

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 24, 2019



CHRISTUS REX

Ipsi gloria et imperium in saecula saeculorum.

CHRIST the KING
To him be glory & power for all ages.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 25	8:30 am	Dickie Walsh Deceased Members of the McCormick & Urycki Families	The Rius Family Pat & Bernard Urycki
Tuesday, November 26	7:45 am 8:30 am	Ginny Carlson James Heinlein	The MacAskill Family Marlene Heinlein
Wednesday, November 27	8:30 am	Frank Horacek, Sr.	Mary F. Russell
Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Day Mass	
Friday, November 29	8:30 am	Joanne Janna Cosley	Patricia Hassler
Saturday, November 30 Saint Andrew, Apostle	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Helen Rizzo Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Jean Murphy	The Templeton & Costello Families Dan Murphy
Sunday, December 1	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	Patricia Kelly Kristal Johns John T. Kelly Sean Stephenson Don Schwendner Living Intention Michael & Elizabeth Fagan Thomas Challos Dickie Walsh Tom O'Hara Bonnie Wieringa	Maryanne Kelly The Johns Family Your Friends at SPRED The Schwendner Family The Owens Family The Kanzer Family Sheila Young The Hillsman Family Marilyn Ferber The Driscoll Family

Please Pray For...

Jay Carroll	Emmett Miller
Chili Challender	Patrick Morgan
Kevin Corrigan	Mike Morrison
Anthony Dina	Bernice Niemiec
Blake Donegan	Arnold Oppenheim
Pat Eaton	Jane O'Reilly
Lily Fielding	Ryan Patyk
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Donna Pekarek
Peter Ganzel	Jim Potsch
Lilli Gregory	James Pridmore
Wilson Gregory	Madison Raupp
Brian Hahn	Anna Rose
Patricia Hassler	Marilyn Rutkowski
Linda Hillsman	Matthew Schiek
Rose Ilo	Gretchen Sterwalt
Mary J.	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Jane Jacobsen	Pat Sullivan
Theresa Kandall	John Thoms
Benny Kilman	Anne Titzer
Marilyn King	Michael Ungari
Jerry Kolman	Gregory Van Gorp
Lou Ellen Krueger	Liz Wilk
Marian Lucas	

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:

Adam Gawrysh, Sr.

Father of Carolyn & Adam, Jr.

Judy Thorpe Michols

Wife of Curt and Mother of Andy & the late Christopher

Weddings

Chloe Creber & Dan Dwyer
Laura King & James McGuire



Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Pastor's Notes

Let us give thanks to the Creator who has made us fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.

Colossians 1:12

Let us give thanks. Paul invites us to consciously practice the *virtue of gratitude*. I can become so caught up in what is yet to be accomplished or what remains in an uncertain future that I fail to pause and give thanks for the blessings of this present moment. *Gratitude must be practiced* and requires time and intention. My recent eight-day silent retreat offered an abundance of moments to be grateful for the beauty of a light snowfall blanketed the ground with a bejeweled sparkle in both sunlight and moonlight. I experienced gratitude for all the blessings of life and love, and a vocation that fills me and allows Christ's love to flow through me to others.

Let us give thanks. Each of us have worries, losses, or preoccupations that can inhibit our practice of gratitude. It may be something we have not yet achieved or something we have failed to achieve. It may be a difficult relationship or a resentment that we have not yet been able to shake. It may be the death or serious illness of a loved one. It may be current events such as war, poverty, or divisive politics that distract from service of the common good. Whatever it may be, this week invites us to *let it be* for a few days and *allow gratitude to dwell* in our hearts and homes.

Let us give thanks. This weekend we celebrate Christ as Lord of all Creation. We believe that *all was created* through the Son, the Word of God made flesh in Jesus. We believe that *all has been redeemed* by the sacrifice of

Jesus, who speaks of God's mercy and unconditional love to a criminal at his side who shares the agony of crucifixion; a mercy more fully revealed in the resurrection, which proves to be the death of death. We believe that *all creation will find its fulfillment* when all is united in Christ at the end of time.

Let us give thanks. Our parish Food Pantry will supply the trimmings for a Thanksgiving dinner to area families through the generous donations of parishioners and the generous gift of time from the volunteers who will sort, bag, greet, and send forth with our blessing those who come to our door. Perhaps we could make time to be mindful of neighbors, family, or friends who will be alone this Thanksgiving Day, or who have lost a loved one within the past year. We might reach out to them through a phone call, an email, or a visit with a slice of pie. When we gather with family or friends, we might make a special effort to place a moratorium on politics at our tables and make a deliberate choice to focus our conversations on our relationships with those around us.

Let us give thanks. Join our parish Thanksgiving Mass at 10:00 AM this Thursday and give thanks for the blessings of God in our lives and in our shared mission.

Wherever you will be and with whomever you will share your time this Thursday, whether in person or through another form of greeting, ***have a Blessed Thanksgiving.***

Peace,

F. Bill



Catholic Campaign For Human Development Working On The Margins

Please be generous in this week's special collection, which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

In Honor of Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 28
will have one Mass
at 10:00 am in Church.

The Rectory will Close
Wednesday, November 27 at 4:30 pm.

Reopen on
Saturday, November 30 at 9:00 am.



*Thank
you!*

November 2019

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parishioners,
Thank you for making Knights of Columbus Council
6483 Outerwear Drive a huge success!

The outerwear will be donated to Catholic Charities at no
charge.

It is because of your unselfishness that many less fortunate
people will be warm this winter. Together we
aligned the needs and resources of youth and multiple
generations within our community and corporations for
the benefit of individuals in need.

Your part was vital to the success of the team and the success
of the project.

It is because of your selflessness and efforts that we collected
over 5000 items - roughly 1000 were heavy winter
coats!

In addition, we collectively accumulated numerous hoodies,
sweaters, scarves, hats, socks and gloves that will
make many people very happy and warm this winter.

This was truly a team effort and is indicative of what
many people can do if they collectively come together for
a common goal to help others.

God Bless You,
Knights of Columbus, #6483

One Family Under God

Why Buy Fair Trade Coffee??

Next weekend Fair Trade Coffee will be available for
purchase after all Masses in Unity Hall.

The coffee sold at St. Francis Xavier is purchased from
Equal Exchange Fairly Traded. There is a lot behind this
coffee. "We work closely with our farmer partners, year
after year, to better understand each other's needs. The
result is a trusting relationship and delicious coffee."

Beth Ann Caspersen, Quality Control Manager

Fair Trade builds right relationships between buyers and
sellers that are rooted in the principles of human dignity
and solidarity.

Fair Trade:

- Respects human dignity
- Promotes the common good
- Advances economic justice
- Empowers disadvantaged people
- Connects us with the people who
create the things we buy
- 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!!!

Donate Blood

Give the Gift of Blood This Fall Season of Giving

SFX Blood Drive

Tuesday, November 26

3:30-6:30 pm

Joyce Hall

145 North Waiola Avenue

LaGrange



To schedule your appointment

www.versiti.org/Illinois. Or call 1-800-7TO-
GIVE. Appointments preferred, walk-ins are
welcome! Questions on eligibility? Please call
1-800-7TO-GIVE. Bring Photo ID.

Donors will receive a \$10 eGift Card!

His crown
is thorns
His throne
the hearts of all people



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CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES FOR ALL AT ST. ALEXINE CHAPEL

On Christmas Eve, we again will celebrate Masses at 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM at the St. Alexine Chapel (formerly the Motherhouse Chapel). **We will not issue tickets for the 5PM Mass.** We have been able to accommodate everyone who has chosen to attend this Mass in recent years.

However, we need to respect the St. Alexine Chapel seating capacity of 800 persons. **Last year, we had to turn people away once we reached capacity. Therefore, we will return to the practice of issuing tickets for the 3PM Mass only. Tickets can be obtained on Monday evening, December 2nd.** Please tell your friends and others who plan to attend the 3PM Christmas Eve Mass at St. Alexine Chapel that they must obtain a ticket in advance.

The procedure for obtaining tickets:

1. Church doors will open on Monday, December 2nd at 5:30 PM.
2. As you enter church, you will be given a numbered stub from a volunteer.
3. Stubs will be given out in numerical order. You will be asked to sit in that same numerical order, beginning with the last row in church.
4. At 6PM, a drawing will determine the numbered stub that begins the distribution process. We will proceed in numerical order from that point forward to the last stub given out at the door. We then will continue with the first number given out until all tickets have been distributed.
5. If you arrive after 6PM, you will receive a stub in a new series of numbers. These will be called AFTER all of the initial numbers have been called.

Please do not arrive earlier than 5:30PM on December 2nd.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Christmas Blessings!

Fr. Bill Tkachuk

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN AT PARISH CHURCH

On Christmas Eve, we celebrate two Masses in the church, at 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM, that are planned for families with younger children. **Tickets will not be issued** for either of these Masses. We hope to accommodate everyone comfortably at each Mass. However, we advise everyone that the 3PM Mass in church usually exceeds church capacity (seats and allowable standing areas in the aisles and transepts). We broadcast each Mass into Unity Hall, which provides additional seating for approximately 80 persons and some additional standing room. Unity Hall also reaches capacity at the 3PM Mass.

Adults with no children or families with children who all are older than 2nd grade may want to consider the second Mass for children at 5PM or the 7PM Mass. Both have been able to seat all who come to celebrate the birth of Christ at those times. Please plan accordingly.

Christmas Blessings!

Fr. Bill Tkachuk

The Christmas Wafer

The Christmas Wafer (also known as "Oplatki") is available in the Rectory during office hours Monday through Thursday 8:30 am-8:30 pm, Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm; Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm and on Sunday between 9:00 am-1:00 pm.



The word "Bethlehem" means "the house of bread." The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity and friendship. Religious family customs bring the truths of faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas Eve customs is the Christmas Wafer. The thin wafer bearing the Christmas characters is broken by the head of the family and distributed to each member. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of all members of the family, those present as well as those who are absent, the head of the house breaks the wafer and distributes it, one piece to each person at the table. While doing so, each member of the family is kissed and wished a joyful feast. Members then greet one another in the same way.

The spiritual lesson in this age-old custom is that the unity of the family is grounded in God's love for us. May you experience unity and love through this simple celebration.

SPRED Christmas Liturgy

Please join the St. Francis Xavier SPRED group on Sunday, December 8 at the 6:00 pm. Mass for the SPRED Christmas liturgy. This Mass will incorporate some of the special ways our SPRED group celebrates liturgy. Come experience our unique way to celebrate God's love for us all.

St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry Ministry

If you can't feed 100 people, then feed just one - Saint Mother Teresa

Special Thanks to our Weekly 2019 Volunteers

Mary Ellen Alfred	Laura Duelm	Rob Metzger	Frank Rosser
Vicky Arbuckle	Kathy & John Gleason	Kathy Lynn Myers	Scott Schram
Rita Baumgart	Lenore Gordon	Wendy O'Connor	Brian Stephenson
Janet Bobb	Michelle Helm	Ed & Maryjo Osowski	Alice Vida
Maribeth Cavanaugh	Nancy Leonard	Rita Pantoni	Maureen Vulich
Lori Davis	Mike Macken	LuAnn Petrancosta	Kelley Weigand
Kelly DiNardo	Paulette Mallahan	Marvin Phillips	Joan Willems
Larry Downey	Katie McCarthy	Lynn Regan	Ev & Tom Williams
Bob Driscoll	Betty Ann McNamara	Diane Robinson	LTHS Transition Team

*Number of volunteer hours in addition to weekly: 224**

of registered families: 223*

Average # of weekly families and individuals: 73/242*

*Figures through 11/19/19. Does not include Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions. Families served for those holidays in 2018 were 111 and 110 respectively.

A special thanks for food donations throughout the year

Aldi	Knights of Columbus	St John of the Cross
Aracely's Bakery	LaGrange Area Department of	SFX Day School
Grace Lutheran	Special Education	SFX Religious Education
Gurie School	Lyons Township High School	SFX Parishioners
Helping Hand Preschool	Nazareth Academy	Trader Joes
Jo's Footwork Studio	Panera	

And special items...

Evan Khasho mum sales	Abby O'Connor pies
Quinn Filbin Halloween costumes	Barb Budak fall décor
Alex Edward tea and coffee	Gannon Family cleaning supplies
	Parishioner pie and school supplies

*You pray for the hungry
Then you feed them
That's how prayer works
- Pope Francis*

The SFX Food Pantry, started by Sr. Dorothy Lynch, CSJ in the mid-1980s, continues to serve those in need of supplemental food assistance in our community thanks to the ongoing monetary and food donations from SFX parishioners and the community.



Thanksgiving Pie Drive

Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24. Apple and Pumpkin Pies (store bought non refrigerated) may be dropped off at side altars after all masses or on **Monday, November 25** at the Rectory.

Our Thanksgiving Offertory Collection will benefit the SFX Food Pantry.

Thank you for your generosity!

What's going on in Youth Ministry???



Summer Mission Trip

Teens...Mark your calendars! The 2020 Summer Mission Trip will be to Detroit, MI through Young Neighbors in Action. We will leave in the morning on Sunday,

June 21 and return in the evening on Friday, June 26. Anyone who is in high school during the 2019-20 school year is eligible to participate. Registration forms will be available soon, so keep your eyes open!

Parents, older siblings, aunts, uncles, grandparents...Mark your calendar! We will be needing adult chaperones for the Mission Trip. To be a chaperone, you must be at least 21 and Virtus trained. Contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org or 708- 352-0168 with questions or if you are interested.

Church League Schedule

The schedule for Church League games has been posted on the Men's Church League page of the Youth Ministry website.

The Giving Tree

Please help make Christmas a special time of year for families supported by our sharing parish, St. Agatha's on the west side of Chicago as well as some outreach organizations in our community. Giving Tree tags will be available after all masses the weekend of **December 7 and 8**.



Wrapped gifts with gift tags affixed to them, can start to be dropped off on December 14 & 15. You can also bring them to the Yule Flip! But they are due by December 22 before the 12:00 pm Mass, so that we can deliver them to St. Agatha's who will distribute them to members of their community that afternoon. We are grateful for your generous support of this annual Christmas tradition sponsored by the QUEST teens of our parish.

If you have any questions, please contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 x338.

Peace & Justice Ministry

Meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month, 7-8:30pm in the Rectory Courtyard Room.

Focus for 2019-2020: ENVIRONMENT

bag it Movie Showing: December 4th

All ages are welcome! Popcorn will be served. Please rsvp to Mary Freeman mfreeman@sfxlg.org (708) 352-0168



bag it: Is Your Life Too Plastic? is a 2010 American documentary film exposing the effects of plastic bags and other plastic consumer merchandise, and its effects on land ecosystems, the marine environment and the human body.

Jeb Berrier, a regular American man, makes a pledge to stop using plastic bags at the grocery store and has his life completely changed.

Holiday Light Collection: November 25 - January 12

What to do with that string of lights that is not making your holidays jolly & bright? **RECYCLE!!!!**

Holiday light collection bins will be at La Grange Library, Village Hall and Parking Garage and La Grange Park Library and Village Hall

P&J Members

Marge Branekki, Heather Fitzpatrick, Mary Freeman, Sean Freeman, Mary Gertsmeier, Judy Kennedy, Maureen Lang, Michelle Mirecki, Oswaldo Lastres, Susan Nezda, Cara Panares, Sr Marlene Schemmel, CSJ and John Twomey.

Any questions? Please reach out to one of our current Members from SFX and St Cletus -- All are Welcome!



YULE FLIP

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 15th

Name: _____

Admission _____ X \$10 = _____

Children 12 & under _____ X \$5 = _____

Seniors 65 & older _____ X \$7 = _____

Total = _____



Please help our cooks
by selecting from below
an expected time of
your arrival:

- 8 am - 8:30 am
- 8:30 am - 9 am
- 9:30 am - 10 am
- 10:30 am - 11 am
- 11 am - 11:45 am

Please return this form with payment Cash or Checks (payable to St. Francis Xavier Parish) to the Rectory by December 12th. Any questions contact the Rectory @ 708-352-0168

Save The Date



Christmas Epiphany Concert & Candlelight Service

St. Francis Xavier Church
124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange

Saturday, January 4, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Featuring the...

SFX Children's Choir, Celebration Ensemble, Gallery Choir, and Instrumentalists

IT'S BACK!

The St. Francis Xavier Parish presents: YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST (in Joyce Hall)

Sunday, December 15th - 8 a.m. to Noon (last seating at 11:45 a.m.)
Purchase Tickets for Breakfast time at sfxlg.org

 **see order form opposite page**

Admission: \$10

Children (12 and under): \$5 - Seniors (65 and older): \$7

Featuring Santa's Workshop (in Gym)

**Join Santa Claus & Buddy
the Elf in Santa's
DIY Workshops and Photos
at 8:00 to 11:45 a.m.**

- **Cookie Decorating (\$1)**
- **Holiday Canvas Painting (\$5)**
- **Decorate and Plant
a Tree-in-a-Pot (\$5)**
- **Hand-craft Christmas
Cards for Community (FREE)**

Please note workshop fees are separate
from breakfast and determined
by workshop vendors.



SHHHHH, I HEARD SANTA WILL BE THERE!

**Sponsored by the SFX Social Committee
and the**



Religious Education

Important Dates & Class Dates

Class Dates

Sunday, November 24 No Class

Wednesday, November 27 No Class

Sunday, December 1 No Class

Wednesday, December 4 No Class

Sunday, December 8 Class

(8th Grade Speaker December 8 at 3:30 pm in Joyce Hall

No Class for 8th Grade on 12/8 & 12/11.

All expected to be present for Speaker Event with Bill Johnson

Wednesday, December 11 Class

Sunday, December 15 Class

Pajama Day

Wednesday, December 18 Class

Pajama Day

Sunday, December 22 No Class

Wednesday, December 25 No Class

Sunday, December 29 No Class

Wednesday, January 1 No Class

Sunday, January 5 At Home Lesson

Wednesday, January 8 At Home Lesson

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): December 14 & 21; 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.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT for 2020-2021

Registration Begins **NOV 18th**

Call 708-352-2175 for **INFORMATION** or a **SCHOOL TOUR**

PreSchool 3 through 8th Grade - **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**
Centered in Catholic values of **PRAYER, LEARNING & SERVICE**
Onsite Before & After School Care for full day students

We Pray, We Learn, We Serve

www.SFXLG.ORG/SCHOOL

Senior Women's Group



Sr. Marianne Race

Advent: The Gift We Receive

BEFORE Christmas

December 5, 2019

Refreshments @ 9:00 am

Presentation @ 9:30 am

**St. Francis Xavier Parish Unity Hall
124 North Spring Avenue
La Grange, IL 60525
No RSVP required**

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.

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.



The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park
To register: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

Where is the House of God? And how do We Live when We Find It? On Monday, December 2 from 7:00-8:30 pm and repeated Tuesday, December 3 from 10:00-11:30 am. Wouldn't it be great to live in God's House? Christmas celebrates the indwelling of God within all of creation. We think God is far away – but God's house is all around us. Facilitated by Pat Bergen, CSJ. Cost: Free for members of SJC and SFX (parish co-sponsors).

Enneagram – Type 3 (The Performer). On Thursday, December 5 from 7:00–8:30 pm. Adaptable, Excelling, Driven, Image-Conscious do you know anyone like this? In this session you'll hear from a panel of Type 3s and find out what makes them tick. Cost: \$15.

Village Vocal Chords Concert, Sneak Peek, and Yuletide Cheer. On Sunday, December 8 there will be a Sneak Peek of The Well at 2:00 pm with the Concert starting at 3:00 pm. We loved them last year, and they're coming back! The Village Vocal Chords, an all-women's choir, has won awards both in the U.S. and abroad. Their Christmas concert has it all. Come early to get a look at The Well's new digs. And after the concert, stick around for some delicious Yuletide treats. Cost: \$10.

Healing Gong. On Thursday, December 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm. This unique sound therapy and mindfulness meditation event helps one reach a higher state of conscious awareness, to relax, and re-balance the core of one's being. Facilitated by Marian and Gabriela Kraus. Cost: \$35.



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
- **Lt. Christopher Ocasio, U.S. Army**—friend of the Berger Family
- **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
- **1st 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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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.

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

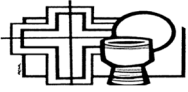
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—November 30 & December 1, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	C. Grech B. Bock D. Veverka	L. Bannach J. Denson K. Kanzer F. Kudia D. Mulvenna K. Preussner C. Witt L. Young Open	S. Parkes E. Kostal Open		P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	S. Lindsay M. Carroll P. Olson	D. Challenger K. McInerney K. Stetz J. Van Gorp D. Walsh	K. Adams B. Stetz M. Kudlacz		C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Barrett	J. Spearman P. Zadeik C. Crowe	B. Olson C. Froemel E. Froemel C. Pratali R. Pratali M. Hull D. Prendergast L. Nichol D. Nighswander	D. Collins C. Shanley B. Griffin		J. Virella
10:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Eraci T. Hill D. Ankenbruck	B. Boyd A. Clark J. Clark L. Egan S. Martin P. McGinnis J. Nowak P. O'Malley B. Sorice	K. Grubish R. Nowak T. Mulcahy		P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Barrett	L. Dillon C. Pietrzak D. Lewis	K. Borawski J. Denson K. Kanzer Open Open	M. Merchant M. Kanzer M. Mullen		D. Foss
6:00 PM	Fr. Cyscon	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

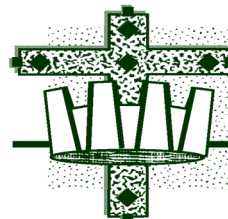
Attention: Lectors and Commentators

The 2020 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word has arrived.

If a book would be helpful to you to practice your readings before for the dates you are assigned, please stop by the rectory to pick up your copy.

Readings For The Week of November 24, 2019

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
 Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21-20-28
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
 Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



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