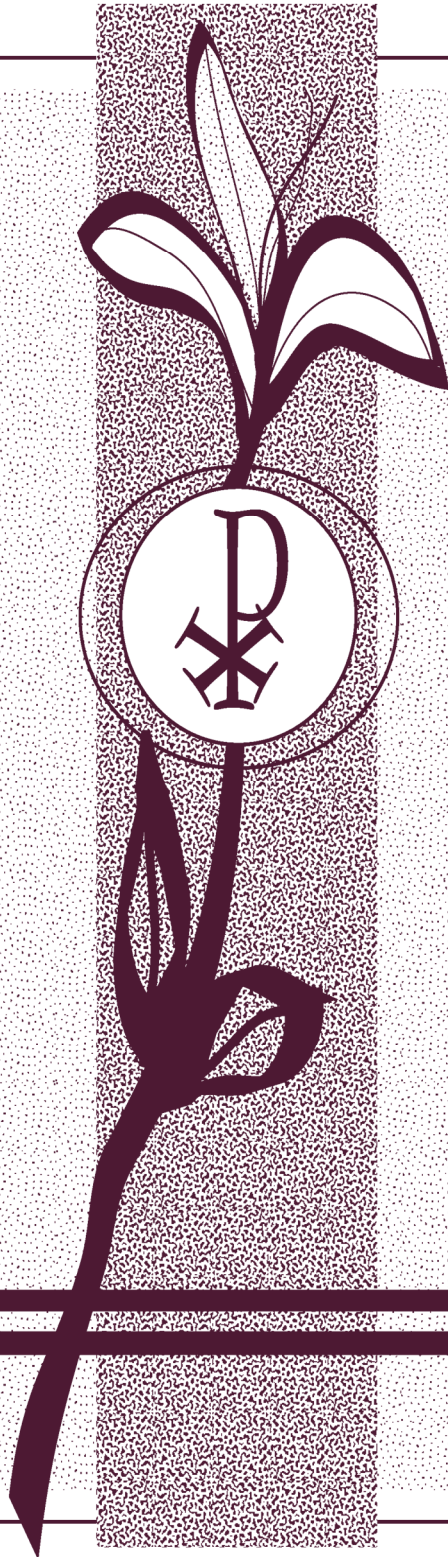


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019



*A shoot shall
sprout from the
root of Jesse and
a bud shall
blossom.
The spirit
of the Lord shall
rest upon him,
a spirit of wisdom
and understanding,
of counsel and
strength.*

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, December 9	8:30 am	Lisa Abood Cecilia Carrera	The Lannan Family Bill Tkachuk
Tuesday, December 10	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Don Ivanssek	Jim & Mary Donahue
Wednesday, December 11 Saint Damasus I, Pope	8:30 am	Virginia Hirsch	The Wielgos Family
Thursday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Antonio & Teresa Franzese	
Friday, December 13 Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	8:30 am	Paul Lucas Claire & Jim Ruth	Marian Lucas The Cummings Family
Saturday, December 14 Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Claire Griffin Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Mary Simeoni	The Griffin Family The McKenna Family
Sunday, December 15	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	People of the Parish James Deslauriers People of the Parish Kay Thurek Don Schwendner Judy Boyce Ray Wielgos Bonnie Wieringa	The Vlcek Family The Konrad Family Dolores Lewis The Recipe Club Dolores Lewis The Shanley 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
Anne Kelly	Anne Titzer
Benny Kilman	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:

Lawrence Jaderberg

Son of Larry & Kathy and
Father of Nicole, Jacob & Zachary

Diane Bell

Mother of David & Lisa

Mel Justak, Sr.

Father of Mel Justak, Jr.

Elizabeth Marthaler

Mother of Tom Marthaler

David Day

Husband of Terry and
Father of Cheryl, David, Laura & Cindy

Arlene Zito

Fiancée of Donald Veverka

Weddings

Chloe Creber & Dan Dwyer
Laura King & James McGuire



Pastor's Notes

*Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,
for the glory of God.*

Romans 15:7

Isaiah presents a vision of a future in which all creation shall live in harmony; those who walk in the way of the Lord will be a light for all the nations. Wars and divisions will cease; former enemies will dwell in peace and mutual understanding. *All will be welcome.*

What does it mean to welcome all? We strive to be a community of welcome when we gather for Eucharist and through the many other ways that we cross paths in the parish and in the wider community. Food pantry volunteers do so every Tuesday when they greet and assist those who come to our doors, including over 100 families just before Thanksgiving; BEDS volunteers do so for the homeless of our community from October into May. Welcome ministers have resumed a parish tradition of welcome dinners to gather and greet those new to the parish.

Advent challenges us to go deeper: to allow Christ's welcome into my own heart; and to reflect on how well I extend his welcome to others. Do I make room for the "other" person who comes into "my" pew on Sunday and moves into "my" place? Have I asked the names of those sitting around me every week? When did I last make the effort to acknowledge someone sitting alone or apart? Do I offer others a face of welcome, maybe even a smile? Is "welcome" a ministry that we all share; or does it pertain only to "those people at the door"? When did I last invite family members, friends, or neighbors to join me for Mass or a parish event? Are we committed to preparing a way for the Lord on which we increasingly are

surrounded by those whom we have welcomed and encouraged, through word and example, to join us in giving thanks and praise for the presence of Christ in the world?

Who might *you* invite to join you, and us, for the celebration of Christmas and the Sundays before and after? To whom might Christ hope to speak through *your* voice? I encourage each of us to consider extending a word of welcome and encouragement to someone who is not yet regularly among us; or to reach out to someone among us who is not yet connected to the community.

This week we encounter an odd liturgical technicality. December 8th is traditionally the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in the womb of her mother Ann. Under this title, Mary is Patroness of the United States. Since the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence over Mary's feast, it has been moved to Monday, December 9th. When a holy day of obligation is moved to another *date*, the obligation to attend Mass does not apply. So, all are *welcome* (but not required) to join us for the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this Monday at 8:30 AM.

This Thursday, Mexican Catholics honor Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, the title under which Mary has been declared Patroness of the Americas. A mosaic of the image that appeared on the tilma of Juan Diego is located on the base of the northwest column of the baldachin. Her message was a call for all people of the Americas to learn to live as one family. May we respond to that call.

Advent Peace,

J. Bill

Reflection for the 2nd Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Planning Group #3

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

The Advent season offers us an important opportunity to rethink our lives and prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, our redeemer and teacher; God who is with us no matter what, through every challenge and circumstance we face. Do you recall the story of "The Christmas Carol," written by legendary author Charles Dickens? In this luminous tale of hope and redemption, even the likes of a stubborn, miserly Mr. Scrooge is transformed by the light and love that surrounds him. With three caring spirits to guide him -- past, present, and future -- he learns to view the world in a very different light. His heart softens and expands, ultimately opening wide to welcome a kinder, most loving Spirit who dwells within and beyond him.

Indeed, with encouragement and support, Mr. Scrooge becomes a changed man! A better person. Joy now fills his heart for he is redeemed and reconciled with God, his family, and friends. Mr. Scrooge learns to let go of the past. He embraces something new, something bigger than himself. He enthusiastically welcomes the Love of God into his heart. **He learns to *share with love*, and that makes all the difference in the world.**

Just as it is for dear Mr. Scrooge, so it is for everyone. **The Love of God calls each of us to something new and different this very day.** Something bigger than ourselves alone. Something good for the soul. Good for the mind. Good for family and friends. Good for our neighbors and those in need. Good for all creation. **May we all share with love the blessings that we receive.**

Reflection for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Liturgy Planning Group #4

Diane Walsh, Beth Olson, Marci Hermesdorf, and Shirley Augustyn

Mary was a risk-taker---a risk-taker who put all her faith in the God of her ancestors; the God she believed in.

Even though Mary was conceived without the mark of original sin (Immaculate Conception), she had free will to accept God's plan for her or to reject it. It took a great deal of courage to say "yes" to God and risk everything. How would she explain being pregnant to her betrothed, Joseph? What would she tell her parents? How would the rest of her Jewish community in Nazareth relate to her?

She did question the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" With assurance from the messenger that it was all part of God's plan and she would be mother to the Messiah, Mary relied on her faith and accepted God's proposal.

She cooperated and is a model of discipleship for us. We, too, are invited to cooperate with God, giving up our own personal wants and desires and joining in a new life in Christ.

The angel identified Mary as "full of grace." Even before Jesus was conceived within her womb, she was already filled with God's life. Just as God saw Mary as a reflection of himself, he looks at each one of us in love and wonder and sees the essence of our being, created in his own image, full of grace. Do we see ourselves through God's eyes?

**There will be NO 6PM MASS
on Sunday, December 29th.
Please make plans accordingly.**

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.

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.

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.



He shall govern
your people
with justice

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Want peace and joy during the Advent Season?
Come join us for Eucharistic Adoration!
December 19, 2019 at 6:00-7:00pm

As Catholics, we proclaim the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, not only during the Mass but in the preserved Hosts. **“Jesus remains in the Blessed Sacrament to give us the privilege of approaching him personally as so many people were able to do two-thousand years ago in Galilee and Judea”** (Fr. F. Racine). During Eucharistic Adoration, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for individual, silent adoration.

The next Eucharistic Adoration will be **Thursday, December 19**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6:00-7:00 pm. Come when you are able for as long as your schedule allows. If you have any questions, please contact Katie at k.f.kanzer@gmail.com.

O, Come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

Christmas Flower Donation

If you would like to donate to the Christmas Flowers in Memory and/or Honor of a Loved One, please take an envelope that can be found at the entrances of the church. We will publish the names in the New Year.

Thank you for making our worship space prayerful and lovely for this liturgical season.

Our Family Tree in Unity Hall

Please help us fill our tree with LOVE!

Our theme this year is “Share With LOVE”

We are asking our Parish Families to bring an ornament that represents LOVE for this 2nd year of our Family Tree tradition.

The theme will change from year to year allowing our tree to reflect where our Parish focus is for Christmas & beyond.

The tree will be in Unity Hall on December 12.

Feel free to add your family ornament at any time during the season!

Questions Contact: Celine Heraty - SFX Arts & Environment - cmheraty@gmail.com

(You are welcome to take your ornament home after January 5th)





YULE FLIP PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 15th



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

Name: _____

Admission _____ X \$10 = _____

Children 12 & under _____ X \$5 = _____

Seniors 65 & older _____ X \$7 = _____

Total = _____

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

Retired Men's Group

Christmas Luncheon

Edgewood Valley Country Club
7500 South Willow Springs Road
LaGrange

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 @ 12:00pm
CHEER (Cash bar @ 11:30)

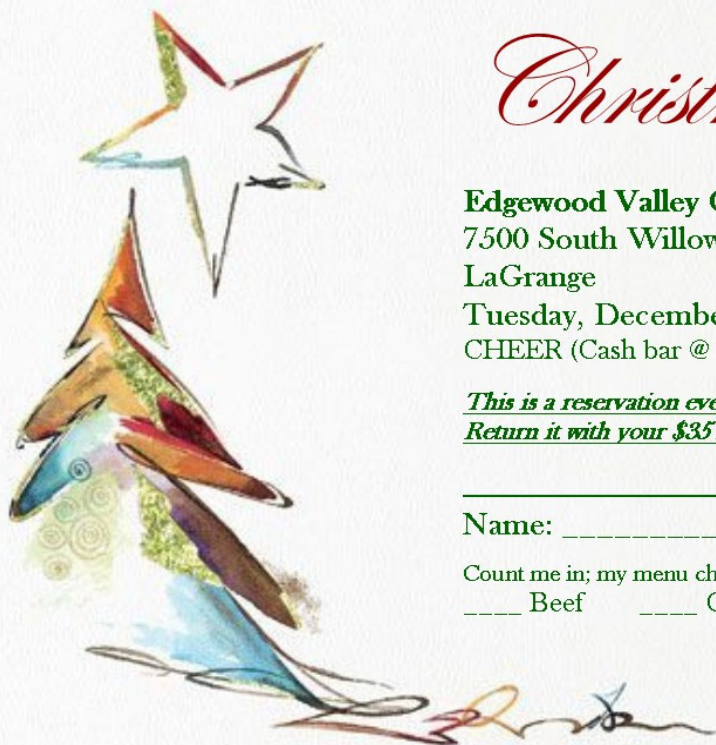
This is a reservation event; secure yours by completing the form below
Return it with your \$35 remittance by Friday, December 13, 2019 to the Rectory

Name: _____

Count me in; my menu choice is:

_____ Beef _____ Chicken _____ Fish

Missy Westerhoff
St Francis Xavier Rectory
124N Spring Ave.
La Grange, IL 60525
708-352-0168



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)**
- **Make Christmas cards and
blankets for residents of
Bethlehem Woods (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
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Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

Class Dates

Sunday, December 8	Class
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
Sunday, January 12	Class
	8th Grade Retreat
Wednesday, January 15	Class
	8th Grade Retreat (4:00 Only)
Sunday, January 19	Class
Wednesday, January 22	Class

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 Began **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

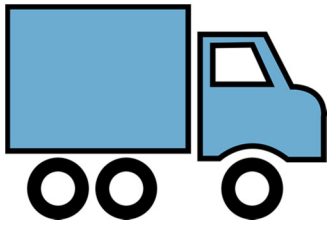
We Pray, We Learn, We Serve

www.SFXLG.ORG/SCHOOL

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

HELP NEEDED!

We are in need of a truck/large van that can fit~100 large garbage bags filled with Giving Tree gifts to deliver to St. Agatha's on Sunday, December 22nd (as well as a driver!) The vehicle and driver would be needed starting at 11am and should be done by 2pm. If you are available and interested, please contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.



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 this weekend **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.

Mention St. Francis Xavier when you have lunch or dinner at Q-BBQ from 11AM-9PM, or Hot Dog & Burger Co. (Behind Q-BBQ!) from 11AM-8PM on Tuesday, December 10 and they will donate 20% of the proceeds to St. Francis!



QCARES



* Behind QBBQ

HDBCO CARES



FUNDRAISING DAY

Return this form and Q-BBQ will donate 20% of your entire bill back to your organization

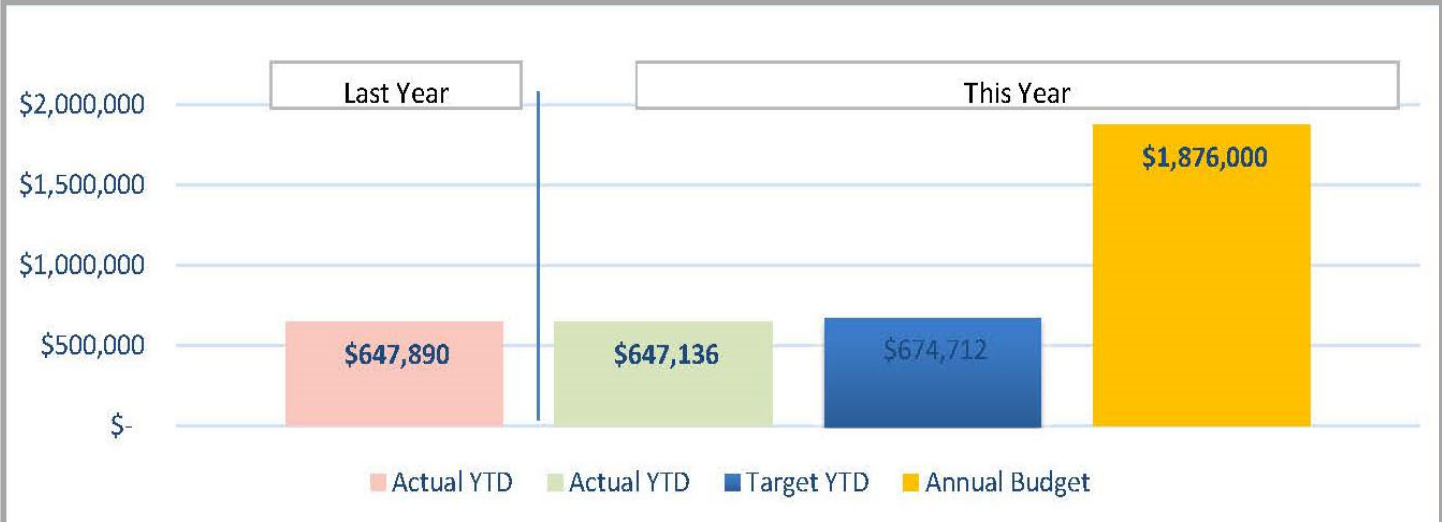
-----FUNDRAISING DAY-----

Organization: **St. Francis Xavier School**
 Location: **Q-BBQ La Grange, 70 S. La Grange Road**
 Date: **December 10, 2019 11am-9pm**

Organization: **St. Francis Xavier School**
 Location: **Behind QBBQ**
 Date: **Tues. Dec 10, 2019 11am-8pm**



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
YOUR PARISH FINANCE REPORT
AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2019



Sunday Offertory	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	+	Other Offertory*	=	November Totals
November 2019	\$ 65,484		\$ 52,774		\$ 33,061		\$ 151,319
November 2018	\$ 61,611		\$ 64,848		\$ 4,314		\$ 130,773

* Includes donations from stock, donor-advised funds, Holy Day contributions, and other miscellaneous gifts

God bless you for your generosity to St. Francis Xavier Parish!

Christmas Budget

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

How to give:

Envelopes are included in the Christmas letter you will receive this week.

Visit our website www.sfxlg.org to enter your credit card or bank account.

A Blessed Advent to All!





The Well Spirituality Center
1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park

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

Village Vocal Chords Concert today Sunday, December 8 Sneak Peek of The Well at 2:00 pm, and Concert at 3:00 pm. Yuletide Treats & Christmas Fair-after the concert. It's a Christmas extravaganza! Hear an award-winning choir and laugh a lot, get a sneak peek at The Well's new space, eat some delicious holiday treats, and shop for a good cause at our Ministry of the Arts and Women at Risk tables. 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.

Taizé Prayer ***Sacred Waiting during Advent***

Monday, December 9 at 1:00 pm
Congregation of St. Joseph
Alexine Chapel



Set aside some time during this hectic season for *Sacred Waiting - Taizé Prayer for the Season of Advent*. It will be held at Alexine Chapel of the Congregation of St. Joseph, 1515 West Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park.

Taizé Prayer is a meditative form of prayer whose purpose is to foster peace, reconciliation, and unity. Utilizing scripture, silence, and intercessory prayers, along with simple, repetitive music, Taizé Prayer enables an experience of inner peace and tranquility.

Interfaith Career Network

Career Resource Center

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



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

THE GIFT OF...

"Time to reflect, rest and laugh."

"Silence, solitude and deep lasting friendships."

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

 **Women's WELCOME Retreat Weekend**

Saturday, February 8 - Sunday, February 9, 2020
(begins at 8:30 am on Saturday - ends at 3 pm on Sunday)

Carmelite Spiritual Center
8433 Bailey Road, Darien, IL

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

**Prepare
the way
of the
Lord**



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

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Jack & Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas,
and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Sgt. David T. Benson**—son of Linda & Charles Benson
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Ist Lt. Alexander Dale Fisher, USMC**—nephew of Michelle & Bill McKeown and cousin to Elizabeth & Liam
- **Rob Parisi, PV2, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Kathi & Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack
and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch

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

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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

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Food Pantry

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Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

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

Infant Baptisms

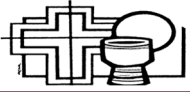
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

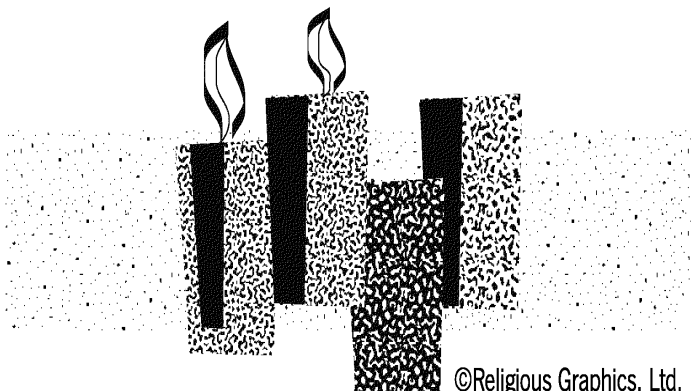
Parish Counselor

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



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—December 14 & 15, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	H. McCormick L. Lach M. Bruni	K. Kanzer M. Becker M. Milligan F. Kudia D. Mulvenna K. Preussner C. Witt L. Young T. Conwell	M. Mullen M. Kudlacz Open		P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Barrett	P. Olson T. Marthaler S. Lindsay	G. Rutkowski P. Olson S. Augustyn D. Walsh Open	E. Geraghty M. Kanzer Open		J. Augustyn
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	M. Rotert E. Fix A. Fix	L. Krepps M. Lukanich B. McMahon L. Nichol C. Pratali R. Pratali D. Nighswander G. Prendergast B. Olson	A. Edwards N. Edwards T. Mulcahy		G. Nalumansi
10:30 AM	Fr. Barrett	A. Sullivan C. Dillon M. Justak	B. Boyd O. Lastres S. Martin P. McGinnis P. O'Malley L. Ovník J. Nowak B. Sorice K. Parisi	E. Sifferman S. Parkes B. Griffin		P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	D. Newcomb J. Clark E. McGovern	K. Borawski A. Chimento N. Dekoker Open Open	D. Collins J. O'Halloran E. Kostal		O. Lozano
6:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	



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Readings For The Week of December 8, 2019

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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