



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:

“PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,

MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.

EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED

AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW.”

—LUKE 3:4-5

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 11	Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack Lar & Carol Michalowski- Living Intention	Ron Skupien
Tuesday, December 12	Mass	8:30 am	Andrew Kieta	The Cooley Family
Wednesday, December 13	Mass	8:30 am	Dolores DelGadillo	Kathy Pecis
Thursday, December 14	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, December 15	Mass	8:30 am	Joseph Frustaci	Gina Frustaci
Saturday, December 16	Mass	8:30 am	Antoinette Hansom	Susan Knoelke & Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Jim Kraft	Steve Eaton
Sunday, December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent	Mass	7:30 am	Jim Foy	Mary Kay Foy & Family
	Mass	9:00 am	Joseph Guidi	The O'Brien Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Grant Ellington	Pat Ellington & Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	Eugene Callahan	The Nighswander Family

Presider's Schedule for December 9-10, 2023

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

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
Blake Donegan	Laureen Rabe
Barbara Doyle	Rob Roper
Matthew Doyle	Anna Rose
Nancy Duffy	Sandra Smith
Lily Fielding	Santa Snieg
Tom Flynn	Jerry Spearman, Sr.
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Angela Hill	John Stopka
Bob Hill	Charlie Swafford
Dave Hyland	Richie Szatkowski
Rose Ilo	Olivia Tarsney
Jane Jacobsen	Bill Witowski
Tiffany Kahn	Erik Witz
Richard Lavers	

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:



Irene DeYoung
Wife of Ron

Fr. Gino Donatelli

Janice Krolicki
Wife of Ty

Fr. Bernie Pietrzak

Weddings

Stephanie Jaslowski & Dan Wulfing



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Pastor's Letter

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all peoples shall see it together.*
Isaiah 40:5

Wonder!

If you are familiar with Handel's "Messiah" the above lines might be playing in your head. The sounds of these weeks hold as much emotion as the many sights and smells. On Friday, I joined a classmate at the Old Town School of Folk Music for "Songs of Good Cheer." This event was founded by two former Tribune reporters who are joined by a wide variety of musicians from the Old Town School. The audience is invited to join in singing a wide variety of songs of the season: some old, some new, and from various cultures and traditions from around the world. There are sentimental moments that touch the heartstrings and rousing carols that lift the spirits. It offers what it proposes: a night to join strangers and friends for songs and good cheer.

At our parish this weekend, we flip pancakes and gather presents for those in need. Many seasonal traditions from various countries soon begin. This Thursday, those of Mexican and Filipino descent begin to celebrate the nine days that lead to Christmas. *Las Posadas* is a Mexican pilgrimage; people travel from house to house (or from place to place) seeking a place for Mary and Joseph to find shelter. The last house each night welcomes the pilgrims, and a celebration begins. This includes smashing a pinata, whose seven points represent the seven deadly sins and whose destruction causes sweetness (candy) to flow out for the children. *Simbang Gabi* is a Filipino celebration of nine Masses (originally held as fishermen were returning at dawn), followed by food and celebration. In each home hangs a lit star to welcome the Light of Christ. These two traditions culminate in Midnight Mass, celebrating the birth of the Christ Child.

How will you and your household prepare yourselves by "warming up" to the wonder of Christ's birth? Perhaps you will decorate a tree, bake cookies, sing carols, or read a favorite Christmas tale. Maybe you will share stories and memories of Christmases past, especially with younger members of the family who may never have heard them. Allow wonder to find a place in your life.

Tuesday is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the second celebration of Mary in Advent. Mary is believed to have appeared to a humble man of indigenous and Spanish descent and sent him to the bishop with a request to "build a church." She was dressed in clothing and surrounded by images that clearly proclaimed both to indigenous people and Franciscan who she was: the Mother of the Sun/Son. Several churches have been built on or near the site of her appearance over the centuries. However, the true "church" that still is being built is one that brings into one family all the peoples of the Americas both indigenous and immigrant. She has been given the title "Patroness of the Americas," lands in which those native to these lands and arriving from many other lands might learn from one another and witness to the God whose love is expressed both in our unity and our diversity.

I wish you moments of wonder this week.

Advent Peace,

J. Bill



GIVING TREE!

**We ask that gifts and gift cards
be returned to Unity Hall
No Later Than Noon Today 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.



Retirement Fund For Religious

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

To donate, [click here](#), visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Retirement Fund for Religious" drop it off in the rectory mail slot or church collection box. Thank you for your generosity.

Reflection For the 2nd Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Planning Team #6—Susie Lehuta, Susan Lindsay and Sue Martin

God continually surprises his people! In the reading from Isaiah, we are given two visions of God's coming. First, we see the Lord God who comes with power and rules by his strong arm. Yet two lines later we hear that he will be like a shepherd who feeds his flock and lovingly gathers them to his heart. Which will it be or perhaps something completely different? Mark provides the answer. The Hebrews didn't receive a warrior king to liberate them but a newborn infant. How shocked they must have been to find God in the face of a child.

As we look forward to Christ's birth, let us be open to the people God sends to bring light into our lives and into the world. As we wait patiently in the darkness of December, let our hearts be opened to experiencing the surprise that awaits us when we find Him in the faces of the poor, the immigrant and the marginalized.

One mightier than I is coming after me.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.



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!

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YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Your Christmas donation is instrumental to the parish's ongoing mission!
Our Christmas goal is \$154,000 (7.5% of our budgeted revenue).

Ways to Give:

1. Father Bill's Christmas letter includes an envelope for your offering
2. To make your online gift:
 - Click [here](#)
 - Text JOYFUL to 708-340-6630
 - Use the QR code inside the front cover of this bulletin

God bless you for your support!



St. Francis Xavier 4th Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 24th 7:30 am and 10:00 am
(New Sunday morning schedule this year)

Christmas Eve in Church
3:00 pm* and 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve at Alexine Chapel
3:00 pm

Christmas Eve in Church
7:00 pm

Midnight Mass in Church
preceded by Christmas Carols at 11:00 pm

*Livestreamed

Joyce Hall will be open to accommodate overflow.

Christmas Day Feast of the Holy Family New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Day
Monday, December 25th 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, December 30th 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 31st 7:30 am,
9:00 am and 11:00 am

New Year's Eve 5:00 pm

New Year's Day January 1st 10:00 am

Please check the website www.sfxlg.org
for livestream mass times.

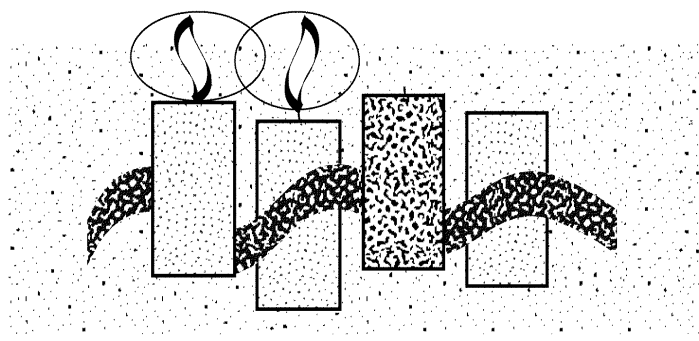
OPLATKI



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.



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Calling all Shepherds and Angels:



Our 3PM and 5PM Christmas Eve Masses on Sunday, December 24th are especially for families with children. We ask that all children who are interested dress up as an angel or a shepherd to be a part of the Gospel Reading. Angels can wear white clothing or wings and a halo. Shepherds can wear a robe and tie a towel over their heads. You don't need to go purchase a costume, so just be creative and use materials you have in your homes. During the Gospel your children will be called forward to participate in the dramatization of the Gospel. We hope to see all of you at Mass.



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 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.

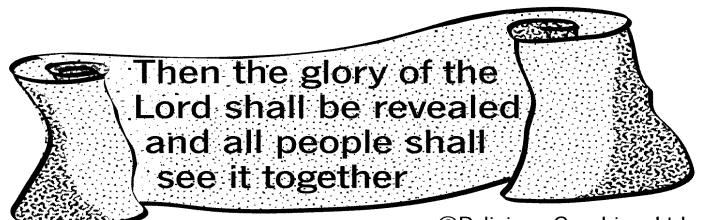
Questions, please email
SchoolBoard@sfxlg.org.

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).





NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS *for* 2024-2025

WE PRAY

Our goal is to help our students live a life of generous service, motivated by a love of Jesus and others. We strive to instill and nurture the belief that God is found everywhere, especially in one another.



WE LEARN

TWO time U.S. Dept. of Education NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL and recipient of Chicago Archdiocese St. Thomas Aquinas Award.



WE SERVE

Our All-School Service Program exemplifies who we are as a school.

National Catholic Education Association Maxine Donahue Award recipient for service.



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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.

SAFE AND SOBER HOLIDAYS

Did you know that 10-13% of all 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 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 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.

Fr. Bill

HOLIDAY DRINKING GUIDELINES

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

Just one drink can hurt you.

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

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

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

Not drinking is okay.

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

Drunk drivers can kill people.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING GUIDELINES

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

The calendar has no effect on the effects of alcohol.

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

Don't poison your guests.

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

Provide non-alcoholic refreshments and let your guests choose.

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

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Surviving the Holidays

Some family situations can make the holidays difficult. For example,
there's no money

the kids are at the other parent's house

a loved one has died this past year

These top ten tips for "Surviving the Holidays" can help you exchange the dread, anxiety, or loneliness for a time of inner peace and hope.

1. Have realistic expectations.

This year WILL be different; resist trying to make it the same as other years.

2. Know you can stay home this year.

This year you may feel like staying at home, which is a normal part of grief and healing. Many people may insist—maybe even push—to get you out. Be honest with yourself. If you are overwhelmed and need the security of solace, give yourself permission to stay in. If you go to the party and are ambushed by extreme emotions, give yourself permission to thank the host and leave early.

3. Do something special for yourself.

Plan a time close to Christmas day to go to a good movie, do a little window shopping, drop into church for a prayer, or enjoy a special treat. It doesn't have to be lavish. If you'd rather stay home, then download a favorite movie, cook a favorite meal, and cozy up in a way that comforts you.

4. Do something for someone else.

One of the best ways to come out of our misery is to help someone else. Volunteering restores many to the reality that God is good and there are many things for which to be thankful. Some focus their attention on Christmas presents for the children.

5. Keep it simple.

Having a Christmas tree may cheer up some; but for others it will be too depressing. Sending Christmas cards can be very therapeutic; but for some it is a time-consuming and unnecessary expense. Re-examine *everything* you used to do during the holidays; keep what works and let go of the rest.

6. Keep in touch with the children.

Children crave routines and rituals, which give them a sense of security—especially holiday customs. Keep as many of the holiday routines that *they* best love. Ask what *their* favorites are and help them focus on the fun.

7. Don't celebrate with your ex.

Unless it's been years, the kids are older, *and* you really do get along well. It sounds good that you should all be able to get along at the holidays—but it's most often a myth. In most cases it confuses everyone, especially the children.

8. Help the children buy a present for their other parent.

Imagine how difficult it can be to get a present for mom or dad without any help. Some things should never change: like encouraging children to love, honor, and respect both parents.

9. Draw close to God.

This holiday is about the answer to every person's prayer: God come to us in the flesh. Let Mary's kind eyes fall upon you and Joseph's strong gaze give you hope.

10. Go to Christmas Mass and rejoice in your heart.

On Christmas day your emotions may be extremely tender; the tears may flow, and the cries of your heart may mix with the strains of "Silent Night." But come. Come as you are. Know that you are loved. Know that there is hope. Know that there *will* be resurrection and salvation. *This* is the hope of these holidays.

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

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*



Engage Community~December

Our next get together:



Thursday, December 28 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Unity Hall at SFX

Have you received a gift that just isn't at home in your home? Now is your chance to give it to someone who might appreciate it. We're having a **White Elephant Party!**

Bring a wrapped gift and a sense of humor!
Refreshments will be potluck.

Please RSVP at the email below by December 26.

We are also planning an outing:

Tuesday January 9 at 1:00 pm to the Elmhurst Historical Museum
(120 East Park Avenue, Elmhurst) for their exhibit:
Lost Chicagoland Department Stores.

Take a nostalgic trip back to the heyday of Chicago area department stores like Marshall Field's, Sears, Carson Pirie Scott, and more. Learn about the eclectic history of these iconic retailers through an array of artifacts, images, video, and memorabilia. Exhibit collaborator, historian, and author Leslie Goddard will share many fascinating stories and items from popular city and suburban department stores of the past.

For questions or [to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com](mailto:janeLGPark@gmail.com)

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



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.**

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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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