



**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**  
**March 3, 2024**

THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**



## Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, March 4	Mass	8:30 am	Special Intention	
Tuesday, March 5	Mass	8:30 am	William Goss	Shirley Goss
Wednesday, March 6	Mass	8:30 am	James M. Daly	Patrick Daly
Thursday, March 7	Rosary Mass	8:15 am 8:30 am	People of the Parish	
Friday, March 8	Stations of the Cross Mass	7:45 am 8:30 am	Henry J. Deiters Paul Roth Robert H. Ozburn	The Aronson Family SFX Community The Zahorik Family
Saturday, March 9	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Robert Gamboney Michael J. McDevitt	Domenica Stephenson The Kostrewa Family
Sunday, March 10	Mass	7:30 am	Chris Green	The Kostrewa Family
4th Sunday of Lent	Mass	9:00 am	Helen Wargo	The Sangiacomo & Martens Families
	Mass	11:00 am	John Rogers	The Cooley Family
	Mass	5:00 pm	John Duff	Roger & Jennifer Setzke

### Presider's Schedule for March 2-3, 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. Milek

### Please pray for . . .

Dave Armstrong  
John Baggio  
Ed Barrett  
Albert Boemo  
Angela Bowman  
Dorothy Burnicks  
Dick Callahan  
Blake Donegan  
Barbara Doyle  
Matthew Doyle  
Pat Eaton  
Kathy Gleason  
Lilli Gregory  
Angela Hill  
Jessi Rita Hoffman  
Gene Jobin

Tiffany Kahn  
Eleanor Love  
John Madden, Sr.  
Peggy Maney  
Darren Masier  
Patrick Morgan  
Rosemary Nash  
Josephina Pangan  
Geri Pfluger  
Laureen Rabe  
Rita Mae Spearman  
Steven Stirn  
John Stopka  
Richard Szatkowski  
Olivia Tarsney  
Theresa Toher

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



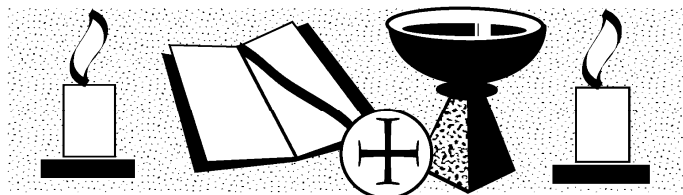
Please remember in your prayers,  
those who have died,  
as well as their families:

***Rick Mahoney***  
Father of Alanna, Spencer & Zachary

***Richard Slowik***  
Father of Jim, Dan, Dave & Jean



**Stations  
of the  
Cross  
Every Friday  
at 7:45 am**



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## Pastor's Letter

*We proclaim Christ crucified.... Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.*  
1 Corinthians 1:22-23



God commands the Israelites to place love of God *above all else* and to honor the sabbath as a day to remember that all is a gift from God. During Lent, we open our hearts and minds to those who may work as hard or harder than we yet struggle to provide for their families. *God provides enough bounty for all* to have what they need. We who are blessed with a surplus place share in God's work when we give alms to those with less than they need. Our worship of God is not a time to place ourselves above others or to exaggerate our own worthiness apart from others. We gather for worship each week to reenter into communion with the Body of Christ in the world that our worship may lead to service.

**WORSHIP** is one more aspect of a *missionary disciple*. Much of our time in prayer may be spent in solitude, in silence, or in small groups. Yet the culmination of our worship is *when we come together* at the tables of Word and Eucharist. We of St. Francis Xavier Parish have been blessed with the gift of an awesome house of worship that our ancestors sacrificed to build almost 100 years ago. We are blessed with a variety of talented musicians and other artists who give vibrancy and beauty to our worship. Diverse voices help the Word of God to come alive in its proclamation and application to our daily lives. Others surround us in *full, active, participation* so that our prayer to God is stronger than any one voice on its own.

*And this is only the beginning.* As missionary disciples, we are challenged to provide a house of worship in which each person will feel a sense of welcome; where we gather as forgiven sinners who accept our weaknesses and encourage one another to find healing in God's grace. When we leave our house of worship as missionary disciples, we share the stories of Jesus in our lives to all with open ears and open hearts. Worship that does not shape our relationships with others and lead to action on behalf of others becomes dry and hollow over time.

*"We proclaim Christ crucified."* St. Paul reminds us of the heart of our message. Many saw Jesus as a worker of miracles and healer of the sick. They did not want to hear his talk of being rejected by the elders and suffering death on a cross. This is the reason that Jesus, in Mark's gospel, is constantly telling those he heals not to tell others about what he has done for them. They cannot understand the depth of God's love for humankind until they have lived through the agony of the Cross that precedes the Resurrection.

*Jesus chose to die that we might live.* He accepted the cruelest, most humiliating death the world has offered to show example that God is with us in the midst of suffering and that God's life in us is more powerful than death. Jesus came to teach us that we are God's beloved children: those who now gather for worship and those yet to hear or experience the healing power of God's love. ***How will my worship this day live in my thoughts, attitudes, words, and actions as I move through this third week of Lent?***

Blessings to our fourth grade children, who celebrated Reconciliation last Sunday both one-on-one and face-to-face for the first time. Blessings to all our children who are celebrating Reconciliation in these weeks, especially those preparing for First Eucharist. May we witness to them by our own example our belief in God's mercy and our desire to be reconciled continually to God and to one another.

Lenten Blessings,

*J. Bill*





## St. Vincent de Paul Society Second Collection: March 9 & 10

The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) is a lay Catholic organization that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. Our SVdP Ministry assists parishioners and families and individuals in the LaGrange area when they encounter a financial hardship. In addition, SVdP meets with our clients to help them avoid a similar situation in the future by discussing their circumstances and directing them to resources in the community.

This past year, we assisted **17 families** with security deposits, property taxes, painting supplies, car insurance, cell phone bill, lodging, rent, and utility bills totaling **\$18,263**. Furthermore, we provide **\$1200** in food and gas gift cards to our Food Pantry clients and anyone in need who comes to our Rectory doors. We are grateful for your past contributions and hope you can continue to support our efforts.

To donate, [click here](#) or place your donation in an envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul" and drop it off in the rectory mail slot. **Thank you for your generosity!**

A special thanks to our SVdP volunteers who meet on the first Monday of the month: **Ann Blouin, Bill Devitt, Mary Pat Flaherty, Shannon Gannon, Bob Hamilton, Joe Healy, Bill Kelly, Pat Murphy, Tim O'Connell, Jim O'Hara, and Paul Saladino.**

To learn more about this ministry, please contact Pat Murphy at [ptmnrj2@yahoo.com](mailto:ptmnrj2@yahoo.com).

***"I ask Our Lord to be your light and strength  
in all events of life" St. Vincent***

## Reflection for the 3rd Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #6

Susan Lindsay, Susie Lehuta and Sue Martin

We want God to act in our lives with wisdom and strength. We believe God should behave in a way that conforms to our understanding of what are predictable and discernable rules governing the universe.

Yet, God sent Christ to die on the cross!

In the fullness of grace in Jesus' violent death on the cross, God reveals how God alone can exhibit power and act wisely.

Only the one true God can act with such sovereignty.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
FROM MARY'S POINT OF VIEW

**Wednesday, March 6th  
7:00 pm  
SFX LaGrange  
in Church**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



## Music Notes...

### New Hymnals!

The SFX Music Ministry is happy to announce the arrival and placement of new updated hymnals, which we began using on Ash Wednesday, at the start of our Lenten liturgical season. May God's grace be with us as we continue our journey of faith and renewal of heart through sung prayer...old and 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, in full, to purchase the hymnals.

Thank you, Karen and Gary!



# Lent 2024

*Began February 14th!*

**Men of St. Francis Xavier Parish, are you looking for a more meaningful Lenten devotion this year?**

Gather with other men of the parish to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. By living the three-fold mission of abiding presence, joyful service and loving sacrifice, our hearts and homes will experience the joy that God desires. To sustain us on this spiritual journey, we will be led directly to the three spiritual foods that Christ himself proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God, and The Will of God.

Meetings will be **Tuesday evenings at 8:00 PM in Unity Hall that started on February 13**. Scan the QR code or [click here to register](#)—or just show up anytime.

**Questions?** Contact Ernie Froemel at [ernie.froemel@gmail.com](mailto:ernie.froemel@gmail.com)



## 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

Gather with fellow parishioners on a journey of Eucharistic Consecration—a journey towards a deeper experience of Mass, a deeper relationship with Jesus, and the great joy of encountering God's relentless love for YOU.

The consecration involves a daily reflection, weekly faith conversation by zoom on Wednesday evenings at 8:00pm which began on February 21, and flexible opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration.



**Zoom Conversations: Wednesdays, 8:00-8:45pm which began on February 21**

Meeting ID: 845 7546 2404  
Passcode: 013531

Register via the QR code, by emailing Heather Fitzpatrick ([heatherfitzwelcome@gmail.com](mailto:heatherfitzwelcome@gmail.com)), or by clicking [this link](#).

## Little Black Books for daily reflection

*Available for free at all church entrances!*



## Stations of the Cross from Mary's Perspective

*Wednesday, March 6  
7:00 pm in Church*

## Welcome

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

Sean & Mary Claire Brady  
Kevin & Catherine Brooks  
Jack Coleman & Jane Stadick  
Christopher & Jasmine Gaona  
Shubhankar & Brooke Goel  
Edward & Jenna Hicks  
Donald & Mary Ann Jirak  
Jeffrey & Marie Miller  
Jennifer Paine  
Eric & Anne Phillipp  
Michael & Celeste Randolph  
Thomas & Kylie Ritchie  
David Salinas  
Kevin & Mary Katherine Weithers



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of GOD

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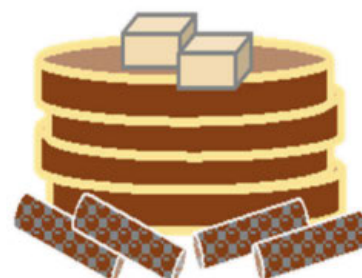
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**Come and experience the gift of God's boundless mercy.**



Monday, March 11  
7:00 PM  
St. Cletus Parish  
600 W. 55th St.  
LaGrange, IL 60525



Monday, March 18  
7:00 PM  
St. Francis Xavier Parish  
124 N. Spring Ave.  
LaGrange, IL 60525

**Lenten Reconciliation Prayer Service**



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**March 10, 2024**

**4-8 pm**

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Visit our website at  
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EVENT COORDINATOR  
Wendy McCarthy  
SAB - Development Committee



Saturday, April 27, 2024  
6PM - 11PM  
at Countryside Banquets

IGNITE 2024 CHAIRS  
Grace Reilly Burke '02 & Marie Hanson  
[ignitebenefit@sfxlg.org](mailto:ignitebenefit@sfxlg.org)

### FEATURED LIVE AUCTION ITEM

## KENNEDY SPACE CENTER ASTRONAUT ADVENTURE



3-NIGHT STAY FOR 4 AT HYATT PLACE ORLANDO/UNIVERSAL,  
BUS TOUR, MEET AN ASTRONAUT AND 2-DAY VISITOR COMPLEX ADMISSION

You won't want to miss a chance to bid on this unique experience for four at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, approximately 45 minutes east of Orlando. More interactive than a museum, more inspirational than a science center, and more authentic and educational than a theme park, the Kennedy Space Center offers a mix of thrilling simulators, breathtaking attractions, behind-the-scenes tours, interactive exhibits, larger-than-life-3D space films, rocket launch viewing opportunities and more!

### Thank You to Our Sponsors as of 2.19.24

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the PRESTON FAMILY Owen '26 and Nathaniel '27	the REILLY FAMILY Past parent, Grandparent & Current Great Grandparent	the WEST FAMILY Bridget '27, Reynolds '29 and Jane '32
SPECIAL THANKS		
 the CUSHING FAMILY Thomas '11, Jack '13, Drew '13 and Emmett '15	 the OLSON FAMILY Soren '31 and Saoirse '32	 the CAREY FAMILY Grandparents of June '24, Carey '26 and Neive Smith '29

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## St. Francis Xavier School Ignite '24 Awardee

As part of St. Francis Xavier school's Ignite '24 Benefit, it is our honor to recognize distinguished individuals or families who have embodied and promoted the mission of St. Francis Xavier through word, action and deed. The awardee is an outstanding example in his or her representation of St. Francis Xavier School.

This year, we are honored to present this inaugural recognition to Joseph W. and Beatrice (posthumously) Nelligan, Sr. They have set themselves apart with their commitment to the SFX community in the areas of faith, service, education, and work.

Join us at the Ignite '24 Benefit to celebrate their distinguished achievements!



Visit the Ignite '24 event  
page for complete bio.  
[onecau.se/sfx2024](http://onecau.se/sfx2024)

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April 27, 2024

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## A Look Behind the Scenes



On Tuesday, March 5, the Senior Women's Group of St. Francis Xavier hosts Diane Walsh who will tell us about her work in the juvenile Justice system. She will highlight current initiatives and review past mistakes. Diane is currently the Chief Legal Officer for the Juvenile Justice Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Previously she served as a Hearing Officer and then as a Supervisor in the Hearing Officer Section of the Child Protection Division.

Diane has been an active parishioner for many years. She has been a reader and Eucharistic minister. She has worked on a liturgy team and conducted Word and Communion services. She has served on the RCIA team and the Parish Pastoral Council.

We look forward to an interesting, informative morning. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US. Please meet in Unity Hall after the 8:30 am Mass for fellowship and light refreshments. The program will begin about 9:25 am.

## 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: 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](mailto:petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net).



## 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.



## 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, March 5  
Contact Matt Hubert [mthubert@gmail.com](mailto:mthubert@gmail.com)  
or Jack Horrigan [jfhorrigan@gmail.com](mailto:jfhorrigan@gmail.com)  
for more information.



### **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).



### **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:

**Wednesday, March 13 from 7:00-8:00 PM**

Thursday, April 11 from 7:00-8:00 PM

Wednesday, May 8 from 7:00-8:00 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).



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.csjthewell.org/offerings/](http://www.csjthewell.org/offerings/).

Looking for a great way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day? Join us March 16, at 4 PM at 1515 Ogden Ave for When Irish Eyes Are Smiling – A Celtic Feast! Festivities include a spirited liturgy at 4PM celebrated with Fr. Tkachuk of St. Francis Xavier Parish, followed by cocktails and appetizers, delicious Irish food and drink, games of chance, silent auction, and Irish music. Tickets are \$100 to benefit The Well.

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY  
SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024**

**Shelter Homeless   Feed Hungry   Bury Dead  
Clothe Naked   Care for Sick   Visit Imprisoned**

**All Parish Service Day 2024**

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to lead an outreach team, please contact: Mary Freeman, Director Of Community Outreach [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.



## Doughnuts For A Cause!

**St. Francis Xavier Religious Education** is giving you the best reason to purchase a dozen (or two) Krispy Kreme doughnuts. From now until March 9, 50% of your order will be donated back to St. Francis Xavier Religious Education when you purchase via our fundraising sales page! Simply buy online, visit your local store and redeem using your code.

Codes never expire! Treat yourself or even gift them to friends and family by clicking on this link here: [grouprai.se/krispykreme38257sa](https://grouprai.se/krispykreme38257sa) or by scanning the QR code to access the order page.



Thank you for your support!



## Teens Needed for Ministries at 5PM Sunday Mass

Being part of the liturgy is such a special gift. And our 5PM Sunday Evening Mass is for teens and run by teens, but we need your help! Since our Confirmation Prep has shifted to 7th and 8th Grade, we are inviting these students to take part in the Mass as ushers and choir members (singing or instrumental). Below you will find the Teen Mass schedule for the rest of the school year. Please review the available slots to usher and sign up for one by clicking on this link: [Click Here](#) or by scanning the QR code.



We need at least four ushers for each Mass. A reminder email/text will be sent to you the week prior to the Sunday's you signed up to usher for. If you are in 8th Grade and are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister please see Katie McCarthy after one of the 5PM Masses or email her at [kmccarthy@getblueprint.com](mailto:kmccarthy@getblueprint.com).

Thank you and we can't wait to see all of our teens involved!

**YOUTH NIGHTS @ ST FRANCIS**  
**SUNDAYS JAN 21 - APR 7**

**FOR TEENS BY TEENS**

Bring your friends for: social time, dinner, a video, and small group (where you can share your thoughts or just listen.)

All are welcome. Bring your atheist friend from school, bring your Lutheran buddy, bring that new kid on your sports team, Seriously, any teen is welcome.

Sundays at 6pm, January 21-April 7 in Unity Hall, St. Francis Xavier (with St. John of the Cross & St. Cletus Youth Ministry)

Scan QR code to RSVP (and vote for food!)

**THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU.**





# PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE FOR CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE PS3, PK4 & K PARENTS



## JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Thursday, March 21

**WHAT:** Early Childhood Coffee with Principal Garcia. Meet some fellow parents and listen to a short presentation.

**TIME:** 8:30–9:30am

**LOCATION:** SFX in Joyce Hall



## **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  
Director of Community Outreach  
Weekend Sacramental Minister

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## Education Ministry

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## Parish Office Staff

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Director of Stewardship and Development  
Parish Accountant  
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, 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 sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

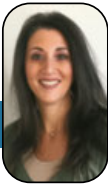
## Marriage

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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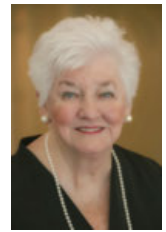
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