

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

The Holy Family

December 31, 2017



*Live as the Holy Family. Unite yourselves in love  
and respect for each other, live in peace with all people  
and pray that you may share in the life of the Lord.*

## Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, January 1 Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	10:30 am		
Tuesday, January 2 Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church	7:45 am 9:00 am	Bill Riordan Richard Hofstetter	The Riordan Family The Hofstetter Family
Wednesday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus	7:45 am 9:00 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Winona Hennebry Andre Eagle John Gannon	The Schrack Family Peggy & Jan Schultz From Mother The SFX Sunshine Committee
Thursday, January 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Antoinette Mangione Antonio & Teresa Franzese Peg & Bill Gallagher Gary Stallman	The Mangione Family The Enderle Family Mary Abbott
Friday, January 5 Saint John Neumann, Bishop	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Word & Communion Service	
Saturday, January 6 Saint Andre Bessette, Religious	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm	Laura Murphy Alfreda Zvonek Joe Siebert NO Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation	Darlene Pajauskus The Moles Family The Hofstetter Family

## Please Pray For...

Tony Banda  
Keeley Barr  
George Braasch  
Carol Domecki  
Blake Donegan  
Fr. Dave Dowdle  
Pat Eaton  
Bill Elliott  
Lily Fielding  
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick  
Lilli Gregory  
Wilson Gregory  
Frank Grippo  
Patricia Hassler  
Linda Hillsman  
Diane Hughes  
Rose Ilo  
Jane Jacobson  
Mike Kelly  
Benny Kilman  
Jerry Kolman  
Virginia Kottardis

Molly Anne McKenna  
Emmett Miller  
Mike Morrison  
Fr. Jim O'Connor  
Arnie Oppenheim  
Jane O'Reilly  
Ryan Patyk  
Donna Pekarek  
Carissa Pessetti  
James Pridmore  
Baby Madison Raupp  
Anna Rose  
Marilyn Rutkowski  
Matthew Schiek  
Greyson Edward Stanley  
Kate Frugoli Sullivan  
Jerry Tazic  
Marty Thuerk  
Anne Titzer  
Michael Ungari  
Amanda Valerugo  
Gregory Van Gorp

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:



**Gerard "Bucky" Grace**  
Father of Don, Dee Dee,  
Katie, Tom & Mike

**Phil Malone**  
Husband of Mary Therese and Father of Maureen,  
Michael, Peter and the late Mark

## Please Note Word & Communion Services

On Friday, January 5th there will be NO masses. Both times of 7:45 and 9:00 am will be Word & Communion Services. Thank you for your understanding.

## Please Note Confessions

On Saturday, January 6 at the 9:00 am mass we will have a visiting priest, so there will be NO Confessions. Thank you for your understanding.

## Pastor's Notes

*"They returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."*  
Luke 2:39.40

On the night that the Christ Child was born, angels sang through the night sky and shepherds proclaimed the wonder to all who would listen. On the day Mary and Joseph honored the custom of presenting their first-born son in the Jerusalem Temple, Simeon and Anna sing the praises of this child and the light he will be for all people. Luke will tell one more story about the adolescent Jesus worrying his family when he stays behind on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem so that he may converse with the elders. The above two sentences, and one about the child Jesus growing in wisdom, age and grace, are all we are told of the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

I hear in the lack of details that there was nothing that made this family stand out among others in the town of Nazareth. They lived the ordinary life of a tradesman's family. Mary would have cared for the home and made it a place of prayer and mutual love. Joseph would have travelled to wherever there was work for carpenters during the period of Roman occupation and much rebuilding. Both Mary and Joseph would have taught their son the stories, traditions, and practices of the Jewish faith, and taken him regularly to the synagogue and occasionally to the Temple in Jerusalem. This family would have had their minor disagreements and needed to work through the tensions that are a natural part of family life. At some point, Jesus likely would have begun to accompany Joseph as an apprentice to the carpenter's trade. He likely would have continued in this trade as he cared for his mother after Joseph's death. For thirty years, nothing extraordinary would have drawn special attention to the Holy Family of Nazareth; no one would refer to them as the "perfect" family.

So, what makes them the Holy Family that we celebrate this day? Perhaps it is the willingness of Mary and Joseph to allow God into the ordinary moments of each day – the joyful moments and the more challenging ones. They made a home for their child in which he would learn of God's love and God's promises as much by the way they lived their lives as by any of their words. They placed their love for one another above anything that might divide them, and kept God at the center of their hearts and home. They remained focused on what God asked of them in each day, and resisted the temptation to "take control" of their status or security among relatives and friends.

As we enter a new year, God invites us to welcome God into the ordinariness of our daily lives. Our "family" may consist of parents and children; of elder adults, distant siblings, and cousins; of partners, friends, or neighbors; of a precious few or more than we can count. We become "holy families" when we seek to live in love, forgiveness, patience, and mutual sacrifice for one another, calling out in the other the best of who God calls them to be. We become holy families when we make space for God on each day and each decision. What light that can bring to our world!

*Peace,*

*J. Bill*

## Scripture Reflections

### Reflection for the Feast of the Holy Family

Liturgy Planning Team #6

Marie Anne Barry, Susan Lindsay, Susan Nedza,  
Barbara Szulc and Susan Martin

The first and second readings chosen for this feast of the Holy Family are open to us to use to bring our own families closer to each other and closer to God. These readings are intended for all generations in the family. Many of us have just seen more of family over the Christmas weekend than we usually are able. The readings today call us to become more tender with our families and a challenge is to continue this beyond the season of Christmas, into the ordinary times of our lives as well. A second challenge is how to extend these good, tender feelings beyond family and reach out to all members of our community.

The Gospel tells the story of the blessing of the baby Jesus and all that Mary and Joseph are told by the holy prophets at the temple. It is an amazing experience that leaves them full of wonder about their son. And in the end, they return to Nazareth to live out the ordinary days of their lives, always aware of God's love shown to them. May we also return to our ordinary days aware of the love extended to us and willing to extend that love to others.

### Reflection for the Holy Mary, Mother of God

Liturgy Planning Team #1

Marge Branecki, Michelle Mirecki, Jude Dumfeh,  
Maureen Lang and Lisa Young

*"And Mary kept all these things,  
reflecting on them in her heart."*

I have always loved hearing how Mary treasured the words of the shepherds and all they had heard. As a busy young mother of a newborn, far away from the comfort of home and the support of family, she probably had little time to think, but she kept these words in her heart.

How many things happen in our own lives, complicated situations involving people we know and love, that are beyond our immediate understanding? If we respond hastily, we might not fully comprehend the true picture. If we try to follow Mary's example—listening, reflecting, and pondering the situation, we may find that we are able to see God at work. Like a loving Mother, Mary teaches us patience and perseverance and, most especially, she teaches us to trust God.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection,  
implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee,  
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;  
to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions,  
but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

## Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier  
and  
Grace Lutheran

All are invited to our  
Taizé Evening Prayer  
Friday, January 12  
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.

## 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!!!

## It's Flu and Cold Season!

As a reminder during cold and flu season, please remember to protect your health and that of others. Proper steps would include:

- \* If you have a serious cold or the flu, please stay home on Sunday. You are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass if you are sick.
- \* Be aware that others might not want to shake hands during the Sign of Peace. They might be protecting YOU. Please don't attempt to force others to shake hands against their will.
- \* If you are not feeling up to par, but you are not sick enough to stay home or, if you are coughing or sneezing, please don't receive Communion from the cup and do not hold hands during the Our Father; do not shake hands or hug other people at the Sign of Peace – a smile and nod of the head with the words, "The Peace of the Lord be with you" will suffice; do not drink from the chalice of the Precious Blood; receive the Host in your hand, not on your tongue. Although there is no evidence that germs are transmitted in this way your fellow communicants might be reluctant to receive.

Show concern for your brothers and sisters in the community, especially the elderly and chronically ill, and follow these simple guidelines to ensure a healthier winter for us all!

What's Your  
*Favorite Memory*  
of St. Francis Xavier?

Another question to consider: **People often say that St. Francis Xavier is a special place. Why do you think people feel this way?**

The SFX Staff, EnlightIN Team, our 125th Anniversary Planners and interested Volunteers are working on our *125th Anniversary Book*, and we invite your input. People of all ages are invited to write a favorite memory or answer the question above, and return it to [sfxinlg@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxinlg@sfxlg.org) or the rectory. Please include:

- Your memory or thoughts — a sentence, a paragraph, or a page (200 word max)
- Info about You: name, phone number, email address, age (if child), and how long you have been a parishioner
- A photo of yourself or an image related to your memory (optional)

Please return your memory or thoughts to [sfxinlg@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxinlg@sfxlg.org) or the rectory by **Jan. 15, 2018**.

Memories and thoughts selected by our editors will be highlighted in the 125th Anniversary Book, as well as in the parish bulletin and on the website. Contact Missy Westerhoff for further information: 708-352-0168 or [sfxinlg@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxinlg@sfxlg.org).

## 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

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.**

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.**

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

#### **Not drinking is okay.**

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

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.**

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

#### **Don't poison your guests.**

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.**

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

#### **Drunk drivers can kill people.**

## PARISH FINANCES

Due to the holidays, our parish finances will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Have a Blessed New Year.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity  
Cardinal Meyer Pastoral Center  
3525 South Lake Park Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60653

December 18, 2017

Rev. William J. Tkachuk  
St. Francis Xavier  
124 N. Spring Ave.  
LaGrange, IL 60525-1857

Dear Father Tkachuk:

This year's readings for the third Sunday of Advent remind the faithful of our call" ...to bring good news to the poor...release to captives...sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." These words are the theological foundation of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, which is working locally and nationally to develop leaders, transform communities, and inspire witness.

On behalf of all those who work to coordinate CCHD's annual collection, I would like to thank you for welcoming Progress Center for Independent Living into your parish to share their story. This year we sent staff, volunteers, and speakers from our funded groups to over fifty-five parishes across the city. Because of your generosity and openness, the Church is able to further its mission to stand in solidarity with the poor, seniors, immigrants, workers, people with disabilities, and communities impacted by violence.

We wish you and your parish community much peace and joy this Christmas season.

Peace

Elena Segura  
Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity

*May the wonder of Christmas and hope of God's abundant love be with you this season and always.  
—Liz*



# little falcon fun

St. Francis Xavier

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**Two & Fall Three year olds! (turns 3 after 9/1)**

A parent or an adult caregiver must be present.

Open to SFX school families, parishioners, and community members

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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!

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when.....

Monday mornings from  
**9:00 am - 9:45 am**

Twice A Month  
January 8 & 22  
February 12 & 26  
March 12 & 26  
April 9 & 23  
May 7 & 21

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where.....

St. Francis Xavier School - East Campus  
21 N. Catherine, LaGrange  
Room 22 (first floor)

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

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Register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/yd5p8qn3>

Session fee is \$50 / due at the first class.  
(Space is limited. Checks payable to SFX)

# Preschool

We here at St. Francis Xavier School are very excited to announce the expansion of our Preschool Program beginning 2018-2019! Preschool 3 will offer half day classes with three and five day attendance options, and Pre K 4 will run Monday through Friday with half day and full day options.

Our Preschool program combines cognitive and play-based philosophies. We believe purposeful play with experiential learning fully engages the child and develops a true love of learning. In addition, SFX focuses on actively living one's faith and providing an example of character to others in daily life. Our goal is to guide children in their journey to realizing their own personal gifts and learning to value the contribution of others.

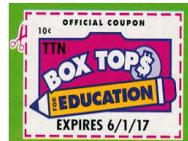
Enrollment will begin mid-November! Please contact our Advancement Director Jennifer Courier at [jcourier@sfxlg.org](mailto:jcourier@sfxlg.org) for more information or to be placed on the distribution list for applications.

## New Tax Credit Scholarship Program

You may have heard by now about the new tax credit scholarship program created through the Invest in Kids Act. This Christmas, you can give the gift of a Catholic education to children from low-income families while also receiving a tax credit yourself. This program is different from regular charitable giving to St. Francis Xavier or another charity.

Visit [archchicago.org/tcs](http://archchicago.org/tcs) to learn why and to access a step-by-step guide to the program.

## 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 is 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!

## Welcome Wednesdays at St. Francis Xavier School



We would like to invite you to attend a Welcome Wednesday admissions event and learn all about our programs and tour our school. Reservations are suggested, but not required.

2018 Welcome Wednesday dates:  
January 17, 2018 & May 16, 2018

Welcome Wednesday kicks off at 8:30 am at our East Campus with an informal presentation from our principal and an early education teacher, and ends with a school tour.

Our East Campus (Pre-school 3 – Kindergarten) at  
21 North Catherine Avenue, LaGrange  
morning begins at 8:30 am

Families interested in enrolling a child in grades 1-7,  
please call the school to arrange for a private tour  
at your convenience.

To make reservations, schedule a private tour,  
or request a shadow day for your child,  
contact Jennifer Courier at 708-352-2175.

Our all-school **Open House is January 28, 2018.**

The “Gym Fair” at the Main Campus  
will showcase all clubs and extracurricular activities,  
and teachers will be in their  
class rooms at both campuses  
to answer any questions you may have.

Open Enrollment begins mid-November.

Our early education classes reach capacity very quickly.

Contact Jennifer Courier [jcourier@sfxlg.org](mailto:jcourier@sfxlg.org) to be placed  
on distribution list for the application paperwork.

**SFX YOUTH MINISTRY WEBSITE:**  
[www.youthministry.sfxlg.org](http://www.youthministry.sfxlg.org)



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**  
May the Blessings of Christmas be with you,  
May the Christ Child light your way,  
May God's holy angels guide you,  
And keep you safe each day.

**Church League**

Looking to watch a Church League basketball game and support the young men of St. Francis Xavier? Here is the schedule for the January 6 & 7 games (no games the weekend of December 30 & 31 in observance of New Year's).

Saturday, January 6		
Which SFX Team	Time	Location
Juniors	4pm	St. Louise
Juniors	6pm	St. Louise
Freshmen	6:30pm	St. Francis Xavier
Seniors	7pm	Park District of LG
Seniors v Seniors!	7:30pm	St. Francis Xavier
Juniors	7:45pm	WS Recreation
Seniors	8pm	St. Louise
Sophomores	8pm	St. Isaac Jogues
Sophomores	8:30pm	St. Francis Xavier
Sunday, January 7		
Freshmen	5pm	St. Mary's

**God's Garage Open Hours**

God's Garage will be open weekly on Mondays and Tuesdays from 7-8pm. I (Olivia) will be there during these times with snacks if anyone would like to stop by and say hi, use the space to hang out with friends, do homework, etc. I have set this time up as an opportunity to get to know the teens and parents of St. Francis. Don't be afraid to stop by!

*~ Olivia Hollman*

**Religious Education  
Important Dates & Class Dates**

Sunday, December 31	No Class
Wednesday, January 3	No Class
Sunday, January 7	At Home Lesson
Wednesday, January 10	At Home Lesson
Sunday, January 14	Class
Wednesday, January 17	Class
Sunday, January 21	Class
Wednesday, January 24	4Class

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

The Word of the Lord has a message for children as well as adults. Children's Liturgy of the Word offers the children an experience to hear the scripture in words that they can understand. Here at St. Francis we are fortunate and proud to have adult volunteers and Presiders of Liturgy who journey with our children so that they can experience the Word of the Lord with a message that is relevant and fitting for them.

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 Reflectors 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 "kicked off" the school year on Saturday, October 14. Allen Sterwalt, our Director of Music, along with our Cherub Choir and SF Choristers (Children in Grades 1-8) led us in prayer with music. **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 to 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:

January 6—Cherub;  
February 3—Combined Choirs;  
February 24—Choristers;  
March 3—Cherub and  
March 24—Choristers

Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflectors 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 13, 20 & 27;  
February 10 & 17;  
March 10 & 17;  
and April 7, 14, 21 & 28

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

## 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](mailto:tizianalambert@gmail.com).



### Transformational Breath

Experience what it feels like to open restricted breathing and release negativity, bringing your whole being to a state of relaxation, through the power of your own breath. Monday, January 8 from 7:00-9:00 pm. Cost: \$25 Please register and pay in advance, as spaces are limited.

### Restoring Balance

If the hectic speed and endless preparations of the holiday season have left you drained, come join us for a morning of meditation, ritual, restorative yoga and the warmth of female camaraderie. Wear comfortable clothing and feel free to bring your own yoga mat and blanket. Thursday, January 11 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Cost: \$30.

### ZOOM Into 21<sup>st</sup> Century Spirituality with John Surette, SJ

John Surette, The Well's beloved friend, remains in Massachusetts. But thanks to 21<sup>st</sup> century technology, we will "meet" with him to entertain a discussion around a question of John's choice. Participate from your home in this videoconference call with your computer, or better yet, join us at The Well and gather with a group around a large screen. Monday, January 15 from 1:00-2:00 pm, also same time Monday February 19, and March 19. Cost: \$10/session.

### SAVE THE DATE The Well Coffeehouse – Fun-raiser

On Friday, February 2 from 7:00-10:00 pm be prepared to be entertained with live performances ranging from comedy to poetry to piano and song, jazz to pop, amateur to professional. Bring your own food and drinks. Sweets available for purchase. Cost: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door.

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park. To register: 708-482-5048 or [thewell@csjoseph.org](mailto:thewell@csjoseph.org); [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org).

## SFX Men's Club

All men of the parish are welcome.  
For further information, please contact:

Matt Hubert at [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com) or  
Joseph Enright at [joseph\\_owen@hotmail.com](mailto:joseph_owen@hotmail.com).

## St. Francis Xavier Scripture Study

### St. Paul Letters from Prison

### Colossians, Ephesians

Thursdays beginning **January 11**

9:45 - 11:15 a.m.

How is it that Paul's most joyful letters are written while he was incarcerated?

Come and see. Ten sessions.

Please register with  
Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ

708-363-6728 or [mrace@csjoseph.org](mailto:mrace@csjoseph.org)

## A Call To Ministry

A new year with new challenges! What about that nagging feeling deep in your hearts? Is God calling you to be more fully a part of the ministries here at SFX? Have you thought that maybe you'd like to minister to those assembled as an extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? As a Eucharistic Minister, you would be a sign and carrier of Eucharistic joy. Please consider His call to serve our parish in this way.

At SFX we are in need of ministers especially at the 10:30 am and Noon Masses. To discuss the possibility of becoming a member of this ministry please contact either David at [d2rsherman@aol.com](mailto:d2rsherman@aol.com) or George at [Grutkowski@aol.com](mailto:Grutkowski@aol.com).

Are you Thriving or Just Surviving?



## Registration Form

The Welcome (Christ Renews His Parish/CRHP 2.0) women's retreat offers a wonderful opportunity to connect with others and share experiences on a journey to renew your relationship with the Lord and build a bond with other women of the parish. All women are welcome on this spiritual journey.

### Women's Weekend, January 20th - 21st, 2018

Carmelite Spirituality Center

8433 Bailey Rd., Darien, Illinois

**Please arrive between 8:00 am – 8:30 am on the 20th**

**We conclude @ 3:00 pm on the 21st**

Questions: Please contact Tammy Walczyk @ (708)354-7312

Scholarships Available Please Contact Fr. Bill Tkachuk

Please drop off registration form with payment (payable to St. Francis Xavier Parish)  
to the Rectory attention Missy Westerhoff by January 10, 2018

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### ***Women's Weekend January 20-21, 2018***

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Single Occupancy \$135

\_\_\_\_\_  
Double Occupancy \$115 Room with.\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Emergency Contact**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list 2 people we may contact to ask to pray for you while on retreat. (Optional)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

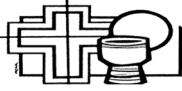
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_



## 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
- **Staff Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Ensign Jonathan Devitt Brown**—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
- **Scott Conway, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Robert Dunne & Mark Conway
- **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

**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.**



## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—January 6-7, 2017

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Killeen	Children's Liturgy N. Whelton Q. Shanley	L. Bannach M. Becker J. Denson S. Devitt D. Mulvenna K. Preussner L. Young Not Filled Not Filled	C. Carroll W. Carroll M. Hayford	G. Adams	M. Becker
7:30 AM	Fr. Killeen	D. Walsh J. Van Gorp B. Farnan	S. Augustyn N. Kalkowski K. McInerney J. Morsch P. Olson	C. Holmes J. Eraci A. Holmes	TBA	C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	M. Quigley M. Rotert T. Gannon	L. Krepps M. Lukanich B. McMahon D. Nighswander E. Olsen B. Olson P. O'Malley C. Pratali R. Pratali	B. Culin E. Madden T. Dudek	C. Kline Gallery Choir	J. Burson
10:30 AM	Fr. Muccino	S. Zlatic E. Witowski G. Sbrissa	R. Caragher N. Cummings L. Egan M. P. Flaherty J. Garreau M. Joscelyn A. Krol O. Lastres S. Martin	A. Justak L. Nowak Q. Siegel	B. Kalnes Celebration Ensemble	K. Titzer
12:00 PM	Fr. Muccino	C. Borowski D. Lewis C. Anderson	A. Chimento K. Johnson N.L. Kampe M. O'Malley M.K. Pasin	R. Newman E. Newman D. Newcomb	K. Fron	J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	

### Readings For The Week of December 31, 2017

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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

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

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jm 1:35-42

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

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



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## St. Francis Xavier Personnel

### **Pastoral Ministry**

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*Associate Pastor*  
*Deacon*  
*Pastoral Associate*  
*Weekend Sacramental Ministers*  
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*Rev. William Tkachuk*  
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*Assistant to Day School Principal*  
*Day School Secretary (Main Campus)*  
*Day School Secretary (East Campus)*  
*Coordinator (East Campus)*  
*Advancement Director*  
*Tuition Accounts*  
*Religious Education Coordinator/Sacrament Prep*  
*Religious Education Office Staff*  
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*Mrs. Sharon Garcia*  
*Mrs. Janice Carr*  
*Mrs. Mary Hoffman*  
*Mrs. Peggy Evans*  
*Mrs. Kathie Kinahan*  
*Mrs. Margaret Houston*  
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### **Youth Ministry**

*Coordinator*

### **Music Ministry**

*Director*

### **Parish Office Staff**

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*Pastor's Secretary*  
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### **Food Pantry/Community Outreach**

*Coordinator*

*Mrs. Mary Freeman*

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### **Contact Information**

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Holy Days of Obligation as scheduled in bulletin.

### **Rectory Hours**

Monday-Friday ..... 8:30 am-8:30 pm  
Saturday ..... 9:00 am-5:00 pm  
Sunday ..... 9:00 am-2:00 pm

### **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 Wednesday ..... 7:45 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

### **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)

### **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. All articles must be emailed 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, 773-643-6259 ext. 31 at the Claret Center or email nkennedy4@luc.edu.