



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

1st Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**“THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,
WHEN I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE
I MADE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH.”**

—JEREMIAH 33:14

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 4	Mass	8:30 am	Cookie Hofstetter	The Westerhoff Family
Tuesday, December 5	Mass	8:30 am	Jonathan Cook	The Cooley Family
Wednesday, December 6	Mass	8:30 am	Pat Zeiler	The Nighswander Family
Thursday, December 7	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Hannah Zeller	Sr. Marci Hermesdorf
Friday, December 8	Mass	8:30 am	Adele Driscoll	Jeanne & Bill Dolan
Immaculate Conception	Mass	7:00 pm	People of the Parish	
Saturday, December 9	Mass	8:30 am	Joe Sabbe	Bob & Jennifer Driscoll
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Adele Driscoll Barbara Walsh	The McKenna Family The Walsh Family
Sunday, December 10	Mass	7:30 am	People of the Parish	
2nd Sunday of Advent	Mass	9:00 am	Michael McDonnell	The Lorenzini Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Leo Domzalski	Robert & Elizabeth Nale
	Mass	5:00 pm	John Rogers	The Cooley Family
			Karen Larkin Johnson	The Burke & Reilly Families

Presider's Schedule for December 2-3, 2023

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk **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	Eleanor Love
John Baggio	Rick Mahoney
Jennifer Buchta	Darren Masier
Dorothy Burnicks	Lisa Massaro
Dick Callahan	Patrick Morgan
Jay Carroll	Muriel Nerad
Chili Challenger	Gert Ogilvie
Marion Coogan	Jane O'Reilly
Laurie Coughlan	Larry Plansky
Irene DeYoung	Laureen Rabe
Blake Donegan	Rob Roper
Barbara Doyle	Anna Rose
Matthew Doyle	Sandra Smith
Nancy Duffy	Santa Snieg
Lily Fielding	Jerry Spearman, Sr.
Kathy Gleason	Rita Mae Spearman
Lilli Gregory	Gregg Stephenson
Angela Hill	John Stopka
Bob Hill	Charlie Swafford
Dave Hyland	Richie Szatkowski
Rose Ilo	Olivia Tarsney
Jane Jacobsen	Bill Witowski
Tiffany Kahn	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:

Jim Holt

Father of Jennifer Driscoll

Janice Kaminski

Mother of Jeffrey, Andrew, Lawrence and Neal

Richard Mathis

Husband of Connie and
Father of Richard

Weddings

Lindsay Trost & Marty Napleton
Stephanie Jaslowski & Dan Wulfin



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



Pastor's Letter

We are the clay and you are the potter: we are all the work of your hands.
Isaiah 64:7

Be watchful!

This weekend, the church begins a new year in which we will journey with the Gospel of Mark. This is the first and the shortest of the four gospels embraced by the early church. He writes in a time of turmoil and confusion. Persecution is widespread and the destruction of Jerusalem seems imminent. In this reality, the gospel begins with John the Baptist calling all to prepare the way for the Lord, whose arrival is imminent. Throughout the gospel is the call to be watchful and alert.

Isaiah speaks of us today as clay in the hands of the potter. How might God be reshaping us or smoothing some rough edges as we prepare to celebrate the wonder of God become one like us? A work of pottery can be reshaped many times until it is placed in the kiln. Are we open to what God wants to do in and through us in these days.

The calendar this year gives us only twenty-two days from the First Sunday of Advent until Christmas Eve. This echoes the sense of urgency of the early Christian community, many of whom thought that the second coming of Christ was about to occur. It is time to turn toward the light and clear away all that might keep us from welcoming Jesus into our hearts and homes.

This weekend, we distribute tags from our **Giving Tree**. Each tag offers a way to share some of our material wealth with an individual, family, or community in need. Items must be returned by the following Sunday to allow time for distribution to those who will be receiving gifts from us. We ask God in these days to shape us as missionary disciples who announce God's coming among us in our acts of service and generosity. Through prayer and action, we connect ourselves to the world beyond our sometimes-limited vision. We seek to encounter Christ as he makes himself known to us in those we serve.

This Sunday, we celebrate the **Feast Day of St. Francis Xavier**, our patron. On Friday, the children of our elementary school went out to various places in Chicago and the surrounding area for a Day of Service. On Saturday, many of the families who participate in our School of Religious Education also dedicated the day to service. They took up the call of St. Francis Xavier to "go set the world on fire" with the Spirit of God's loving kindness. They lead us in preparing a way for the Lord who desires to live anew in our hearts and our world.

Next Sunday, **all** are invited to participate in a tradition that is from both our past and recent history. The **Yule Flip Pancake Breakfast** calls us together as families to enjoy food and fellowship and to give children the opportunity to participate in a variety of crafts and activities in Santa's Workshop. Set aside some time to relax and spend time together.

Our First Week of Advent ends with a celebration of Mary, conceived without sin in the womb of her mother Anna. Mary was offered a special grace so that God might do great things through her, if only she would allow that grace to flow through her. Her conception begins the story of salvation long before anyone was to know of God's work among us.

Advent Peace, *J. Bill*

Reflection For the 1st Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Planning Team #4—Elizabeth Bauer, Mark Bauer and Sara Quinn

In today's second reading, Saint Paul gives thanks to God for the people of Corinth, for their faith in Christ and their spiritual gifts. As we begin this season of Advent, one way we can draw closer to God and invite him more fully into our homes and our hearts is by seeking out the Christian witnesses in our lives – those friends, family, and community members whose faith strengthens our own.

The life of our parish's own patron Saint Francis Xavier, whose feast day is today, illustrates the transformative power of Christian friendship. Saint Francis was thinking only of worldly success when he first met his college roommate Saint Ignatius Loyola and even laughed at Saint Ignatius' efforts to convert his fellow students to Christianity. But through the powerful witness of Saint Ignatius, only five years later, Saint Ignatius, Saint Francis, and five others began their plans for missionary work and founded what would eventually become the Jesuit order.

Let us then seek out opportunities to follow in Saint Paul and Saint Francis' footsteps – to find, give thanks for, and ask God to bless the people in our lives whose love for Christ transforms everyone around them. And we ask God also to give us the strength to be that Christian witness for others.

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual
growth opportunities for all parishioners

ADVENT 2023

Seasonal Advent Table

Advent wreaths, candles, and family prayer books for you to take home (while supplies last!)

Little Blue Books - available for free at all doors!

Area Advent Reconciliation Service - December 9, 1:00pm at St John of the Cross
(First Reconciliations begin at 12:00pm, seasonal service to follow.)

Forgive Everyone Everything, Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ

Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00pm
Dominican University, Lund Auditorium

Gregory Boyle is the founder of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. Dominican University, in collaboration with The Well Center for Spirituality, is hosting this 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. Tickets \$10. Register [here](#) or by email: mmcahon@sfxlg.org.



God loves you. Pay Attention.

Ignatian Morning of Meditation

*"Pray as if God will take care of all: act as if all is up to you."
St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Saturday, December 9th

9:30-10:45am, Unity Hall
9:00am coffee + treats

For many, the days between Thanksgiving and Christmas are some of the busiest of the year. The liturgical season of Advent can get swallowed up in the pre-Christmas rush. How do we find time for prayer? How do we cope with all the expectations? Is there a practical solution out there?

Ignatian Spirituality is built upon recognizing and experiencing the presence of God in our everyday thoughts and actions. As a result, our normal lives can be filled with more joy and gratitude. It is about being conscious of God's unconditional love for us and responding by living with greater purpose and meaning.

St. Ignatius of Loyola invites us to use our mind and imagination to engage in prayerful conversation with God. We will spend time learning about each of these Ignatian Prayers: ***The Colloquy***, ***Imaginative Contemplation***, and ***The Examen***.

The reflection will be led by Tom Marthaler who is a parishioner at SFX, a member of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps, and certified spiritual director in the Ignatian tradition.

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org, [click here](#), or scan the QR code to register.





GIVING TREE Our Tradition Continues!

Tags for both gift cards and specific items will be available at all the masses this weekend. We ask that gifts and gift cards be returned to Unity Hall by noon on December 10.

Online monetary donations will be collected through
December 17 via Give Central.
[Click here](#) or you can scan the QR code to make a donation.



The Giving Tree will support
St. Agatha's on the west side of Chicago,
Food Pantry families and migrant families.
Thank you for continuing to spread Christmas Cheer!

Any questions, call 708-352-0168 or email Merry Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlg.org.

Area Advent Reconciliation Service

St. John of the Cross

Saturday, December 9th @ 1:00pm



Retirement Fund for Religious

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

Jay Payleitner Speaks



Thanksgiving is over. Don't let the hustle and bustle of the holiday season take control of your life. Approach the holidays with thoughtfulness. Add a little humor. Take time to **BE LIKE LINUS**.

Join the Senior Women's Group on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. We welcome Jay Payleitner to Unity Hall. Jay will speak about life lessons learned: How to Survive Your In-Laws, Hold Traditions Tightly – Until It's Time to Let Them Go, and Follow Linus as he explains the true meaning of Christmas from the Gospel of Luke.

We will meet at about 9:00 am. (after the 8:30 Mass) for light refreshments and fellowship. The presentation will begin at 9:30 am. **All are welcome. Plan to join us.**

OPLATKI

The Christmas Wafer (also known as "Oplatki") is available at the Rectory.

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

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



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

Sunday, December 10th - 8 a.m. to 12:30 (last seating at 12:15)

Purchase Tickets for Breakfast time at sfxlg.org until December 9 at 3 pm.

TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

Admission: \$12

Children (12 and under): \$5 - Seniors (65 and older): \$10

Featuring Santa's Workshop (in Gym)

**Join Santa Claus in Santa's
DIY Workshops and Photos
from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

- **Cookie Decorating**
- **Holiday Canvas Painting**
- **Participate in Christmas
Craft Service Projects**
- **And Much More!**

Separate fee applies to some of the workshop activities above.



SANTA WILL BE THERE!

**Sponsored by the SFX Catholic Women's Club
and the**



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Catholic Women's Club News

Please join the Catholic Women's Club and Knights of Columbus for our Annual Yule Flip and Santa's Workshop celebration on December 10! Parishioners of all ages are invited for a pancake breakfast in Joyce Hall, prepared by the Knights of Columbus. The CWC will be presenting Santa's Workshop in the gym, where children can take pictures with Santa and enjoy activities including cookie decorating, holiday painting, and service project crafts. Please see the opposite page of this bulletin for ticket information and further details.

CWC Member Features

Meet Our Co-Chairs of the Santa's Workshop Event:

Lauren Desmond



Lauren grew up in LaGrange and has been a parishioner almost her whole life. She has always appreciated the community at SFX, with so many kind and generous people. She joined the Catholic Women's Club in 2019 to get more involved in parish service opportunities, having enjoyed the annual women's club event in previous years, and she went on to chair the Ladies Day Out event in 2021. Lauren is currently President of the CWC Board. She is Head of Industry at Google, and also volunteers with Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly and Open Heart Magic. Lauren and her husband Kevin have three children, Ryan (11), Nora (9), and John (7), all students at St. Francis Xavier School.

Kara Shanley

Kara became a parishioner at SFX in 2017. Her husband Ryan had grown up in the parish and attended grade school at SFX, so he and Kara were happy to join the parish as adults when they moved to LaGrange from the city. Kara loves the parish's spirit of fellowship and community, and the caring and kind atmosphere that exists at SFX. She got involved with CWC in 2022 to pursue volunteer opportunities and participate in parish-wide events. Three of Kara's children -- Will (7), Jack (5), and Winnie (4) -- attend St. Francis Xavier School, while Kate (2) is a Future Falcon.



Nancy Cummings



Nancy and her husband Joe joined the parish 30 years ago, and SFX has felt like home to Nancy ever since. Nancy and Joe raised their three children here, all now adults: Katie, Joe, and Jenny. Nancy has always attended CWC events and volunteered for Parish service opportunities as a way to get to know neighbors and friends who share her faith perspectives. She served as Executive Director of the LaGrange Business Association, and recently stepped down to pursue freelance work. In addition, Nancy enjoys volunteering for the Greater Chicago Food Depository and BEDS Plus.



St. Francis Xavier Information about Our Patron Saint

“The dangers to which I am exposed and the tasks I undertake for God are springs of spiritual joy, so much so that these islands are the places in all the world for a man to lose his sight by excess of weeping; but they are tears of joy.”

- Born 1506, in Navarre, Spain.
- Educated at the University of Paris in the 1530s, where he met Ignatius of Loyola.
- In 1541, was appointed apostolic nuncio (an ambassador of the Church) to Asia, and left for Portuguese Goa. The voyage took 15 months.
- In his parting letter to Ignatius, he wrote: *“For what is left of this life, I am well assured, it will be by letter only that we shall be together – in the other we shall embrace face to face.”*
- Through his preaching he won many conversions, almost all among poor, tribal, and lower-caste peoples.
- In his travels, he tended to the needs of the sick and infirm, revitalized the liturgical and sacramental life of already existing Christian populations, and drew people to faith in Jesus Christ.
- In 1546, he explored other islands in southern Asia. Then, in 1549, he moved on to Japan, where he made a hundred converts in a year at Kagoshima. By the time he left three years later, there were 2,000 Japanese Christians.
- In 1552, Francis left for mission work in China. He became ill on the way, and died almost alone on the island of Shang-chwan, six miles off the coast of mainland China.
- His death was on December 3, 1552 at the age of forty-six.
- St. Francis Xavier remains one of the greatest missionaries in the history of the Church.
- He was canonized in 1622, along with Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila, and Philip Neri.
- In 1927 he was declared the patron saint of foreign missions.

We pray:

Creator God inspired by the example of St. Francis, we pray to you for the courage to be missionaries, reaching out and leading others to Jesus. Like St. Francis may we help those in need, may we live a life rooted in prayer and may we bring Christ to all those we meet. This we ask through your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

AN EVENING OF *Prayer & Reflection*

ST CLETUS PARISH
600 W. 55th St. La Grange, IL 60525

THE SEASON OF ADVENT: A NEW BEGINNING WITH *Jesus*

OUR GUEST SPEAKER: Rev. Brendan Lupton

PRESIDENT OF THE PONTIFICAL FACULTY OF THEOLOGY; ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN
THE DEPARTMENT OF DOGMATIC THEOLOGY AND CHURCH HISTORY.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

 (708)352-6209  www.stcletusparish.com



Family Outreach Ministry



Thank you to all the SFX families and individuals who volunteered at the Saturday Meals Program at the First Congregational Church in LaGrange on Saturday November 18.

We prepared a delicious meal and the clients really enjoyed it.

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 2024 school year are: 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.



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 information.

Join our Facebook group: SFX Toddling Together!

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.

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).



Kairos Friendsgiving



Teens from our past Kairos retreats enjoyed an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship for Friendsgiving, 2023. Our three parishes, St. Cletus, St. Francis and St. John of the Cross, offer these amazing 4-day Kairos Retreats for our Juniors and Seniors, as a unique opportunity to encounter God and grow in relationship with Him and with peers.

Our next Kairos retreat will be February 22-25, 2024. Registration will open in early January.

Also...Save the Date for our next Mission Trip scheduled for June 9-15, 2024, through Catholic Heart Workcamp. We will be inviting St. Cletus, St. Francis and St. John of the Cross students, as well!

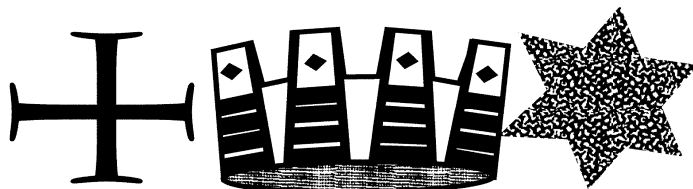
Attention St. Francis Xavier Classes of 2016 and 2019!

The St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board invites SFX graduates from the classes of 2016 and 2019 for pizza at Lucca's Pizzeria & Ristorante on Wednesday, December 27, 2023 from 6:00-9:00 pm.

Start your night with us—have a slice and say hello to classmates and Falcon Friends!

Lucca's is located at 108 West Burlington Avenue, LaGrange.

Questions, please email
SchoolBoard@sfxlg.org.



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SPRED Christmas Liturgy

Please join the St. Francis Xavier SPRED group on Sunday, December 10 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass for the SPRED Christmas liturgy. This Mass will incorporate some of the special ways our SPRED group celebrates liturgy. Come experience our unique way to celebrate God's love for us all.

SPRED

SPRED is a parish-based ministry that provides faith formation and spiritual nourishment to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages and function levels. The St. Francis Xavier SPRED group is for adults aged 22 and older. Our Saturday group meets twelve times a year from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm to celebrate God's love and message. Over the summer, we plan fun activities to stay connected.

If you know of anyone who can benefit from SPRED, is 22 or older, and would like to join our Saturday group, please contact Maureen Windmoeller 708-250-1049 or Nancy Kalkowski 708-860-5470.

SPRED Catechists Needed

SPRED is an Archdiocese of Chicago program that provides individuals with intellectual disabilities a caring environment to celebrate God's love and message. The St. Francis Xavier Saturday SPRED group is looking for catechists to work with our special friends who are adults, aged 22 and older. The group meets every other week for a total of twelve sessions between October and April each year. Catechists also attend a planning meeting prior to each SPRED session. If you would like more information, please contact Maureen Windmoeller 708-250-1049 or Nancy Kalkowski 708-860-5470.

Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of November:

Michael & Christine Cederroth
Christopher & Kelly Gunn
Jeffrey & Maegan Karasinski
Patrick & Anne Kelly
Mark & Angela Kovacevich
Matthew & Emily Lampariello
Rolando & Dausan Laxamana
Miguel & Mabry Lulli
Erica Mehandru
Denise Rodriguez
David & Robyn Wolf



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

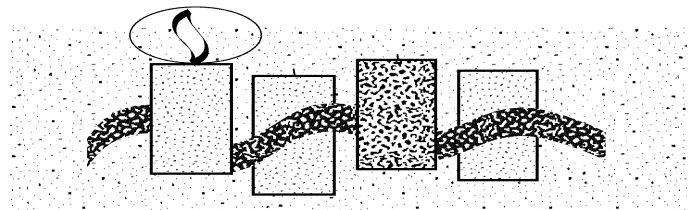
Contact Matt Hubert mthubert@gmail.com
or
Jack Horrigan jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.



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.



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Knights of Columbus Coat Drive Thank You

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank everyone who contributed to the Coat Drive on November 19. There were over 800 coats and other warm weather clothing collected. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Yule Flip pancake breakfast. We appreciate your support!

Christmas Concert & Candlelight Service

Follow the Star!

Saturday, January 6, 2024 — 7:00 p.m.

The St. Francis Xavier Music Ministry

*Celebration Ensemble, Gallery Choir,
Children's Choir & Instrumentalists*



**IN THE BEGINNING
WAS THE WORD
AND THE WORD
WAS WITH GOD
AND THE WORD WAS GOD**

SCRIPTURE STUDY 2024

Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ

Unity Hall

9:30-11:00 am

Thursdays

January 11-March 7, 2024

**The Gospel of John
Biblical Notions of Heaven**

**Register with Sr. Marianne Race
mrace@csjoseph.org
708-363-6728**



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/.

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.



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
- **Warrant Office 3 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
- **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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Deacon
Deacon
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Pastor's Secretary
Parish Secretary
Staff Secretary
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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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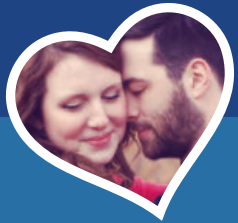
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