



# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### February 4, 2024



**When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.—MK 1:32-34**

## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, February 5	Mass	8:30 am	Linda McMahon Special Intention	Mary Jo McMahon
Tuesday, February 6	Mass	8:30 am	John Zotti	Clare & Ernie Froemel
Wednesday, February 7	Mass	8:30 am	Andy McKenna	The Donahue Family
Thursday, February 8	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	Jack Gaynor	Sr. Marci & Sr. Nancy
Friday, February 9	Mass	8:30 am	John McAndrews	Monica McAndrews
Saturday, February 10	Mass	8:30 am	Antoinette Hanson	Susan Knoelka & Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Jeff Olson, Sr.	Katie & Paul Filbin
Sunday, February 11 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	The People of the Parish	
	Mass	9:00 am	Geraldine Biel	Judy Quinnert
	Mass	11:00 am	John, Leonard & Eunice Stanczyk	The Stanczyk Family
	No Mass	5:00 pm	No Mass Super Bowl Sunday	

### President's Schedule for February 3-4, 2024

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



**Next Sunday, February 11 Due to Super Bowl Sunday there will Not be a 5:00 PM Mass**



### Please pray for . . .

Dave Armstrong	Dave Hyland
John Baggio	Richard Lavers
Ed Barrett	Eleanor Love
Angela Bowman	James Lowry
Dorothy Burnicks	John Madden, Sr.
Dick Callahan	Darren Masier
Blake Donegan	Patrick Morgan
Barbara Doyle	Rosemary Nash
Matthew Doyle	Josephina Pangan
Pat Eaton	Rob Roper
Tom Flynn	Rita Mae Spearman
Kathy Gleason	Steven Stirn
Lilli Gregory	John Stopka
Angela Hill	Richard Szatkowski
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Olivia Tarsney

### Born Into Eternal Life



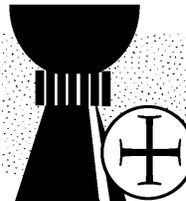
Please remember in your prayers,  
those who have died, as well as their families:

***Mark Kiley***

Son of Liz & Mike  
Brother of Jeffrey & Samantha

***Scott Sowa***

Husband of Kim  
Brother of Allison



**MAY OUR GIFTS  
BECOME THE  
FOOD AND DRINK  
OF ETERNAL LIFE**

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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.

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with this QR Code.  
Thank you for your support!



## Pastor's Letter

*"Let us go on to the nearby villages, that I may preach there also.  
For this purpose I have come."*

Mark 1:38

The first disciples of Jesus were from the area surrounding the town of Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee. In Mark's gospel, it is here that Jesus begins his proclamation of the kingdom of God and performs his first healings. Mark tells us that Jesus spent the entire day healing people from that town, and then went off by himself to pray. The first disciples thought that their town had acquired its own personal healer; one who would continue to cure their every illness. Yet Jesus teaches them that **his mission extends far beyond their hometown**. He has come to preach the kingdom to all who will listen, and to bring God's healing love wherever it is needed.

**This is our mission** as well. We begin by coming to know Jesus in Word and Eucharist and allowing him to shape us as a community of believers, his Body in the world. We are blessed to be part of a vibrant faith community situated in a broader community with ample resources and a commitment to care for those among us in need. These blessings provide a firm foundation for our mission, in which the Spirit sends us out to bring the good news of the kingdom to people and places *beyond* our community where it is most needed.

As was true in the time of Jesus, our mission will sometimes stir controversy. Our efforts to support the human dignity of immigrants by providing basic necessities of food and shelter stands apart from our political positions on how best to bring comprehensive reform to our broken immigration system. Our opposition to capital punishment and our efforts to uphold the dignity of prisoners is distinct from our opinions on other details of our criminal reform system. Our advocacy for the dignity of *every* human life from conception to natural death must never lead us to condemn or otherwise harm those who hold opposing views. And our insistence on the dignity of those whose lifestyles or behaviors are inconsistent with Church teachings is rooted in a belief that *judgement belongs to God alone*. Jesus challenges us to embrace *all* people as our sisters and brothers; our mission is to bring to *all* the message of God's love and God's embrace of all who seek God.

Living out our mission is especially challenging in a politically charged atmosphere that often attempts to force people into opposing "camps" and to judge some as more worthy of dignity than others. The early healings that Jesus performed brought amazement and hope. But as time went on, his actions also brought condemnation as Jesus continued to expand the boundaries of *whom* we must treat as brother or sister. Even the disciples closest to Jesus sometimes found his teachings and actions hard to accept. Pope Francis sets before us the image of a field tent, in which people arrive in need of healing and are tended to by those who continue to seek healing in their own lives. We are a home for imperfect, sinful people who care for one another, and who continue to open our hearts and minds to a loving God who embraces us in our imperfection.

This Friday evening, **Pillars Community Health will honor Linda Moran**, a longtime St. Francis Xavier parishioner. Over twenty years ago, Linda identified the need for a program to help children deal with the death of a family member or friend. Buddy's Place continues to provide that loving support to grieving children, ages 4 through 18. Thank you and congratulations to Linda, who has lived our mission in and beyond parish boundaries. You challenge us all to listen to what new things God may be asking of us.

This is the last full week before Lent begins. Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day this year, so make plans to celebrate before it arrives.

Winter peace,

*J. Bill*

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together  
at the table



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## 2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

St. Francis Xavier parishioners contributed an amazing \$120,331 to the Archdiocese's 2023 Appeal. The Archdiocese has set **our goal for 2024 at \$123,275.**

**GIVING OPTIONS:** The Archdiocese offers the following ways to Make ACA Gifts:

1. **Use the Reply Form received in Cardinal Cupich's direct mailings.** Letters from the cardinal were mailed by the Annual Catholic Appeal and contained a pre-addressed return envelope to mail in cash, check or credit card gifts.
2. **Donate Online using your credit or debit card at [www.annualcatholicappeal.com](http://www.annualcatholicappeal.com).** There is a dedicated annual appeal giving form accessible online. This year's updated online giving form offers various ways to donate via pledge, one time, or recurring payments.
3. **In-pew envelopes.** Our traditional Commitment Weekend will take place during Mass on February 10 and 11, 2024, when Fr. Bill leads the congregation with the in-pew process.
4. **Charitable Gift or Donor Advised Funds.** If you would like to give in this method, contact Jennifer Zeisloft, SFX Director of Stewardship and Development, in the rectory for assistance.

*May the Lord gather us together at the table and prompt within us  
a generous spirit to help our brother and sister in need.*

# Together at the table

## Archdiocese of Chicago 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to come “together at the table.” Cardinal Cupich writes: “This year, our theme...evokes the Last Supper and the story of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus who are together at the table with the Lord. In these images, we know ourselves as gathered together, as fed by the Eucharist, and as missionary disciples sent into the world.” The Archdiocese and St. Francis Xavier Parish encourage giving at all levels to support the appeal. This year’s ACA will take place over the weekend of February 10-11.

God bless you for supporting the ACA in the past and in years to come!

### How Your Gift Was Used

#### 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

\$ 4,152,271	<b>Low-income parishes and schools</b>	Support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities
\$ 3,816,649	<b>Parish-based incentives</b>	After a parish reaches goal, donated funds return to the parish for local use
\$ 2,382,263	<b>Archdiocesan ministries</b>	Outreach initiatives for young adults, families, children and others
\$ 1,298,017	<b>Spiritual renewal efforts</b>	Transforming parishes to share our faith in new and creative ways
\$ 845,250	<b>Priest formation</b>	Education and development for seminarians and priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago
\$ 749,140	<b>Scholarships</b>	Tuition assistance for disadvantaged Catholic school Families
\$ 545,000	<b>Catholic Relief Services</b>	Support for those suffering from natural disasters around the world
\$ 13,788,589	<b>MINISTRIES TOTAL</b>	
\$ 1,227,188	<b>Cost of the Appeal</b>	Printing, postage, procession costs for the Appeal
\$ 15,015,777	<b>TOTAL APPEAL</b>	

# Ignatian Spirituality



AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM  
FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD



**An Ignatian Prayer Adventure – Spiritual Exercises Retreat**  
8 weeks beginning on Sunday, February 4th at 6:00pm (dinner and discussion)

## Finding God in all things

St Ignatius was convinced that God could be found in every area of life, meaning that everything, from relationships to family, from happiness to suffering - everything - is a part of the spiritual life.

*St. Francis Xavier Parish is offering an opportunity for you to participate in an adapted version of the Spiritual Exercises.*

In stages, referred to as “weeks,” the retreatant contemplates various aspects of your own life, as well as the life, Passion, and Resurrection of Jesus.

## Outline of obligations:

A commitment each day for about 45 minutes of prayer and reflection.

Availability to meet once a week for about an hour with an Ignatian "guide" who facilitates helpful sharing about the ongoing experiences. This will be a group gathering with others on the same journey

## Please consider joining us:

Each day you will have material to pray over:  
Scripture passages, Ignatius’s meditations and contemplations, or other exercises.

After the first meeting (in person), weekly meetings will occur over Zoom

If interested, we ask that you fill out this form or email Tom Marthaler ([tjm9988@pm.me](mailto:tjm9988@pm.me))

Application for the 8-Week Retreat

Send the completed application to [tjm9988@pm.me](mailto:tjm9988@pm.me).

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

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home or Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Please respond to the questions on the next page.

Some of the questions can be answered with brief comments, while others take more time to explain. Be direct and succinct, overall, while taking the time to explain a bit more fully the questions below that ask for explanation. Save this document to your hard drive. You then can type into the document and manipulate the space between the questions.

1. What do you hope to gain by praying with the Spiritual Exercises?
2. Why do you want to make the Spiritual Exercises in the 8-Week, 18th Annotation format at this time?
3. Have you made any previous retreats, and, if so, what type of retreats? Did you have good experiences? Why, or why not?
4. Have you ever made the Spiritual Exercises before? Where and in what format (e.g.; 8-day, 30-day, 30-week)? Was this a good experience? Why, or why not?
5. Have you ever met with a spiritual director for ongoing spiritual direction? And, if so, when and how frequently?
6. Who is God for you?
7. Who are you for God?
8. How would you describe your relationship with God? Explain.
9. Describe your spiritual practices, prayer, and/or devotional life? Please be specific.
10. Please take time to describe an experience in your life when you felt especially close to God.
11. Was there a time, or are there times, when God seems particularly absent? Explain.
12. Has your relationship with God changed over the years and, if so, how? Explain.
13. Are you able to pray for at least 45 minutes each day for the 8 weeks of the 18th Annotation/Spiritual Exercises? (This is essential).
14. Do you have any concerns about making this 8-week experience of the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius? If "yes," please share them.

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PLEASE NOTE: An Ignatian Prayer Adventure will involve a significant commitment of time and energy on the part of the retreatant. In fact, the term "Exercises" is most appropriate because this unique experience of Christian faith and spirituality requires daily prayer and steady attention to the movements of the Holy Spirit. Thus, it requires a certain level of "spiritual stamina." You will be asked to devote at least 45 minutes per day in personal prayer and to meet once a week with the group in a meeting facilitated by the spiritual director. Past retreatants would undoubtedly tell you that the time put in yields great rewards, and that making the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola is a transforming experience in life; but there is no question that this, indeed, is a commitment. By submitting this application you are expressing an understanding and commitment to the requirement for daily prayer and weekly spiritual direction.

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## Music Notes...

### New Hymnals!

The SFX Music Ministry is happy to announce the arrival of new updated hymnals, which will be in place and ready to use for the start of the Lenten liturgical season. We will begin using the new Gather (4th edition) hymnals on Ash Wednesday...February 14th, 2024, as a Lenten message of our continued journey of faith and renewal of heart through sung prayer...old and NEW.

*“Let us worship the Lord, our light and salvation,  
**rock of foundation**, faithful and true!  
Let us worship the Lord, whose mercy and kindness  
free us from blindness and make **all things new!**”*

We would like to extend an expression of gratitude and blessings for **Dr. Gary and Mrs. Karen Gibbs** who very generously donated the funds needed to purchase the hymnals. Thank you, Gary and Karen!



## SFX Outreach With Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Thanks to the SFX community for your donations! Since our 2023 Thanksgiving collection:

- (1) our food pantry is providing weekly assistance to a family of asylum seekers living in the community.
- (2) we sent a donation to the Migrant Ministry Catholic Parishes in Oak Park.
- (3) we partnered with Exodus World Service and Catholic Charities Resettlement Program to welcome a refugee family of four from Columbia to Chicagoland.



Moira Madell, Nancy Leonard, Mary Freeman and Greg Schuler delivered the welcome pack and set up the apartment.



Michelle and Ed Mirecki shopped for welcome pack items.

Through google translate, we learned of all they had to leave behind including family members, their home and jobs. They expressed deep gratitude for the warm welcome and all the items to set up their home but their greatest desire is to find work.

We plan to do additional welcome packs. If interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Freeman [mfreeman@sfxlq.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlq.org).

**REFUGEE** is a person who has fled their own country because they are at risk of serious human rights violations and persecution there. The risks to their safety and life were so great that they felt they had no choice but to leave and seek safety outside their country because their own government cannot or will not protect them from those dangers. Refugees have a right to international protection.

**ASYLUM SEEKER** is a person who has left their country and is seeking protection from persecution and serious human rights violations in another country, but who hasn't yet been legally recognized as a refugee and is waiting to receive a decision on their asylum claim. Seeking asylum is a human right. This means everyone should be allowed to enter another country to seek asylum.

There is no internationally accepted legal definition of a **MIGRANT**. Migrants are people staying outside their country of origin, who are not asylum seekers or refugees. Some migrants leave their country because they want to work, study or join family, for example. Others feel they must leave because of poverty, political unrest, gang violence, natural disasters or other serious circumstances that exist there.

Source: Amnesty International



## Behold the Lamb of God

Blessed Carlo Acutis and How Eucharistic Miracles Show What Our Faith Says is Always True With Fr. Luke Spannagel

**February 8 from 7:00-8:00 pm**  
**St. John of the Cross Parish Center**

Hospitality to Follow  
the Presentation  
Scan to RSVP



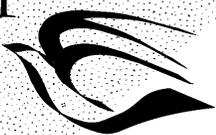
## Save The Date

### 2024 Summer Mission Trip

### June 9-14, 2024 in Louisville, KY

Rising Sophomores through Graduating Seniors join us for a life-changing week of service, faith and fun. St. Francis, St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Parishes are partnering for another Summer Mission trip to Love, Serve and Connect with Catholic Heart Workcamp in Louisville, Kentucky. We will join other teens from across the country as we serve community members painting, gardening, building, and volunteering with social service agencies. Teens will earn 30 hours of service for our Summer Mission Trip. Registration opened on December 20 at 9:00AM [click here](#) or go to our website for more information and to access the registration link. We anticipate these spots will go quickly; we require a \$150 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot.

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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 winter programs and retreats, please register in advance at: [www.csithewell.org/offerings/](http://www.csithewell.org/offerings/).

**Finding Your Power in a World of Conflict** on Saturday, February 10 from 9:00am-3:00pm with Facilitator David Ellzey. To move from feeling powerless to hopeful and grounded in strength, we must face the cosmic truth of oneness as our basic nature - easily forgotten in this world of such conflict and separation. With skills of releasing, sacred breath, self-inquiry, and dialogue, you can awaken to sensing the unified force of all the universe as your very own being. Hybrid- Cost: \$75 (includes lunch).

**Yoga to Nourish the Self** on Tuesdays, February 13, 20, 27; March 5 from 1:00-2:00pm with Facilitator Nina Ginocchio. Slow, mindful yoga is a wonderful tool to help us cultivate calm in our lives and nourish the self. In this course, we will begin with our breath and then layer in movement and quiet focus to release tension and bring a greater sense of ease to the body, beginning with chair yoga and possibly progressing to a mat yoga class depending on the goals and facility of the participants. Hybrid - Cost: \$60 series.

## Interfaith Career Network

Acing the Job Interview  
What Recruiters Want to Hear

Job seekers understand that interviewing successfully is one of the trickiest aspects of the job search process. The call for an interview can come at any time after job seekers have applied to a vast number of job positions. Our speaker, Nicole Magats, Lead Recruitment Consultant at Hirewell, has interviewed countless candidates. She will walk you through methods to prepare for success in an interview, and let you know how to give the answers that wow the interviewers. Nicole also coaches candidates preparing for interviews and will share her advice and tips on how to prepare for your next interview. Get an insider's advice, and feel confident that you will be the best prepared candidate to land the position you are looking for.

Join us Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 pm in St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs for an interactive session with a very entertaining and informative speaker. This program is open to all and there's no cost to attend. We hope to see you there!

Visit <http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.com> for more resources.



### **Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Night**

**Where:** Check Facebook event for location of the month (SFX Toddling Together group) (subject to change each month)  
**When:** 8:00pm (every 2nd Thursday)  
**What:** Get those littles (mostly) in bed and gather with other toddler moms for prayer and restoration! We meet on 2nd Thursdays of the month (location may vary, be sure to check Facebook or bulletin each month.) Questions, please contact Maggie McMahon at [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org).



### **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 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, February 6

Contact Matt Hubert [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or Jack Horrigan [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**



The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Francis Xavier began in 2005. Members knit and/or crochet shawls and lap blankets. They work with their hands and the kindness of their hearts to provide comfort and strength to those needing this support. These handmade gifts are available to anyone who reaches out to the rectory staff and mentions they would like to have a prayer shawl or lap blanket.

Our scheduled meetings in Unity Hall are as follows:

- Thursday, February 8 from 4-5 PM**
- Wednesday, March 13 from 7-8 PM
- Thursday, April 11 from 7-8 PM
- Wednesday, May 8 from 7-8 PM

We welcome new members with open arms. New members are required to have basic knitting or crocheting skills.

Any questions, contact Mary Ellyn Witt at [mewittlagrange@yahoo.com](mailto:mewittlagrange@yahoo.com).

PASSION INTO ACTION  
**SFX CWC**  
Ladies Day Out

### **BUY YOUR TICKET TODAY!**

FOR THE  
*St. Francis Xavier  
Catholic Women's Club*

**LADIES DAY OUT**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10**  
**THE ELM**  
**3:00 - 6:00 PM**

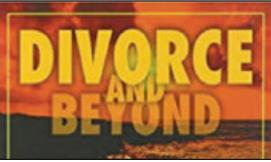
**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY:**  
**FIDDLE STICKS**

For tickets and more information,  
please [click here](#).

## New School Safety Initiative

Ogden Avenue will soon be designated a 20 mph School Zone between Ashland Avenue and Gilbert Avenue on school days. The change will make safer this highly trafficked area, which is traveled by so many area children and families. It will help to slow down traffic and call further attention to the presence of children in the stretch of Ogden Avenue that holds five schools. We have been told that the permanent signs should be installed in approximately two weeks.

We thank the parishioner and parish elementary school parent who worked tirelessly with us to gather information and reach out to a group of local officials. The group was able to get a meeting with IDOT representatives to make this happen. It was definitely a process. We also thank Senator Mike Porfirio (parishioner), Village President Mark Kuchler (alumni parent), State Representative LaShawn K. Ford, and the IDOT representatives who came out to meet with us, listened to our needs, and got the job done for the safety of area children and youth.



## 2024 Divorce and Beyond Support

Winter Series  
Tuesday Evenings (7:00-8:30pm)  
February 13 through March 19  
In the School Library

Divorce and Beyond is a faith-based process for divorced adults designed to offer support, fellowship and healing to those who are divorced or going through a divorce. Topics include: stress, anger, forgiveness and recovery. There is no cost to attend. There is a participant guide that will be provided at the first meeting.

Register on line please [click here](#) or call Missy Westerhoff at 708-352-0168.



## SUMMER 2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IMPORTANT NEWS AND SAVE THE DATE!

The Parish Pastoral Council is excited to announce that SFX will be partnering with Grace Lutheran for a Vacation Bible School Program. The Summer 2024 VBS will run the week of June 24<sup>th</sup> (Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 12:00pm) so mark your calendars now as you plan your summer activities.

Registration for VBS will open at the end of January. More details about how and where to register as well as volunteer opportunities will be provided early next year. In addition to parent volunteers we will be looking for teen volunteers, a great way to get service hours.

For those of you not familiar with Vacation Bible School, the program is a faith based, one week long (mornings only) filled with fun indoor and outdoor activities. It is open for pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children. 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders can participate in a "service crew" which spends the week doing service projects in the community.

The PPC is very excited about providing the opportunity to the SFX community. Watch the bulletin and the SFX Facebook page for more details. You can reach out to Phil Zadeik at [pjzadeik@gmail.com](mailto:pjzadeik@gmail.com) for further information about VBS and volunteer opportunities at this time.

## Welcome

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

Thomas Backley & Danielle Chaput  
Charles & Susan Bosko  
Bridget Collins  
David & Jennifer Devine  
William & Ariana Dolatowski  
Kelly Hayes  
Kellen & Amy Kmiecik  
Louis & Molly Michaud  
John & Amanda Mlinarcik  
Maria Morales  
Ryan & Ada Piper  
Joseph Morris & Jessica Chia  
Dominic & Lidia Rocco  
Dan & Sarah Sieracki  
Michael & Charlotte Weeks



## 2023 Contribution Statements

A listing of your 2023 donations along with a letter from Fr. Bill Tkachuk were emailed to all parishioners the week of January 26. The email comes from [notifications@ondemandmail.com](mailto:notifications@ondemandmail.com) and has the subject line of "St. Francis Xavier Contribution Statement".

Please contact Parish Accountant, Jane Bandyk, at [jbandyk@sfxlg.org](mailto:jbandyk@sfxlg.org) or call 708-352-0168 with any questions.



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

- **Sgt. FC Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Green Beret 10th Special Forces Group**—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
- **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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

*Pastor*  
*Associate Pastor*  
*Deacon*  
*Deacon*  
*Pastoral Associate*  
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 Parish Web Site.....www.sfxlg.org

## 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, Thursday, 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 sfxing@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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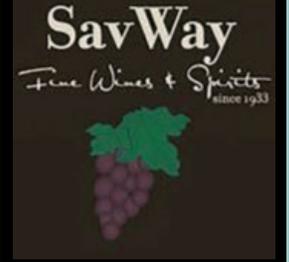


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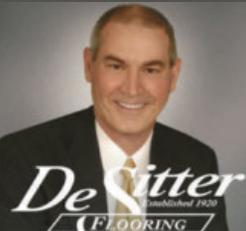
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