

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

The Holy Family

December 30, 2018



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, December 31 New Year's Eve	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Holy Day of Obligation	
Tuesday, January 1 Holy Mother of God New Year's Day	10:00 am	Holy Day of Obligation	
Wednesday, January 2 Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church	7:45 am 9:00 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Richard Hofstetter	The Hofstetter Family
Thursday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Pearl Mueller	Olivia Zurowski
Friday, January 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	7:45 am 9:00 am	Peg & Bill Gallagher Word & Communion Service	The Endule Family
Saturday, January 5 Saint John Neumann, Bishop	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Antoinette Mangione Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish	The Mangione Family
Sunday, January 6 The Epiphany of the Lord	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	George Goldstein Antoinette Mangione People of the Parish People of the Parish People of the Parish	The Szulc Family The Mangione Family

Please Pray For...

Tony Banda	Virginia Kottaridis
Jim Boardman	Edward Kudia
Jay Carroll	Betty Kuhl
Sam Cibula	Marion Lucas
Terry Conwell	Emmett Miller
Anthony Dina	Patrick Morgan
Blake Donegan	Mike Morrison
Fr. Dave Dowdle	Amanda O'Brien
Pat Eaton	Jane O'Reilly
William Egbert	Ryan Patyk
Lauren Ellsworth	Donna Pekarek
Baby Morison Fennessy	Carissa Pessetti
Lily Fielding	James Pridmore
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Baby Madison Raupp
Lilli Gregory	Anna Rose
Wilson Gregory	Marilyn Rutkowski
Patricia Hassler	Anthony Scafide
Martha Heraty	Matthew Schiek
Linda Hillsman	Greyson Stanley
Rose Ilo	Sarah Stanley
Mary J.	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Jane Jacobson	Anne Titzer
Theresa Kandall	Michael Ungari
Mike Kelly	Amanda Valerugo
Benny Kilman	Gregory Van Gorp
Jerry Kolman	Josita Witte

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:

Elaine Michalek

Sister-in-Law of Mark Azzi

Elaine Muldoon

Mother of John, Kathleen, Coleen,
Maureen, Eileen & Dan

LORD
Bless us all
in the coming year

Pastor's Notes

Be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Colossians 3:15-16

Our Christmas Season continues with a celebration of family. We remember the Holy Family of Nazareth and their early family life. Mary and Joseph faced several challenges in the early years of raising their child. They had not yet established a home in Bethlehem on the night their child was born, finding shelter in a cave offered by a kind innkeeper. Matthew's story of the magi suggests that Mary and Joseph had established a home when these visitors from afar arrived. However, immediately after the departure of the magi, they had to flee into Egypt to escape Herod's order to slaughter all male children for fear that one of them was a threat to his power. They established themselves as refugees in a land in which they neither spoke the language nor knew the culture. And when their homeland was again a safe place, they returned to Nazareth and a more permanent home in which they would teach and guide their son. This family knew homelessness, poverty, fear, alienation, and instability. Several times they established a sense of home only to have to begin again in a new place. They were not spared the anxiety that any of us might feel in their circumstances. Yet they responded to the voices of angels and trusted that God was with them in each moment.

We come together as many families whom Christ calls together as one family. Among us are households that are filled with joy; households celebrating new beginnings; households that know the sadness of loss; households that face uncertain futures; households that experience the brokenness of old resentments or broken relationships; households of diverse sizes, ages, and experiences. Today's feast encourages us to invite God into the *current* circumstances of family life, whatever they may be. We are invited to be guided by the quiet voices of angels and to trust in God's promise to be with us always. We are *challenged to be thankful* for the blessings in our family amid all else. And we are *sent to be messengers* and instruments of comfort and joy to families in need of our support. For the Child of Bethlehem desires to dwell in each of our homes, if only we invite him in.

Our parish family is blessed by the good stewardship of so many whose contributions continue to make this a vibrant faith community. **Thank you** to the parish office and maintenance staff and their crew of volunteers who devote so much time and energy to the extra demands of this season. **Thank you** to the volunteers of our Art and Environment crew, who share their talents to bring beauty to our worship environment. **Thank you** to the volunteers in our Food Pantry whose efforts brought joy to many local families this Christmas. **Thank you** to our high school youth who coordinated the gifts for the community served by St. Agatha, our sister parish in Chicago's North Lawndale neighborhood. **Thank you to all of you** for your presence; your generous gifts of food, presents, and clothing; and your extra Christmas contribution to support the parish mission and ministries.

We have much for which to be thankful. May Christ, the Word of God made flesh, continue to dwell in us richly.

Christmas Peace,

J. Bill

Scripture Reflections

Reflection for The Holy Family
Liturgy Planning Team #4

Shirley Augustyn, Beth Olson, Diane Walsh and Marci Hermesdorf

All families have good times and bad times of joy and celebration and times of trials and deep sadness. It is how we deal with the ups and downs of family life that either strengthen a family or tear it apart. Family life with all of its challenges can bring out the best and worst in its members.

Jesus was the Son of God but also the son of Joseph and Mary. He was born into a human family that faced challenges similar to other families: born in poverty in a country under foreign rule, forced to flee the country and live in a foreign land, threatened by danger and economic uncertainty, etc. In today's gospel we see Jesus causing his parents worry and anxiety. But this is a family that loves and respects one another and works together. Let us model our own family life after the Holy Family and live in love and care with one another.

SAFE AND SOBER HOLIDAYS

Did you know that 10-13% of all the people in any community live with the disease of alcoholism or other chemical dependence? This includes 10-13% of our parish community. Each person who lives with a chemically dependent person also has a disease that negatively affects the lives of at least four other persons. 40% of the members of any community, including ours, know someone, or are concerned about someone, or are angry at someone who lives with this progressive and potentially fatal disease.

If you care about someone who has a drinking or other drug problem, I encourage you to get help for yourself. Go to ALANON if you are affected by someone's chemical dependency. Go to FAMILIES ANONYMOUS if you are the relative or friend of a young person with drug or behavioral problems. Go to ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS if you are the adult son or daughter of someone with an alcohol or other drug problem. Get help for yourself before you attempt to intervene in the life of someone who is addicted. This is the best gift you can give to someone who is dependent on alcohol or another drug.

Here are some healthy guidelines for holiday drinking and entertaining.

J. Bill

HOLIDAY DRINKING GUIDELINES

1. Drink only if you can. If you have been told not to drink, or if you take medication that does not mix with alcohol, don't drink.

Just one drink can hurt you.

2. Don't drink more than one drink per hour. If you can drink more than this without feeling any effect, you have a symptom of the disease of alcoholism.

A high tolerance for alcohol is a sign of disease – not a good thing.

3. Don't drink if you "don't drink." Don't take a beverage to avoid hurting your host or hostess.

Not drinking is okay.

4. Alcohol mixes better with the gasoline in a car than with the driver. If you plan on having a "really good time," then plan on not driving.

Drunk drivers can kill people.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING GUIDELINES

1. Never tell a guest, "Aw, c'mon. One drink won't hurt you. It's Christmas!"

The calendar has no effect on the effects of alcohol.

2. Don't serve more than one drink per hour to any guest. Minimize the time before serving food.

Don't poison your guests.

3. Don't give a guest who "doesn't drink" a hard time. Don't argue when someone says, "No thanks."

Provide non-alcoholic refreshments and let your guests choose.

4. Hot coffee or cold towels only make a person more awake. If a guest is drunk, do not let them drive. Get them a ride or cab or let them sleep it off.

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Surviving the Holidays

Some family situations can make the holidays difficult: there's no money; the kids are at the other parent's house; a loved one has died this past year. These top ten tips for "Surviving the Holidays" can help you exchange the dread, anxiety, or loneliness for a time of inner peace and hope.

- 1. Have realistic expectations.** This year WILL be different; don't try to make it the same as other years.
- 2. Know you can stay home this year.** This year you may feel like staying at home, which is a normal part of grief and healing. But many people will insist—maybe even push—to get you out. Be honest with yourself. If you are overwhelmed and need the security of solace, give yourself permission to stay in. If you go to the party and are ambushed by extreme emotions, give yourself permission to thank the host and leave early.
- 3. Do something special for yourself.** Plan a time close to Christmas day to go to a good movie, do a little window shopping, drop into church for a prayer, or enjoy a special treat. It doesn't have to be lavish. If you'd rather stay home, then rent a favorite movie, cook a favorite meal, and cozy up in a way that comforts you.
- 4. Do something for someone else.** One of the best ways to come out of our misery is to help someone else. Volunteering brings many back to the reality that God is good and there are many things for which to be thankful. Others focus their attention on Christmas presents for the children.
- 5. Keep it simple.** Having a Christmas tree may cheer up some; but for others it will be too depressing. Sending Christmas cards can be very therapeutic; but for some it is a time-consuming and unnecessary expense. Re-examine everything you used to do during the holidays; keep what works and get rid of the rest.
- 6. Keep in touch with the children.** Children crave routine and rituals which give them a sense of security—especially holiday customs. Keep as many of the holiday routines that they best love. Ask what their favorites are and help them focus on the fun.
- 7. Don't celebrate with your ex.** Not unless it's been years, the kids are older, and you really do get along fairly well. It sounds good that you should all be able to get along at the holidays—but it's most often a myth. In most cases it confuses everyone, especially the children.
- 8. Help the children buy a present for their other parent.** Imagine how difficult it would be to get a present for mom or dad without any help. Some things should never change . . . like encouraging kids to love, honor, and respect both parents.
- 9. Draw close to God.** This holiday is about the answer to every person's prayer: God come to us in the flesh. Let Mary's kind eyes fall upon you and Joseph's strong gaze give you hope.
- 10. Go to Christmas Mass and rejoice in your heart.** On Christmas day your emotions may be extremely tender; the tears may flow and the cries of your heart may mix with the strains of "Silent Night." But come. Come as you are. Know that you are loved. Know that there is hope. Know that if you remain open to God through the crosses of life there *will* be resurrection and salvation. *This* is the hope we have in these holidays.

O come, let us adore our God made flesh in Jesus.



In observance of the New Year's Holiday,
the Rectory will close at 12:00 Noon
on Monday, December 31 and will reopen
on Wednesday, January 2 at 8:30 am.

Tax Reform and Charitable Giving

Last December, Congress approved the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which led to the most far-reaching changes to the tax code in more than 30 years. Taxpayer ability to take itemized deductions is subject to certain limitations. As a result of this tax code change, SFX has seen an increase in donations from donor-advised funds in the past few months as parishioners adjust their giving strategies.

Other strategies that could help taxpayers maximize the benefits of the new tax laws on charitable giving include:

- If you are age 70½ or older, consider making a tax-free gift to SFX through an IRA charitable rollover.
- If you have experienced gains in the financial markets this year, consider donating appreciated securities to avoid paying capital gain taxes.

SFX does not provide tax, legal or accounting advice. Please consult your attorney or tax advisor to evaluate your tax deductibility limits and benefits for any of these options.

Christmas Flowers

The following donations for our Christmas Flowers have been made:

In Memory of:

Alberts & Lersch Families
Mr. & Mrs. Henry S. Azzi
Rocco & Mary Bagnuolo
Grace Baker
Pat & Ray Baker
Michael Bannach
Mary Bochenek
Carroll & Schmid Families
Michael Cipriani
Theresa Cipriani
Victor & Lillian Copp
Charles DeFoor
Anna Delaney
Tyler Duelm
Beatrice Durham
Ernie Durham
Joe Dykhuizen
Wendy & Slocum Fitzgibbons
Lillian Gentile
John & Gene Grand
John & Bernice Grzeslo

John & Katherine Hannigan
Helen Houk
Mary Moore Kearney
Josephine Kobylarczyk
Roy Leslie
Louis Mangione
Helen McCormick
Jack McDonnell
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Michalek
Eleanor M. Michalek
Amy Nelson
Fred & Pauline O'Malley
Paul & Mavis Ortman
Besse & Dick Parlon
Geraldine Porto
Marie Puzio
Alicia Ramirez
Gilbert, Isabel & Rich Riess
Nancy Russell
Bob & Florence Schmuhl
Josephine Schreyer
Stu Slevka

Kenneth & Shirley Staskon
Dorothy Sullivan
James & Amelia Turturillo
Antoinette & Steve Valenti
Maurice, Eleanor & Kevin Walsh
Art & Dorothy West
A. David West
Michelle West
John Yelnick & Family

In Honor of:

Bernadette Crowe
Donald Crowe
Loretta Haxel
Higgins Family
Peg & Steve Humeske
Dylan Marx Family
Jackie Seiner
Claire Shanley
Patricia & Bernard Urycki



who

Two & Fall Three year olds!
A parent or an adult caregiver must be present.
Open to SFX school families, parishioners,
and community members.

what

Lil Falcon Fun: Play, sing, meet new friends!
A casual, play-based program that would provide an
opportunity to meet, socialize, and play together. Each
class will include fun with literacy, music and movement.
Younger siblings are welcome!

when

Monday mornings from 9:00-9:45 am
Twice a Month
January 14 & 28; February 11 & 25; March 11 & 25;
April 8 & 29 and May 6 & 20

where

SFX Early Childhood Building
21 N. Catherine, LaGrange
Room 25 (second floor)

why

Provide families an opportunity
to engage and develop a sense of community.

how

Register online at:
<https://goo.gl/forms/S7DIAehHMYTAcUt73>
Session fee is \$50/due at the first class.
(Space is limited. Checks payable to SFX)

We encourage all to follow
SFX School on social media:



SFX School Instagram:
[@sfxlg_school](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg_school)

Facebook SFX School site:
<https://www.facebook.com/SFX.LG/>

Facebook SFX Alumni site:
<https://www.facebook.com/sfxlgalumni/>

SFX School Website:
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School>

Parish School Job Opening

Half-time PreK4 Teacher Assistant needed
Monday-Friday from 7:45am-12:45 pm.

Please contact Principal Sharon Garcia at
sgarcia@sfxlg.org or 708-352-2175.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Saturday evening 5:00pm 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.
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.

Here is the tentative schedule with the children's choirs:
January 5 & 26;
February 9 & 23;
March 2; April 6

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):

January 12 & 19; February 2 & 16;
March 9, 16, 23, & 30; and April 27

You can call 708-352-0168 and direct your calls to:
Terri Simeoni, RE Coordinator
or
Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music



Box Tops For Education Collection

Please help in earning cash for our school. We would like
your help in collecting Box Tops For Education. There
will be a drop box located at the back of church in the
vestibule. Please place Box Tops that you have collected
inside.

Thank you for your help!

SERVICE DAY 2018 – STATISTICS

Thank you for your prayers as St. Francis Xavier Parish School students served the community during the 9th Annual Service Day on December 7, 2018. In one day our students touched many lives...

PRESCHOOL 4 – SFX FOOD PANTRY

Made 120 ornaments, decorated two trees, and donated 118 food items to the SFX Food Pantry.

KINDERGARTEN – BROOKFIELD ZOO

42 Kindergartners made 126 ornaments that were hung on our trees at Brookfield Zoo. Sang 3 Christmas Carols to the Bears.

GRADE ONE – BETHLEHEM WOODS

12 blankets were given to their older friends, they sang 12 Christmas Carols, and played 5 rounds of Bingo.

GRADE TWO – ST. BLASÉ CHURCH

1,750 books were sorted and donated to 13 different locations in Chicago to help teach English.

GRADE THREE – MARILLAC HOUSE

Collected 580 items of cold weather clothing for the Knights of Columbus.

Made 260 ornaments with Marillac students, and sang Christmas Carols.

Read 25 books to classes.

Wrapped and gifted 160 books to the pre-school children.

Assembled 72 comfort kits for seniors.

GRADE FOUR with GRADE SEVEN – FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Raised \$309.12 in Quarters – Their 7 cents a day raised over \$550 for SFX Food Pantry.

126 boxes were packed which will make enough to make 26,216 meals – Kids will be fed for a year at a cost of \$5,988.

GRADE FIVE – AMERICAN LEGION HALL

221 care packages were assembled for patients receiving treatment at Hines VA Hospital.

Wrote 100 letters of gratitude to veterans.

Learned over 50 new facts about the military.

GRADE SIX – SUBURBANITE BOWL

46 SFX students, 72 SEASPAR friends played over 60 games of bowling, gave tons of high fives, and there were many smiles.

GRADE EIGHT – GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

Unpacked, bagged and distributed 100's of pounds of fruit, vegetables, and bread to 193 households and 541 people.

Grade EIGHT – HELPING HANDS

35 clients-made 48 apple pies, played games, made 16 art masterpieces, made 24 fresh flower displays and made 100 holiday cards.

GRADE EIGHT – ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

Spent time in the classrooms with preschool, kindergarten, first and second graders. Read stories, made crafts, and helped them with their journals.

Religious Education Class Dates

Sundays

December 30	No Class
January 6	At Home Lesson
January 13	Class
January 20	Class
January 27	At Home Lesson
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Wednesdays

January 2	No Class
January 9	At Home Lesson
January 16	Class
January 23	Class
January 30	At Home Lesson

Religious Education Important Dates

Grade 2 ~ Eucharistic Prep Liturgy
Sunday, January 13 at 1:30 pm in Church

Grade 5 ~ Reconciliation
Sunday, January 20 during Class Time in Chapel
Wednesday, January 23 during Class Time in Chapel

Grade 5 ~ Eucharistic Liturgy
January 20 at 12:00 Noon in Church

What's going on in Youth Ministry???

Freshman/Sophomore Retreat

Interested in being a Eucharistic Minister or Lector for the 6pm Mass? Talk to Katie McCarthy, the 6pm Sacristan, before or after a 6pm Mass or contact Olivia Zurowski at ozurowski@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168 to sign up!

Quest Confirmation Social Justice Retreat

- If your teen is planning on attending the Feb 10 Social Justice retreat date, please register online!
- The link can be found on the Youth Ministry website.

2019 Summer Mission Trip



The 2019 Summer Mission Trip location has been determined: Springfield, KY! St. Francis has 30 (25 teens, 5 adults) spots reserved with Young

Neighbors in Action for the June 23-28, 2019 trip to Springfield, KY. The registration form can be found on the Youth Ministry website. Contact Olivia Zurowski for more information.

**Chicago Catholic
Scripture School
Spring 2019
DEUTERONOMY &
GENESIS:
In the beginning...
\$195: Certification Program
\$95: Audit Program**

OUR PROGRAM OFFERS:

- Deep familiarity with Sacred Scripture!
- Personal enrichment in relationship with God!
- In-depth academic inquiry!
- Long-term spiritual formation!
- Affordable, high-quality education!

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Have computer access with Internet, have a personal email address, and purchase the student workbook. Purchase of suggested reference books highly recommended.

REGISTER BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS

www.luc.edu/ips/ccss

**Wednesdays, 2019
January 9 - March 13
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm OR
10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

INSTRUCTORS

Rick Moreno
(morning)
Institute of Pastoral Studies
Pauline Viviano
(evening)
Institute of Pastoral Studies

**St. John of the Cross Parish
5005 South Wolf Road
Western Springs, IL 60558**

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

Kevin Pease
Director of Chicago Catholic Scripture School
t. 312.915.7485 | kpease@luc.edu

Why Buy Fair Trade Coffee??

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!!!

Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier
and
Grace Lutheran

*All are invited to our
Taizé Evening Prayer
Friday, January 11
7:30 pm
at
St. Francis Xavier*



Taizé Prayer is contemplative and most importantly communal, combining simple repetitive melodies that are sung by all, prayerful silence, scripture reading and intercessory prayer. This prayer can promote a kind of inner unity of person, allowing the spirit to be more open and attentive to what is essential. It is our hope that you will join us, especially at this time when our world is much in need of prayer.

The HATS We Wear

THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

2019 Ladies Pre-Lent Event

PROVERBS 31:31

"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let
her work bring her praise at the city gate."

Saturday, March 2, 2019

La Grange Country Club

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Open House style, come and go as your schedule permits.

PASSED HORS D'OEUVRES AND FOOD STATIONS
CASH BAR / LIVE MUSIC / BINGO / VENDORS

Register online at www.prelentevent.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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Come watch the NFL Conference Championships with SFX Men's Club

Doors Open 1:30 PM
Joyce Hall



\$25 per person
BYOB

AFC @ 2:05 PM
NFC @ 5:40 PM

Soda, Water, Food
Squares Pool

Contact Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com for more information.



REGISTRATION FORM

Have you been feeling like something is missing? Do you need a jump start in your faith journey? Do you need some time away with God? Join women just like you from our parish at the 2019 **WELCOME Women's Retreat!** Through stories, prayer, fellowship, and more you will find rest, be refreshed, and witness a new perspective on how God sees you and just how much you are loved. All women, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey, are **WELCOME!**

Women's WELCOME Retreat Weekend

Saturday, February 2 - Sunday, February 3, 2019

Carmelite Spiritual Center
8419 Bailey Road
Darien, IL

Please arrive between 8:00 - 8:30 am on Saturday; we will conclude around 3:00 pm on Sunday. For questions, please contact Therese Bryne at (708) 588.0845

Scholarships are available — please contact Father Bill Tkachuk

You may complete the registration and pay online (please see our Facebook link below), place the registration form/payment in the collection basket or drop off at the Rectory to the attention of Jane Bandyk along with payment (payable to St. Francis Xavier Parish).



Women's Retreat Weekend



February 2 - 3, 2019

_____ **Single Occupancy: \$140**

_____ **Double Occupancy: \$120; Room with:** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Music preference: (please check): CD **OR** Digital Playlist
Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please list two people we may contact to ask to pray for you while on the **WELCOME** retreat (optional)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please visit our Facebook page for more details
<https://www.facebook.com/WelcomeWomenSFX/>



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
- **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
- **Master Sgt. Andrew Lang**—son of Marge & Ray Lang
- **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 William Baker, U.S. Army**—son of Meg & Barry Baker
- **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 Julia & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Michael Rodden, USAF & Christopher Osterhaus, USMC**—son and nephew of John & Vicki Rodden
- **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

**Please inform us of those serving in the Military Overseas...
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

Pastor
Associate Pastor
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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)
 Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

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 Wednesday7:45 and 9:00 am
 Thursday.....9:00 am
 Friday.....7:45 am
 Saturday.....9:00 am

Word Communion Services

Thursday.....7:45 am
 Friday.....9:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 12:00 pm on the Friday 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

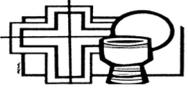
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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, call our parish counselor, Nancy Kennedy, 708-325-8582 at the Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—January 5-6, 2019

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	Child Liturgy Q. Shanley P. Shanley	M. Becker D. Dunlap K. Kanzer F. Kudia M. Illigan D. Mulvena C. Witt L. Young Open	N. Strayer A. Edwards N. Olson	K. Kelly Cherub Choir	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	G. Schuler D. Walsh M. Hermesdorf	D. Challender S. Hayes N. Kalkowski T. Nichol P. Olson	B. Culin	T. Pangan	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	E. Fix T. Gannon C. Michel	M. Hull L. Krepps M. Lukanich L. Nichol D. Nighswander B. Olson C. Pratali R. Pratali L. Weyrauch	A. Fix T. Dudek	L. Hoigard Gallery Choir	J. Virella
10:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	G. Sbrissa N. Madell S. Zlatic	B. Boyd N. Cummings L. Egan M. P. Flaherty O. Lastres L. Ovník B. Sorice G. Rutkowski Open	D. Collins B. McGovern	B. Kalnes Celebration Ensemble	P. Sbertoli
12:00 PM	Fr. Tkachuk	J. Clark C. Pietrzak T. Bezouska	K. Borawski A. Chimento L. Donegan B. Edelmann M. O'Malley	H. Labrador	C. Kline	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

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Readings For The Week of December 30, 2018

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12