SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2023

OPEN

"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'"

MATTHEW 25:11-12

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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, November 13	Mass	8:30 am	Denise Graney Herbert & Mary Schrack Alexa Kosak	The Driscoll Family Judy Grannelli
Tuesday, November 14	Mass	8:30 am	Jock Brown	Kim Mattucci
Wednesday, November 15	Mass	8:30 am	Venita Driscoll	Sr. Marci
Thursday, November 16	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00 pm		
Friday, November 17	Mass	8:30 am	John Zotti	The Filbin Family
Saturday, November 18	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Lar & Carol Michalowski Mary Discipio Robert J. Loftus	Ron Skupien Joe Discipio Jack O'Keefe
Sunday, November 19 33nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Fran Buscareno Frank & Helen Rizzo Lawrence Joseph Jadenberg Lillian Bissing	The Mullane Family The Templeton & Costello Families Mom & Dad Fred & Marilyn Ferber

Presider's Schedule for November 11-12, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Milek **7:30 am** Fr. Milek **9:00 am** Fr. Tkachuk **11:00 am** Fr. Milek **5:00 pm** Fr. Tkachuk

Please pray for . . .

Baby Finley Adkins
John Baggio
Dorothy Burnicks
Dick Callahan
Jay Carroll
Chili Challender
Marion Coogan
Laurie Coughlan
Irene DeYoung
Blake Donegan
Barbara Doyle
Matthew Doyle
Lily Fielding
Kathy Gleason
Lilli Gregory
Angela Hill
Dave Hyland
Rose Ilo
Jane Jacobsen
Mark Kiley
Eleanor Love
Rick Mahoney
Darren Masier
Lisa Massaro
Ralph Metzger
Patrick Morgan
Gert Ogilvie
Jane O'Reilly
Beth Pfluger
Geri Pfluger
Larry Plansky
Laureen Rab
Rob Roper
Anna Rose
Sandra Smith
Santa Snieg
Rita Mae Spearman
Gregg Stephenson
John Stopka
Mike Sullivan
Peggy Sullivan
Charlie Swafford
Richie Szatkowski
Olivia Tarsney
Theresa Toher
Bill Witowski
Erik Witz

To add a name to the prayer list who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168. 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.

Weddings

Lindsay Trost & Marty Napleton
Stephanie Jaslowski & Dan Wulfing

Make a gift to the Sunday Offertory with this QR Code. Thank you for your support!

Pastor's Letter

Wisdom is readily perceived by those who love her.
"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
Wisdom 6:12
Matthew 25:13

Our return to standard time makes us acutely aware that the days of late autumn bring more darkness than light. The orange and purple lights of Halloween give way to the white and multi-colored lights of the approaching holidays as we continue to decorate the night, perhaps to dispel the fear or sadness that darkness can bring. Fewer hours of daylight has a physical effect on some that can lead to seasonal depression. I can only imagine how much more the growing darkness affected our ancestors in the days before electricity or even gas lanterns.

These final passages of Matthew's gospel, proclaimed in the final weeks of the church year, address how we are to live our lives in the face of growing darkness. This Sunday, Jesus tells a parable of servants waiting for the return of their master from his wedding, which would have taken place in another town. It is impossible to know when the feasting might end in that town; yet the responsibility of the servants was to be prepared to begin the celebration immediately upon their master's return. They wait with torches along the road leading to the master's house, to light the final segment of his journey home.

Yet some of the servants are not wise enough to bring extra oil for their lamps. When the master is delayed, they are in danger of having no oil for their lamps. The wise servants who brought extra oil cannot share what they have least they too run out of oil. The foolish servants must pause their vigil and miss the master's arrival. He will not respond to their pleas to be admitted to the banquet, insisting that he does not know them.

I find it sad that too often this parable is used to invoke fear rather than hope. Who ***of us can say that we are ever fully prepared for Jesus, our master, to come and take us home with him to the banquet?*** Yet there is hope. The Book of Wisdom proclaims that God's wisdom, a gift of the spirit, is neither hidden nor difficult to perceive. In fact, the Spirit's *wisdom seeks us out* to bring light to the darkness of our minds. It is in our hands whether we choose to live our lives prepared for the coming of Jesus into our lives, especially in that moment when our mission on this earth is complete.

The oil of our lamps consists of the graces we receive when we reach out in love to others in need, *simply because they are in need*. Each time we open our hearts to see Christ in the other person, Christ's light burns more steadily within us. Each time we remain open to *what we can do today* for another person, we are that much more prepared to joyfully welcome Christ whenever he appears.

The late days of autumn are a time to be aware of our blessings and to give thanks for all we have received. Our ancestors used this time to store up provisions for the coming winter; may we use this time to store up provisions for the master's return through our loving service to others. May we be *messengers of hope rather than fear—missionary disciples* of the One who came to save all from the power of darkness.

Autumn peace,

Fr. Bill

Religious Education News

Our In person Program Registrations are now closed, but registrations for our K – 8 Religious Education Online Program is still open.

Families are strongly encouraged to also attend Mass at least twice a month and will receive a separate weekly Google form to complete for "car ride" home liturgy discussions in our Weekly Parent Newsletter.

Please don't delay in registering your children today!

Visit our website for complete information on registration, tuition and calendar:
"Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is now open!" to register go to sfxlg.org.

Catholic Campaign For Human Development

Next weekend, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, also known as CCHD. For over 50 years, the mission of CCHD has been to address the root causes of poverty in the United States through the promotion and support of organizations that help people help themselves.

Our speaker this year is Clark Craig. He is a Community Organizer at Progress Center for Independent Living in Forest Park and Blue Island. Progress Center serves people with all types of disabilities throughout Suburban Cook County. The collection for CCHD will help Progress Center to provide services and support to enable them to live independently in the community and outside of institutions such as nursing homes.

Please be as generous as you are able and thank you for your continued support to CCHD. Donations can also be made year-round at CCHDchicago.org.

WESTERN SPRINGS & BROADVIEW
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Wednesday
November 15th
4:00-10:00pm

Lou Malnati's
Broadview
7550 Broadview Village Sq
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4700 Gilbert Avenue

Order online at www.loumalnatis.com, in the mobile app or call.

Warm Clothing Drive

Share the Warmth

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

12th Annual Warm Clothing Drive

Start: - 11/11/2023 (Saturday) through 11/19/2023 (Sunday)

In the spirit of Thanksgiving for all our blessings, we ask you to share with others in need.

"Without charity the rich man is poor, and with it the poor man is rich." St. Augustine

Please donate your gently used or new coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, etc.

OPTIONS TO DONATE:

1. (St. Francis Church)
Donation boxes will be at church entrances between **11/11–11/19** to deposit your clothing articles.

2. (Drop-Off @ SFX Parking Lot)
On **Sunday, November 19 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM,** you can drop off your donations in the parking lot behind St. Francis Xavier Church (124 North Spring Avenue) – Knights of Columbus volunteers will accept your donations from your car – you do not need to leave your car!

3. (Cash Donation)
If a cash donation is more convenient, simply scan the QR code below (point camera at the QR code to lead you to the donation website) or follow the website link.

https://sites.google.com/view/kofclg/coat-drive

Cash Donations Accepted.
Tax Receipts upon request.
Please contact Knights of Columbus with questions: 708-306-2114

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Knights of Columbus LaGrange Local Council 6483 Blood Drive

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Save the Date!

You are invited to donate at the blood drive below:

St. Francis Xavier Church-Gym
November 21, 2023—1:00-5:00 pm
145 North Waiola Avenue
(Ogden Avenue and Waiola Avenue in LaGrange)

Make an appointment:
https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5606227
Or call 1-800-7TO-GIVE or scan the QR Code with your smart phone's camera.

Every donation is needed to meet the high demand from hospitals in your community. People like you can make a difference. We hope to see you soon.

Give blood, get noodles! Receive a coupon for a buy one, get one entrée from Noodles & Company, while supplies last.

SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!
Monthly meetings on the
1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 5

Contact Matt Hubert mthubert@gmail.com
or
Jack Horrigan jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.

Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483

Catholic men 18 years and older are invited to our monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Our social is held on the third Wednesday of the month.

For more information, please contact Mark Azzi at 708-732-5287.

SFX RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM SERVICE EVENT

Saturday, December 2, 2023

EVENT DETAILS

Location: Joyce Hall
Time: 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Students and parents will pack kits for migrant children experiencing their first winter in Chicago. Kits will be delivered to the Chicago Refugee Coalition for distribution.

Scan QR code for event details, registration, and the Amazon wishlist.

ITEM DONATIONS

We are seeking donations of children's winter items, such as:

- Hats or headbands
- Gloves or mittens
- Scarves or gaiters
- Warm Socks
- Boots and Coats - new or used

For a full list of suggested items, check out the Amazon Wishlist.

Have questions or want to get more involved? Contact:
Terese Kartholl (terese.m.kartholl@gmail.com)
Cristina Tamm (anacristinasisson@gmail.com)

SAVE the DATE for the YULE FLIP!

St. Francis Xavier Parish presents

the Yule Flip Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 10

starting at 8 a.m.

in Joyce Hall

Also...visit Santa's Workshop in the gym!

More information coming soon in this bulletin and on the parish website

Sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club and the Knights of Columbus

SFX ALL SCHOOL SERVICE DAY

Friday, December 1, 2023

SERVICE

Please pray for our students as they serve at the following sites:

PRESCHOOL 4
St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry

KINDERGARTEN
Palos Children's Farm

FIRST GRADE
Bethlehem Woods

SECOND GRADE
St. Lucy / St. Catherine School

THIRD GRADE
Marillac House

FOURTH GRADE
Feed My Starving Children

FIFTH GRADE
American Legion Hall

SIXTH GRADE
SEASPAR Abilities Awareness Bowling

SEVENTH GRADE
Feed My Starving Children

EIGHTH GRADE
Greater Chicago Food Depository
St. Mary Star of the Sea

This week the school will collect items for several sites. Scan this code for more information on how to participate.

WE PRAY. WE LEARN. WE SERVE.

Your Gift, God's Hands

Total Collection

This Year through October 2023:	$ 486,687
Last Year through October 2022:	$ 457,819
Annual Offertory Budget:	$1,846,000

This month, we highlight our Food Pantry Ministry. Started by Sr. Dorothy Lynch in the mid-1980s, our food pantry ministry has been offering a place of hope and nourishment to people in need of food assistance for almost 40 years. Every Monday, a team of 5-10 volunteers sorts and stocks the generous food donations we receive and prepares for our weekly distribution. Every Tuesday, a team of 15-20 volunteers sets up food stations in the church parking lot and **serves 80-90 families**. Families are able to choose a variety of products including fresh produce, meat, bread, and specials such as coffee, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products. At each station, volunteers have an opportunity to engage with clients and talk about what is happening in their lives. As one client remarked, "***sometimes I don't need food but I come to visit with the volunteers***." Another client who lives alone shared, "***Tuesdays are the only day I talk with someone***." One of our long-time clients who lives on a fixed income said, ***"We thank God for this place."***

Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach, shares that gratitude is woven into every aspect of this ministry. Before the pantry opens, volunteers gather to pray for all those who have brought food to our table and for those who will receive it. We also give thanks for the community we have developed through this shared faith experience. We recognize that the pantry provides us with an opportunity to live out the gospel messages we hear and we are humbled by the struggles our clients entrust to us. They know that beyond the food we provide, we are praying for and with them and try to connect them with available resources. St. Francis Xavier's dome, seen from miles away, offers a beacon of hope to someone struggling with basic needs and because of generous donations, we never turn anyone away.

Our parish's generosity also allows us to reach out and partner with other organizations in our community such as the Saturday Meal Program and BEDS Plus. We look forward to sharing our resources so that **120-150** families are able to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with their families this year.

Your donation to our Sunday offertory and/or the Food Pantry supports this ministry!

God bless you for your financial support of the parish!

If you have any questions about the food pantry, please contact Mary Freeman mfreeman@sfxlg.org.

Make a gift to Sunday Offertory with this QR code or click here.

Mark Your Calendar!

On Tuesday, December 5, the Senior Women's Group of St. Francis Xavier presents a program by:
Storyteller Jay Payleitner

Jay is a national-known speaker and author. He has worked in the advertising industry on projects for Midway Airlines, Corona Beer, and Sun Chips. He has served as a radio producer for ministries including the Salvation Army and the Red Cross.

Jay will share his Advent musings "Be Like Linus" with us on Tuesday, December 5. Join us in Unity Hall at 9:00am (after the 8:30am Mass) for light refreshments and fellowship. The presentation will begin at 9:30am. Plan to join us. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Connecting families with littles (under 5 years old)

Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night
Where: 5322 South Madison Avenue, Countryside (subject to change each month)
When: 8:00pm every 2nd Thursday
What: Gather with other toddler moms for prayer and restoration!

Questions?
Contact mmcmahon@sfxlg.org for more info.
Join our Facebook group:
SFX Toddling Together!

Giving Tree
Save the Date

The **Giving Tree Tags will be distributed at all the Masses the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd.**

Gifts must be wrapped and returned to St. Francis before December 10th at 12:00pm. **Volunteers are needed.** Contact Mary if interested in helping at mfreeman@sxlg.org.

Youth Ministry…in the meantime

After a series of interviews over the past seven months, we have not been able to offer someone the staff position of Coordinator of Youth Ministry. This leaves us without current leadership for several important ministries to our high school teens, especially:

- Planning and directing our bi-monthly program for teens on the evening of the first Sunday of the month (we alternate with St. John of the Cross).
- the ongoing coordination of the SFX Church League teams.
- our Kairos Retreat team (in collaboration with St. John of the Cross).
- our team for the summer mission trip.

Your stewardship of talent in any of the above programs would be a great gift to our teens. We can provide staff guidance and resources. If you are interested in ministering to our teens in any of these ministries, please contact Fr. Bill (wtkachuk@sfxlg.org).

Nazareth Academy Entrance Exam

Saturday, December 2 at 8:00am

Nazareth Academy invites 8th Graders to Test at Nazareth Academy on December 2. Preference for admission and scholarships will be granted to students who test with Nazareth on that day. The exam begins at 8:00am and concludes at approximately 11:15am **Pre-Registration is Required**. More information and Registration can be found at nazarethacademy.com.

Parents are invited to an optional Parent Gathering Q & A session from 8:30-9:30am that morning. Pre-registration at nazarethacademy.com is required to attend.

Nazareth Academy is located at 1209 West Ogden in LaGrange Park. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at 708-397-8505.

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Interfaith Career Network

Getting A Federal Job

Are you finding that securing a federal job is more difficult than you imagined? Reviewing federal job announcements, responding to occupational questionnaires and using USAJOBS are far from intuitive. To open a door, you need the right key. The path into the federal government is unique for everyone. Our speaker, Nancy Segal is a recognized leader in federal human resources training and job search. She worked in Federal HR for decades and is still an HR trainer. She is a regular contributor to FED week and is the author of "Complete Guide" books for Writing a Federal Resume, Interviewing for a Federal Job and Federal Career Transitions. Mark your calendar now for this very informative evening.

This is a remote Zoom event. You can click on this link on Thursday, November 16, at 7:00pm, or access the link from our calendar at our ICN website at the end of this message. Zoom link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82531743477?pwd=1FcHujbZentCXYQKcb6Spv11hp1J3h.1

Visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.com for additional resources.

Engage Community November

All are welcome. Engage is for adults; single, married, divorced, widowed, parishioners and visitors to foster Christian community through social and service events.

Our next gathering will be:
Thursday, November 30 from 7:00 to 8:30pm in Unity Hall at SFX

We are having a Catholic Trivia contest!

Just for fun and bragging rights. No ringers please, (looking at you Fathers Bill and Rich).

Beverages and snacks provided to feed your competitive brain. So that we can plan, please bring a friend or two and RSVP at the email below by November 27.

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com.

SFX Hospitality Ministry

Are you looking for a small, simple way to serve and love others? Look no further! St. Francis expanded their hospitality ministry last year, and it is easier for anyone to jump in and play a part in welcoming others to our community.

Through the established sign up on the SFX website, anyone can contribute meaningfully to the culture of hospitality and welcome – on your own schedule and at your own paces! Offer to write a few welcome notes to new parishioners, to greet at one or many Masses, or to attend a New Parishioner Prayer Service.

We are practicing hospitality as a way of life here at St. Francis! Even if you don't have the capacity to sign up for a service spot at this time, just smiling and introducing yourself to someone new this week can make a huge difference in our parish community.

Click here, scan with your phone below or visit www.sfxlg.org – Parish – Ministries/Organizations – Hospitality Team to sign up for a small act!

Family Outreach Ministry

The St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry would like to invite you to join us this year to help prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congregational Church's Saturday Meals Program. The dates for the 2023-24 school year are: November 18, January 20, March 16 and May 18.

There are two time slots to choose, or come for the whole time: 9:00-11:30am: Food prep and cooking or 11:30am-1:00pm: Food serving and clean up.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years if accompanied by an adult.

To register click here or contact Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net.

Holy Guardian Angels Parish

St. Barbara Church & St. Louise de Marillac Church

Fall Bazaar

& Bake Sale

Date: Saturday, **November 18th**

Time: 9am to 3pm

Location: St. Louise de Marillac (North Site)
Parish Center Entrance
1113 Harrison Ave
LaGrange Park, IL

For more information visit:
HGAParish.org

Christmas Cards For Prisoners

Reach out to prisoners by sending a Christmas card! Cards may NOT have glitter, or anything glued on them. Don't use crayons or markers.

Please sign some cards (first name only).

- Use cards that represent a diverse population
- Place stamps in a separate envelope, NOT on card envelopes
- Don't use cards that talk about masses or novenas

You can write a cheerful line or two also if you wish. Do NOT seal the envelope. Place cards in the box in the church vestibule by November 26.

Stamps or cash donations are also very much appreciated.

Thank you, and God bless you for your loving outreach.

THE WELL SPIRITUALITY CENTER

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park for questions call 708-482-5048. To register visit our website to see our entire lineup of fall programs and retreats, please register in advance at: www.csjthewell.org/offerings/.

Breaking Open Advent Scripture Series on Wednesdays: November 29; December 6, 13, 20 from 1:00-2:15pm (CT) with Facilitator: Pat Bergen, CSJ. Advent is a season of hope, a season of welcoming newness, noticing what is coming to light. Join us as we break open the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday in light of Christ, The Light of the World, who has been coming into the world since the first blaze of light. The Mystery of Christmas is being revealed and is more profound than most of us imagine. Series cost: $80.

Forgive Everyone Everything on Tuesday, December 5 from 7:00pm (CT) *Co-sponsored with the Siena Center of Dominican University with* Facilitator: Greg Boyle, SJ. Join us for an evening of stories of radical kinship, healing, and forgiveness shared with Fr. Boyle's incredible capacity for courage and kindness and incredible ability to recognize God in all people and things. Gregory Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world, and author of the 2010 New York Times-bestseller *Tattoos on the Heart.* In-Person only, at Dominican University, Lund Auditorium. Cost: $10.

Catholic Women's Club

The St. Francis Xavier CWC (Catholic Women's Club) is seeking volunteers to support 2022/2023 efforts including service projects, event planning (including Ladies Day Out) and more.

Join the fun and reach out to either Lauren Desmond lauren.e.desmond@gmail.com or Erin Thunander erin.thunander@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved.

Mass of Healing for those Suffering from Addiction

November 22, 2023

7pm

OUR LADY OF THE RIDGE - ST. LINUS PARISH

St. Linus Church
10300 Lawler Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Please contact
Fr. Ryan Brady
for more information:
rbrady@archchicago.org
708-422-2400

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

- ***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. Commander 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***—son of Jon Peterson
- ***Major Marcos Melendez, USMC***—nephew of Jon Peterson
- ***Major Michelle Melendez, USMC*** niece of Jon Peterson
- ***Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC***—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- ***Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy***—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- ***Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army***—son of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- ***Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk***—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- ***Lt. Daniel McGue***—grandson of Sue Ryan
- ***Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF***—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- ***Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC***—nephew of Noel Cusack
- ***Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army***—friend of Liz Wilk
- ***Chris Johnson, USCG***—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- ***Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy***—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- ***Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army***—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- ***Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF***—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- ***Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC***—son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- ***Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne***—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- ***Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF***—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- ***Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC***—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- ***Felix Estrada, U.S. Army***—friend of John & Dawn McCormick
- ***Lt. Ryan Lavine, U.S. Army***—nephew of Kim & Vince Henehan
- ***Chief Petty Officer Marko Mandac, U.S. Navy***—husband of Anna, son-in-law of David & Lynn Rogers

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.

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday…….……..……..8:30 am-7:00 pm
Friday…….8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday……..……...9:00 am-12:00 pm

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every 3rd Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning……..……..……...9:00-10:00 am

The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday)…….…9:00 am-12:00 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus 7:00-8:00 pm
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday)…….……...8:00 -10:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

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

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

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 to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

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 and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, BC Shelly, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone 704-750-0686 or email bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.

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