



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2024

3rd
Sunday
OF ADVENT



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Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 16	Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Terese Franzese Frank Altpeter Stephanie & Dan Wulfin~1st Anniversary	Pam Oplawski Mark & Laura Fasnaehe
Tuesday, December 17	Mass	8:30 am	John Madden Lorraine Ovnik Lorre Godlewski	The Cunningham Family Judy Ovnik Family
Wednesday, December 18	Mass	8:30 am	Mary Lou Eaton	Steve & Pat Eaton
Thursday, December 19	Rosary Mass Adoration	8:15 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	James Daly	Patrick Daly
Friday, December 20	Mass	8:30 am	Besse & Dick Parlon John Madden	Pam Oplawski The Jim Donahue Family
Saturday, December 21	Mass Reconciliation Mass	8:30 am 9:00 am 5:00 pm	Lillian Copp Wilma Schroeder John Gibbel	Scott & Jill Burson Family The Cooley Family
Sunday, December 22 4th Sunday of Advent	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Barbara Colombo Patrick Doyle Yolanda Couty Sue McKee	Jennifer Driscoll Mary & Tim McGrath Barbara & Peter Tomaino The Cooley Family

Presider's Schedule for December 14-15, 2024

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Milek

5:00 PM Fr. Cyscon

Please pray for . . .

Melissa Aravallo	Tiffany Kahn
Vincent Austrebich	Brenda Kardatzke
Ed Barrett	Michelle Kram
Angela Bowman	Ayanna Kucera
Vivian Brickhouse	Richard Lavers
Kevin Brooks	Eleanor Love
Blake Donegan	Jill Miller
Pat Eaton	Patrick Morgan
Tom Flynn	Bill Mroz
Bob Fredriksen	Rosemary Nash
Baby Lupe Baker Garcia	Ann Marie Nidos
Lilli Gregory	Laureen Rabe
Vincenzo Guzzo	Aldona Ruppert
Junie Haase	Sheila Slonskis
Mateo Herhold	Michael Smith
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	Lorine Solimeno
William Hesselgrave	Gregg Stephenson
Angela Hill	John Stopka
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Olivia Tarsney

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:

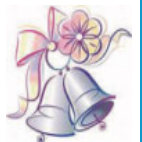
Jean Comer

Wife of the late Thomas
Mother of Aileen, Joe, Mary Kate,
Tommy and Sarah

Joe Shanley

Husband of the late Joyce
Father of Ryan
Step Father of Michael Huber & Daniel Huber

Weddings



Megan Koerner & Nick Saleh
Abby Wiiken & Kevin Maluso

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Pastor's Letter

*Rejoice in the Lord always. Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.
By prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.
Then the peace of God will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4: 4-7

Rejoice! Joy dwells in the heart of Advent. Yet, joy requires that we *make room for it* in our heart and our home. Some will decorate with a Christmas tree of tiny lights reflecting off shiny ornaments. Others will decorate outdoor trees with popcorn strings and berries to attract and feed the birds and small animals. Colored and white lights brighten the night from the eaves and windows of houses. The rose-colored candle of the Advent wreath builds anticipation. Some families will set up a manger scene that awaits the arrival of the Christ Child. Christmas decorations need not be elaborate or expensive. A small tree set on a table, or a bowl of scented pinecones may be enough to awaken our sense of expectation and hope.

Saint Paul proclaims acts of kindness as a path to joy. They are available to us in many ways. We may *choose presents* for those we love or *prepare gifts* for a family with limited resources. We might *gather to sing* Christmas carols or *offer a prayer* as we light another candle on the Advent wreath. Many will *donate or volunteer* for a charity or *deliver Christmas cookies* to a homebound neighbor. Joy arises when we name and give thanks for the gifts and blessings in our lives and give forward by wishing the same for others. Advent *joy leads to a peace* that takes root in our hearts when we ask God for the grace to let go of any resentments or judgements that darken our thoughts. The added blessing is that **Advent joy is meant to be contagious!**

Peace and joy also are meant to be hallmarks of our holiday celebrations. That requires us to avoid sensitive or controversial topics or stories that are best left unspoken. This Advent presents special challenges after an election season in which politicians on all sides have labeled “others” as dangerous or “the enemy.” Our children and young people are learning from our example even in those moments when we think they are not paying attention. We are teaching them by what we say ourselves and what we allow others to say in our presence. We offer them options when they see us politely changing the subject of conversation or objecting to harsh rhetoric. We offer them a positive response when we seek points of agreement that build harmony among family and friends.

Fr. Bill Stenzel, one of my mentors, increased my awareness of how addictions and dysfunctional behaviors in families can become especially problematic during the holidays. Each Advent, he published some guidelines for both using and serving alcohol at holiday parties. You will find those guidelines elsewhere in this bulletin. Alcohol can enhance our joy; it can also increase the tensions at a gathering when abused. This is a good time to be mindful of the limits of alcohol in enhancing a joyful moment. I became certified as an addictions counselor to be available to those who experience issues with alcohol or other substance abuse in their families. You know how to contact me.

The parish staff will have our annual holiday gathering this Monday afternoon. The parish offices will close at noon and reopen on Tuesday morning at 8:30.

Advent and Christmas are a time for joy. May the joy of God's love for us bless our hearts, our homes, and our gatherings in these days.

Advent Peace,

Fr. Bill

Reflection For the 3rd Sunday of Advent

Liturgy Planning Team #3 - Susan Lindsay, Susie Lehuta, and Sue Martin

Today we see that the Advent prophet, John the Baptist, lays the foundation for Jesus' teachings: to act honestly with each other and to share with those in need. All three of John's questioners are considered marginalized people as opposed to the religious authorities. John's responses teach justice and mercy on behalf of the poor and marginalized. This is how we prepare ourselves for the Coming of the Lord.

Calling all Shepherds and Angels



Our 3PM and 5PM Christmas Eve Masses on Tuesday, 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.

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.



Our Family Tree in Unity Hall & A Gift of Christmas Florals

Our Parish Family Tree is back in Unity Hall this year!

We are asking our Parish Families to bring an ornament that represents "WORDS of THE SEASON" for this 5th year of our Family Tree tradition.

The theme will change from year to year allowing our tree to grow & reflect where our Parish Stewardship focus is for Christmas & beyond. The tree will be in Unity Hall on December 7th.

Let's fill our Family Tree with "WORDS of THE SEASON"

In Memory of . . .

If you or your family would like to remember a loved one at this time of year through the gift of Christmas florals, you can make a donation in their name. These contributions help us create beautiful worship spaces for the Holidays using live plants while honoring the memory of those family members.

THANK-YOU!

Celine Heraty - SFX Arts & Environment - cmheraty@gmail.com





GIVING TREE!

**We ask that gifts and gift cards
be returned to Unity Hall
No Later Than Noon Today December 15.**

Online monetary donations will be collected through
Today December 15 via Give Central.
[Click here](#) or you can scan the QR code to make a donation.

The Giving Tree will support
St. Simon of Cyrene (formerly St. Agatha's)
Food Pantry families and migrant and refugee families.

Thank you for continuing to spread Christmas Cheer!



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



YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

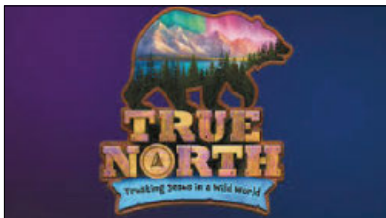
Your Christmas donation is instrumental to the
parish's ongoing mission!
Our Christmas goal is \$170,000 (9% of our budgeted offertory).

Ways to Give:

1. Father Bill's Christmas letter includes an envelope for your offering
2. To make your online gift:
 - Click [here](#)
 - Use the QR code at right.

God bless you for your support!

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



SAVE THE DATE 2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 23-27

We are pleased to report that our partnership with Grace Lutheran for Vacation Bible School was a great success last summer. Attendance was up significantly due to support and participation from the SFX community.

We are continuing our partnership with Grace for 2025. The dates for the summer VBS program are June 23-27, each day from 9:00am-noon. VBS is open to children aged 4 through 4th grade. 5th and 6th graders can participate as members of a service crew that will spend the week organizing and conducting a variety of service projects.

There are a number of volunteer opportunities for high school students that count toward required service hours. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as well.

Registration information will be available early next year along with more details about volunteering. We are looking forward to another week of fun and faith based activities. This year's theme is "True North Trusting Jesus in a wild world."

Any questions please contact Phil Zadeik at pjzadeik@gmail.com.

PLEASE PARK WITH CONSIDERATION FOR OUR NEIGHBORS



We recently learned that some of our neighbors on Spring Avenue have had their driveway blocked by those attending Mass, stopping by the office, or dropping off/picking up school children. Please be considerate of our neighbors when parking on either Spring or Waiola Avenues. Even if you only intend to be parked for a few minutes, that may be the time that a neighbor needs to use their driveway. Your cooperation helps to make us a good neighbor.

HOLIDAY DRINKING GUIDELINES

1. Drink only if you can. If you have been told not to drink, or if you take medications that do 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, your body's safety controls may not be functioning properly.

A high tolerance for alcohol can be a sign of disease, which is not a good thing.

3. Don't drink if you "don't drink." Don't accept a beverage that you don't want.

Not drinking is okay.

4. Alcohol and driving do not mix. If you plan to drink without moderation,

Plan how you will get home.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING GUIDELINES

1. Never tell a guest, "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 your guests. Have food available.

Serve your guests responsibly.

3. Don't give a hard time to a guest who "doesn't drink." "No thanks" is answer enough.

Provide non-alcoholic refreshments and let your guests choose.

4. Hot coffee or cold towels make a person more awake but not sober. If a guest is drunk, do not let them drive. Take their keys, get them a ride, or let them sleep it off.

Drunk drivers can kill people.



Thanksgiving Gratitude

A special thanks to all our parishioners who donated generously to our Thanksgiving collection!

We collected **\$2286.00** for BEDS Plus to support them in their mission to help vulnerable individuals stabilize their lives through housing and supportive services.



Advent Supplies Available



Little Blue Books, Advent Wreath Candles, and other seasonal Advent supplies are available at the table in the back of the church! Free will donations welcome.



Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24th
St. Francis Xavier Church
3:00 pm* and 5:00 pm

Alexine Chapel
3:00 pm

St. Francis Xavier 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
Wednesday, December 25th
9:00 am
11:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday, December 28th
5:00 pm
Sunday, December 29th
7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00 am
5:00 pm

New Year's Eve
Tuesday, December 31st
5:00 pm

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

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GO SET THE WORLD ON FIRE!

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SERVICE DAY



2024 Service Day

Friday, December 6, 2024

St. Francis Xavier Students let their light shine for the
15th Annual Service Day at the following locations:

PreK 4- SFX Food Pantry

Kindergarten- Palos Children's Farm

Gr. 1- Bethlehem Woods

Gr. 2- St. Catherine - St. Lucy School

Gr. 3- BEDS Plus, Summit

Gr. 4- Feed My Starving Children

Gr. 5- American Legion Hall

Gr. 6- SEASPAR Abilities Awareness Bowling
Suburbanite Bowling

Gr. 7- Feed My Starving Children

Gr. 8- Greater Food Depository
Altus Academy
Helping Hand

WE PRAY. WE LEARN. WE SERVE.

Attention St. Francis Xavier Classes of 2017 and 2020!

The St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board invites SFX graduates from the classes of 2017 and 2020 for pizza at Lucca's Pizzeria & Ristorante on Thursday, December 26, 2024 from 6:00-9:00pm.

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.

Church Pipe Organ Opportunity

Dear Parishioners,

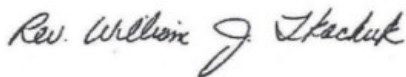
We are excited to share a unique opportunity to complete our beloved pipe organ at St. Francis Xavier. As many of you know, our pipe organ is a work in progress. Previous fundraising efforts funded most of the initial installation. Between 2003 and 2022, we received donations that allowed us to install all but one of the components in the original design for the organ. These components were not included in the initial installation due to the need to allocate capital funds to replace the boiler that heats the entire campus. We are sharing this history openly with our community to ensure transparency in our history and our future plans.

The final component to complete the organ is the Trompette Royale, a distinguished addition to the Great 8' register. This component will amplify our music ministry and provide an inspiring sound experience for our community. The total cost to finish the organ, including all preparations and installation, is \$122,000.

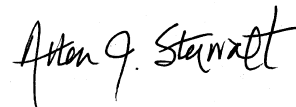
If we are able to raise at least \$100,000 in commitments from our parish family **by December 31, 2024**, we can sign a contract to install the Trompette Royale and complete our organ in its full glory. Note that we are asking only for a commitment at this stage; please do not send any funds until we confirm sufficient support to proceed.

Those interested in committing to this meaningful project should email us at organ@sfxlg.org. Once we determine that we have enough pledges, we will provide further information to finalize the funding and begin work. The installation process, led by Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders, includes new electro-pneumatic chests, winding, a reservoir, and a blower. The Trompette Royale will be housed in the original organ chamber, and enhancements, including advanced expression controls, will allow for a nuanced, beautiful sound quality across all registers.

Thank you for considering this important request. With your support, we can enrich our worship experience for generations to come.



Pastor



Director of Music

Engage Community—December

Our next get together:

Thursday, December 19 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Unity Hall at St. Francis Xavier.

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.

It is recommended to RSVP to Jane by December 18 at janeLGPark@gmail.com or just join us!

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

Knights of Columbus LaGrange Council 6483



Charity is at the heart of our faith and the work of the Knights of Columbus. If you're a Catholic man from age 18 to 78 with a calling for service by focusing on others, live a life of faith in action. Jesus calls us to bear fruit. Become a Knight. **YOUNG LEADERS WANTED.** We've got good work to do in our community. Text or call Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to learn how you can help us serve those with the most need. To Knight!



Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report

Total Sunday Collection through November	
This Year:	\$ 637,788
Last Year:	\$ 606,514
Total Annual Offertory Budget:	\$1,930,000

Reaching out in service to others is a foundation of our SFX community. Mary Freeman, our Director of Outreach, oversees the parish service efforts, leading hundreds of volunteers to "Do God's Work in our World." One of the ways is through our service to refugees and migrant families as we respond to calls to "Welcome the Stranger."

Mary shares: "Six years ago, Sr. Marlene Schemmel, CSJ connected us to Exodus World Service, an organization that partners with Catholic Charities and other agencies to provide support to refugees who have resettled in Chicagoland. Over those years, St. Francis Xavier has been a beacon of hope! We have hosted two Refugee Journey Simulations for parishioners and students to educate, engender empathy and inspire action on behalf of local refugees. Volunteers have delivered 12 care packs to families from Afghanistan, Columbia, the Congo, Rohingya, Rwanda, Syria and Venezuela. We are scheduled to deliver two more welcome packs in January, 2025." According to an Exodus rep, *"we're incredibly grateful for local partners like St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and School of LaGrange. Your compassion and dedication are truly inspiring. Thank you for the amazing work that you are doing to create a community where refugees can find friendship and belonging."*



Mary also noted that "In the past year, Grace Lutheran and BEDS Plus have reached out for support for four migrant families they are sponsoring. Through your generous donations to our Thanksgiving and Holy Thursday collections last year as well as our Food Pantry Ministry and Giving Tree outreach, we have been able to offer support for these families' necessities. In addition, several parishioners are accompanying a few families through regular visits to offer support, guidance and a friendly face to help them feel less alone. None of

this is possible without the support and willingness of our faith community to live out the gospel as missionary disciples!"

Your offertory gifts enable our foundation of service to thrive! God bless you!

Make a gift to Sunday offertory
with this QR Code or [click here](#).
Thank you for your stewardship!



The St. Francis Xavier Parish
Music Ministry presents...

A Star of Love

featuring the SFX...

**PRAISE! Ensemble*

**Gallery Choir*

**Seraphim Children's Choir*

**Chamber Collective*

Free Admission!

Baskets will be placed at the doors for a free-will donation to benefit the SFX Music Ministry. Thank you!



Saturday, January 4, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier Church



Crossroads SFX Teen Group

Attention all high school teens: Are you looking to grow stronger in your Faith? Are you looking for ways to navigate the challenges and complexities of your high school years? Do you wonder how our Faith fits into a world which often seems to dismiss or be disrespectful to our Faith? Please join a group of like-minded teens to explore these issues at Crossroads. We meet twice per month on Sunday nights to explore faith, build community, and share perspectives. We will also have some outreach/volunteer opportunities.

All meetings take place in Unity Hall after the 5pm mass, from 6:00-7:00pm and include dinner. This program is in its second year at SFX and we are excited about being able to support the faith journey of our teens. We welcome all high school students regardless of faith/parish, so bring your friends.

The remaining date this year: **Today December 15.** Watch for more dates in the new year!

Please reach out to Laura and Greg Ozark with any questions:
greg.ozark@gmail.com or lauraozark@yahoo.com.



NEW FAMILY ENROLLMENT BEGINS DECEMBER 4

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. This year, we are holding our 15th annual Service Day!



CONTACT US TODAY! ENROLLMENT@SFXLG.ORG



ADVENT

PRAY25

Prepare your heart for
Jesus this Advent with
daily prayer on **Hallow**

"My morning meditation and prayer time have increased substantially since I heard about and joined Hallow during Advent. My faith has deepened in ways that words just cannot describe. I am blessed and so grateful!"

"This Advent challenge pierced my heart. My heart wasn't open enough to Christ before, but now it's like a spark of light came into it."

"I am so much more aware of God's presence in my everyday life because of Hallow's Advent Challenge."



Your parish has partnered with Hallow.
Join us in prayer this Advent!

Scan the QR code to sign up
hallow.com/parish

DAILY PRAYERS

Start your day with the Daily Gospel, Rosary, imaginative prayer or one of over 10,000 sessions, including daily meditations, homilies, reflections, and Bible studies.

FAMILY CONTENT & KIDS CHALLENGE

Pray as a family with weekly Mass Prep, Saints Alive, Kids Holy Hour and guide your little ones through the season with our Advent challenge for children.

BIBLE STORIES & SLEEP CONTENT

Close your day with Christ with Night Prayer, an Examen, or a Rosary with guests like Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, and Jonathan Roumie.



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Download on the
App Store



Music Notes...

Upcoming Music Ministry Events!

Saturday, January 4th, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

[FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD]

Christmas Epiphany Concert & Candlelight Service

***featuring SFX Choirs & Instrumentalists**

Sunday, February 23rd, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.

Winter (Pre-Lenten) ORGAN Recital

***featuring...Allen Sterwalt & friends!**

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!



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

- **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
- **Capt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **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
- **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
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini
- **Micah Peralta, DC3 U.S. Navy**—daughter of Mila Esleta
- **Private Julian Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Specialist Esteban Vela, U.S. Army**—friend of Joe, Cari, Maddie & Mike Ramaglia
- **Sean Kramer, U.S. Army**—friend of the Cooley Family
- **Lt. Matthew Edinger, DO, U.S. Navy**—son of John Edinger & Maria Nidos

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

Pastoral Ministry

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Associate Pastor
Deacon
Deacon
Pastoral Associate
Director of Community Outreach
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Main Religious Education e-Mail.....sfxreligioused@sfxlg.org
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

Weekday Masses at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday-Friday) 8:00 am
St. John of the Cross (Monday-Saturday) 9:00 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.

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

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Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

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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, Bennett Ferguson, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone at 312-880-7606.



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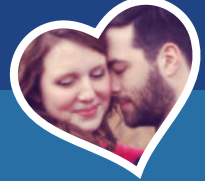
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