until further notice.** (4 priests will be designated priests in each Vicariate who are under age 60 and in good health). These priests will follow special precautions established by the Archdiocese.”

CHRISTIAN BURIALS

The Archdiocese has issued the following guidelines for funeral services and burials until further notice.

“Burials at Catholic Cemeteries may continue and are not suspended at this time; however, attendance limit and social distancing requirements apply per below. Please note that our churches are still closed; therefore, funeral Masses are not possible.

However, if a family requests a funeral, there are two options:

1. A funeral service, not a Mass, may take place at the funeral home
 - a. the limit for attendees remains 10 people at this time (inclusive of the funeral director, priest, mourners, etc.)
 - b. All attendees must practice social distancing
2. A funeral service may take place graveside at the cemetery before committal/burial.
 - a. the limit for attendees remains 10 people at this time (inclusive of the funeral director, priest, mourners, etc.)
 - b. All attendees must practice social distancing”

Please note that the family can plan to celebrate a Funeral Mass at the church once restrictions have been lifted, even when the burial already has occurred.

RECONCILIATION WHILE CHURCHES ARE CLOSED

The Archdiocese has provided the following information regarding celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation while churches are closed.

“Individual confessions are currently not possible; this includes virtual or phone confessions, which are never permissible, nor drive-thru confessions. Despite the good intentions around such novelty, we must attend to our underlying theological tradition of the sacrament, as well as support the stay-at-home order and its intended purpose – to keep people safe in their homes at this time. In keeping with longstanding pastoral practice when penitents’ access to the sacrament is restricted, they can be assured that their sins are forgiven if they make an act of contrition with a firm resolve to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the stay-at-home order is lifted. The faithful should be encouraged to pray particular prayers or meditate on passages of the bible ... to assist them in seeking the mercy and forgiveness of God and the grace of reconciliation.”

I suggest the parables in Chapter 15 of Luke’s gospel.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE

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

The purpose of the School Advisory Board is to:

- Develop, formulate, and adopt policies which govern the operation of the School
- Review and advise on the annual budget and determine sources of funding for the School
- Provide counsel and advise on the operation of the School
- Participate in the school's development, student recruitment efforts, and long-range plans
- Assist in obtaining the goals and objectives of the St. Francis Xavier School Mission Statement
- Promote the School and support the School's public relations and marketing efforts

The Board currently consists of eleven members who each serve a three-year term. Each Board member serves on one of the following committees:

- Catholic Identity
- Development
- Finance
- Marketing/Communications
- Strategic Planning

Interested in Becoming a School Advisory Board Member?

*****FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/2020*****

The St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board is accepting applications for a three-year term on the Board. Wonder what it takes or how the process works? Below are some common questions people have about becoming a board member.

Common Questions:

- Do you need to have experience on a board or have a career in education? NO, you do not need to have prior experience on a school board or experience in education to apply.
- How much time is this commitment? We meet once per month plus 1-2 supplementary meetings each month. Expect approximately 6-8 hours per month.
- Do you need to have a child at the school to apply? NO, we encourage parent (guardian) of a Religious Education student, young adult parishioners and alumna/us of SFX. Candidates need not be parents of current SFX students.
- How does the application/selection process work? There is a one page application, a face-to-face meeting with the members of the Board and then the Board votes on the slate of applicants.

To receive an application or for more information regarding the application process and timing, **any interested parishioner or school parent (guardian)** can contact School Board selection committee members Matt Duffy m.duffy@nonnis.com or 708-280-1995, or Katie Kanzer a k.f.kanzer@gmail.com or 773-860-5283.

The application and more detailed information about the Board can be found on the St. Francis Xavier School Web site <https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School%7CParent%20Volunteers%3E%3ESAB%20-%20School%20Advisory%20Board>. ***Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed.*** We look forward to receiving your application!

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Support from Youth Ministry

Looking for some good prayer resources? Family faith-based activities? A pen pal? If there is anyway Youth Ministry can help support you (teens and parents) during this time, please reach out and let us know! Contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org.

Follow the Parish on Social Media!

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



@sfxlg_parish



St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL



The Well Spirituality Center
1515 Ogden Avenue in
LaGrange Park

FYI, in response to coronavirus precautionary measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, The Well programs are suspended for the period between March 11-March 28.

Please see our website for a full listing of our
NEW 2020 programs and to register:
www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

Knights of Columbus Spring Food Drive Has Been Cancelled



The Spring Food Drive is cancelled. We regret the decision and necessity. We may be able to reschedule at a later date as circumstances continue to evolve and will keep you posted.

If you are well and able, you can still help and share the opportunity to help with family and friends who are also well and able.

1. SFX Food Pantry is still accepting donations on Monday from 9am-noon only, at the side door/parking lot entrance of the Rectory. They need non-perishable items, especially boxes of cereal, to restock shelves.
2. LaGrange Knights www.MyFoodDrive.org/?LGKofC2020 is up and running for online donations to the Chicago Food Depository. The need is always great and even more so now in our present difficulties.

Be well. Be hopeful. Be connected to family and friends.
This, too, shall pass.

Habitat for Humanity



For the past 20+ years, during the months of June and July, St. Francis Xavier has sent as many as four separate groups of volunteers, for a week at a time, to build homes with Habitat for Humanity in Clarksdale, Mississippi. The exact dates for this summer's trips will be firmed up soon, but in the meantime, if you think you'd like to make the journey, or you'd like more information, please contact Chris O'Hea at chris.ohea@yahoo.com. No prior construction experience is necessary. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old, and anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. We hope you can join us!



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

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Sgt. David T. Benson**—son of Linda & Charles Benson
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **1st Lt. Alexander Dale Fisher, USMC**—nephew of Michelle & Bill McKeown and cousin to Elizabeth & Liam
- **PFC Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Kathi & Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack
and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Capt. Richard Hoover, U.S. Army**—nephew of Lorraine Donegan
- **Capt. Matt Waite, U.S. Army**—cousin of Justin, Maggie, Winona & Bea Waite

**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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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

Private Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church

Sunday-Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm
 Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am
 Saturday afternoon.....4:00-5:00 pm
 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-Noon
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

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 11:00 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office 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.

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