



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
3rd Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of
ADVENT



BELONG



BELIEVE



BE LOVE

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, December 15	Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese Leonardo & Rosa Caricato Meg Duranty	Giulia Ehrich & Franca Shadle The Duranty Family
	Prayer Service	7:00 pm	Blue Christmas Prayer Service	
Tuesday, December 16	Mass	8:30 am	Helen Daly	Patrick Daly
Wednesday, December 17	Mass	8:30 am	Malena Hinojosa Dennis Schumacher	Gary Lewis Barb Schumacher
	Reconciliation	7:00 pm	Reconciliation Service	
Thursday, December 18	Rosary	8:15 am	People of the Parish	
	Mass	8:30 am		
Friday, December 19	Mass	8:30 am	John Gleason	Terry & Carolyn Mahoney
Saturday, December 20	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	Scott & Jill Burson
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Lillian Copp	
Sunday, December 21 4th Sunday of Advent	Mass	7:30 am	Diane Ozark	Pat Surdyk
	Mass	9:00 am	Ron Malec	Julie Malec
	Mass	11:00 am	Besse & Dick Parlon Carol Cecchin	Pam Oplawski Husband John
	Mass	5:00 pm	People of the Parish	

Presider's Schedule for December 13-14, 2025

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

Please Note: Rosary will not be held at 8:15 am on Thursday, December 25 or Thursday, January 1 due to Christmas and New Years Day

Please pray for . . .

John Baggio	Amy Miller
Poppy Booth	Brandon Moffett
George Braasch	Greg Molinari
Vivian Brickhouse	Patrick Morgan
Joe Canepa	Bill Mroz
John Clinch	Ann Marie Niedo
Blake Donegan	Jim O'Brien
Craig Eaton	Connie O'Dette
Nathan Emkow	Cathy O'Leary
Lupe Baker Garcia	Mark Reilly
Allen Godlewski	Richard Reveles
Vincenzo Guzzo	Amy Robinson
Junie Haase	John Shramek
Angela Hill	Rita Mae Spearman
Jessi Rita Hoffman	Gregg Stephenson
Richard Holbach	John Stopka
Michelle Jackson	Sophie Stratton
Patricia Jones	Catie Sullivan
Nora Lou Kampe	Olivia Tarsney
Terri Bergen Klein	Joe Vargas
Ella Mae Kuzel	Baby Emma Wallace
Eleanor Love	Tony Williams
Baby Grace Mangano	Liz Wilk
Robert McMahon	Frank Zolfo, Jr.

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:

Rita Bourjaily
Mother of Ann Maney

Carol Cecchin
Wife of John
Mother of Jeanne, Nancy & Kathleen

Robert Dold
Husband of Eileen
Father of Megan & Kristen

Janet Lenihan
Mother of Colleen Olsen

Donna Wasz
Wife of the late Norm
Mother of Karen, Michael, Susan, and Colleen

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Pastor's Letter

Gaudete Sunday: Rejoice and Be Glad!

This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, when the Church invites us to pause in the midst of our waiting and lift our hearts in joy. The word Gaudete means "Rejoice!", and it echoes in the heart of this holy season. We rejoice because the Lord is near - because Christ is born of the Virgin Mary, because hope has stepped into our world, and because God's love is drawing close to each of us in ways both astonishing and gentle.

Our first reading from Isaiah 35, paints a beautiful picture of what happens when God comes to save His people. The desert blooms, the weak are strengthened, the frightened are reassured and the ransomed return home, "crowned with everlasting joy." Isaiah reminds us that God's presence always transforms what is barren into something living and joyful. Advent joy isn't about pretending life is perfect - it's about knowing that God is at work even in the dry places of our lives, bringing healing, courage and renewal.

In the Gospel from Matthew 11, John the Baptist sends his disciples to ask Jesus the great question: "Are you the one who is to come?" Jesus answers by pointing him to the signs of new life unfolding around Him - the blind see, the lame walk, the poor hear good news. These are echoes of Isaiah's prophecy and reminders that God's kingdom is already breaking in. On this Gaudete Sunday, we rejoice because Christ is not distant or delayed; He is already present, already healing, already lifting hearts. May this Sunday's rose-colored candle remind us that joy is not only possible - it is promised. Rejoice! The Lord is near.

A blessed Advent to you and your loved ones,
Fr. John

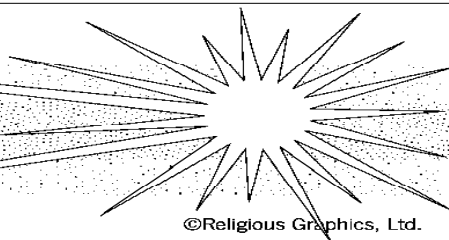
Reflection For The 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

As we enjoy the display of Christmas lights we see in our neighborhoods, we can see the joy in the hearts of children and adults. Our Church celebrates that joy on this Gaudete Sunday. Our first reading invites us into "a tapestry of people and things who find various reasons to rejoice in God's transformative work.

Belong, Believe, Be love, Be joyful!

Rejoice! The Lord is near.



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Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24th
St. Francis Xavier Church
3:00 p.m.* and 5:00 p.m.

Alexine Chapel
3:00 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier Church
7:00 p.m.

Midnight Mass in Church
preceded by Christmas Carols
at 11:00 p.m.

* Livestreamed

Joyce Hall will be open to accommodate overflow.

Christmas Day New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Day
Thursday, December 25th
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday, December 27th
5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 28th
7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve
Wednesday, December 31st
5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day
Thursday, January 1st
10:00 a.m.

We're grateful for your support.
To donate to the Christmas Offertory
visit www.sfxlg.org or use this QR Code.



St. Francis Xavier Parish
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Blue Christmas Prayer Service Monday, December 15th at 7:00 pm

A prayer service for those
carrying the heaviness
of grief or loss this holiday season.



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" or use the QR Code. Thank you for your generosity.



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.

Advent at St. Francis Xavier: *Be Still*



Advent Pray25 Parish Prayer Challenge on Hallow Began December 1

The theme for our Advent Pray25 challenge is: *Be Still*. This Advent, we invite you to discover deeper stillness amidst the chaos of the holiday season, just as Mary did that first Christmas. Join millions around the world as we dive into the story of the Nativity through reflections on the infancy narratives, powerful excerpts from *The Reed of God* by Caryll Houselander and *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* by John Mark Comer, and moments of silence and prayer.

Prayer challenges are always free to parishioners via our Hallow parish page, sign up for this challenge now. Scan the QR code at the bottom of this page or visit sfxlg.org to get set up.

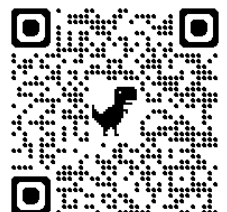
Seasonal Advent Table in the Back of Church

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

Little Blue Books — available for free at all doors!

Reconciliation Service

7:00PM on December 17—St. Francis Xavier Parish





Your Gift, God's Hands Offertory Report

Total Sunday Collection July 1 through November 30

This Year:	\$ 669,808
Last Year:	\$ 637,813
Annual Offertory Budget:	\$2,013,000



YOUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Your Christmas donation is instrumental
to the parish's ongoing mission!
Our Christmas goal is \$177,000 (9% of our budgeted offertory).

Ways to Give:

1. Father John'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!



GIVING TREE!

**We ask that gifts and gift cards
be returned to Unity Hall
No Later Than 11:00AM Today December 14.**

**Online monetary donations will be collected through
December 14 via Give Central.
Click here or you can scan the QR code to make a donation.**

**The Giving Tree will support outreach organizations including
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.





Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

For our seniors over the age of 70½

A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct, tax-free transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, such as St. Francis Xavier Parish. This is a unique opportunity to make a significant impact while also benefiting from potential tax advantages through a QCD.

Here are some key benefits of making a QCD from your IRA:

1. **Reduce your taxable income:** The amount transferred directly to charity does not generate taxable income, which may reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security subject to tax.
2. **Fulfill your RMD:** If you are 73 years old or older, your QCD can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.
3. **Simplicity:** The process is straightforward—just instruct your IRA custodian to make the gift directly to us.
4. **Make a Difference:** Your QCD will make an immediate impact on our mission to *belong, believe, and be love*.

As we reflect on the blessings of the past year, we invite you to consider making a QCD to St. Francis Xavier Parish. If you would like to ensure your contribution is received in the current tax year, it is best to initiate your QCD prior to December 15.

If you have any questions about how to make a QCD or need assistance with the process, please feel free to reach out to Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Development at jzeisloft@sfxlq.org or 708-352-0168.

Engage Community Events Building community with neighbors and friends



December 18: Christmas treats and “White Elephant” exchange

Where: 7:00-8:30pm in Unity Hall

Details: 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. RSVPs by December 18 or just join us!

For questions or to RSVP, please email Jane at janeLGPark@gmail.com. Engage focuses on building Christian community through a variety of social and service activities. All are welcome, parishioners and non-parishioners, adults of all ages and life stages.

Make your
hearts firm because
the coming of the LORD
is at hand.



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SFX CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

LADIES DAY OUT

SAVE THE DATE!

Enjoy an afternoon of food,
friends, music, raffles, and bingo—
perfect for reconnecting, relaxing,
and celebrating our community and
the feminine spirit of
St. Francis Xavier Parish.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

3-6pm

La Grange Country Club

Watch for details soon!



We're raising dough!

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**December 17, 2025
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

439 North LaGrange Road, LaGrange Park, IL

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HEARTS ON FIRE

THE 120: YOUTH GROUP

LIVES ON MISSION




HIGH SCHOOL TEENS & PARENTS

The 120 exists to lead young hearts into a transformative encounter with Jesus Christ, rooted in prayer, community, and mission. This high school youth group (9th-12th) is inspired by the early Church. We gather to grow in faith, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and be sent out as bold witnesses to the Gospel by:

- Coming together as a community in social events
- Dedicating time to serve the community
- Taking on leadership roles
- Leading each other through prayer
- Supporting each other in faith and friendship



WANT TO JOIN THE 120?

CHECK OUT THE PARISH WEBSITE AND CLICK THE YOUTH MINISTRY TAB FOR MORE INFORMATION.

YOU CAN ALSO EMAIL CHRISSY (OUR YOUTH MINISTER):
CALAGNA@SFXLG.ORG

GO SET THE WORLD ON FIRE!

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SERVICE DAY

2025 Service Day

St. Francis Xavier Students served with love for the 16th Annual Service Day at the following locations:

PreK 4- SFX Food Pantry

Kindergarten- Double J Riding Club

Gr. 1- Bethlehem Woods

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

Gr. 3- BEDS Plus, Summit

Gr. 4- Feed My Starving Children

Gr. 5- VFW Post 2801 in Villa Park

Gr. 6- SEASPAR Abilities Awareness Bowling
Suburbanite Bowling

Gr. 7- Feed My Starving Children

Gr. 8- Greater Chicago Food Depository
Cradles to Crayons
Helping Hand

WE PRAY. WE LEARN. WE SERVE.

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

PARENTS, WILL YOUR SFX GRADUATES BE HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

THE SAINT FRANCIS SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD IS GATHERING FORMER STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED FROM SFX IN 2018 AND 2021 ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH.

WE'RE GATHERING AT LUCCA'S FROM 6PM-9PM. PIZZA IS ON US.



WE DON'T HAVE EVERYONE'S EMAIL. IF YOUR KIDS WILL BE IN TOWN, PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH THEM.

MONDAY | DEC 29 | 6:00-9:00PM

LUCCA'S 108 W. BURLINGTON AVE, LA GRANGE

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE EMAIL SCHOOLBOARD@SFXLG.ORG


It's the most wonderful time to volunteer!

This holiday season, give the gift of learning!


Volunteer with **Project CARE** and help adults improve their English language skills.

Your time and kindness can make a meaningful difference this season.



Tutor Requirements:
Must be 18 or older | GED/High School diploma required
Minimum 1 hour per week | Training provided by us |
Minimum 6-month commitment

PROJECT.CARE@MORTON.EDU | (708) 656-8000 EXT. 2364





Wanted

Our parish's fathers whose youngest child is now in high school (or beyond) where ol' Coach Dad is now available to bear more fruit in our community.

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a youth multi-level state free-throw contest this winter and we'd like our biggest basketball fans to join us to help make it great.

We're a fraternal Order that is an international Catholic men's ministry that is first in support of those with the most need. "Vivat Jesus!" has been our Latin motto since our 1882 founding because Jesus is central to our mission. Your home council has been leading good works in the greater LaGrange community since 1973. We could do much more with you involved, and we're inviting you to join us. It's easy. Simply send a text message to Brian Lisek at 630-939-2626 to get started. Today. To Knight! www.KofCLaGrange.org.

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, January 6

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



Your Parish Counselor

If you've been feeling the pull toward deeper understanding or noticing places within yourself that feel uncertain or tender, you're not alone. Counseling can offer a gentle space to explore these parts with curiosity and care.

I'm Benjamin Horen, currently completing my Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at the Chicago School. With a background in teaching and health and fitness coaching, I integrate both psychological and physical perspectives to support holistic growth. I work with individuals facing anxiety, depression, trauma, insecurities, and self-doubt—always meeting you where you are.

If you're ready to explore, grow, or simply understand yourself more fully, I'd be honored to walk alongside you. Whenever you feel ready, the door is open. For appointments, call 630-923-8380.

SFX PINK RIBBON COMMUNITY

Connect with Breast Cancer Survivors
at SFX for fellowship & support.



Toddler Moms' Monthly Prayer Party First Wednesday of the Month at 8:00pm!

Location rotates between homes. Email Claire Jakubisin claire.jakubisin@gmail.com or join the Toddling Together Group on the parish Hallow page to stay up-to-date on the location.



LIVING IN UNITY WITH SPIRIT, EARTH, AND ONE ANOTHER

Come and Paint

These reunion sessions bring participants to a greater self-awareness through painting.

Participation open to previous "Come and Paint" or "Paint Your Soul" retreat participants. Facilitators: Mary Helen Crispo and Gillian Romano. Meets Monthly: First Saturdays: 9:30am–12:00pm. \$10 per session. Virtual Only.

Prayerful Pause

No matter where we are in the world, we are ONE Community and we need each other. Drop in and connect meaningfully with others via Zoom. Every week at 9:00am on Mondays and Wednesdays, and every Thursday at 4:30pm.

Meets weekly:

Mondays, 9:00-9:15am

Wednesdays, 9:00-9:15am

Thursdays, 4:30-5:00pm

Free-Donations encouraged

Virtual Only

Zoom Link: [Click Here](#)

Meeting ID: 448 814 3358 Passcode: gift

Learn more & register:

<https://csjthewell.org/programs/>

The St. Francis Xavier Music Ministry presents...
Christmas Epiphany Concert & Candlelight
Star of Love

Saturday, January 3, 2026  7:00 p.m.

with the St. Francis Xavier...

- Gallery Choir
- PRAISE! Ensemble
- Seraphim Children's Choir
- Chamber Collective



Donate to the **SFX Music Ministry** by scanning the QR code below...



...or clicking on this link!

<https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/218/category/1057/event/20641>

The **SFX Music Ministry** thanks you
for your generous support!

SAVE THE DATE 2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 22-26



We are pleased to report that our partnership with Grace Lutheran for Vacation Bible School was again a great success in 2025.

We are excited that our partnership with Grace will continue in 2026. This year's theme is "Rainforest Falls". The dates for the summer 2026 VBS are June 22-26. The program runs each day from 9am-Noon. VBS is open to children aged 4 to 4th graders. 5th and 6th graders can participate as members of a service crew that spends the week organizing a variety of service projects including a morning at the SFX food pantry.

The success of VBS relies on teen and parent volunteers. Hours spent volunteering can be used for required service hours. We will provide more details about these opportunities when registration opens.

VBS is an amazing, faith based program that provides many benefits for children and volunteers. We hope you can participate! Registration details will be provided early next year.

Any questions please contact:
Phil Zadeik at pjzadeik@gmail.com or
Karl Olson at Olson.karl@gmail.com.

Family Outreach Ministry

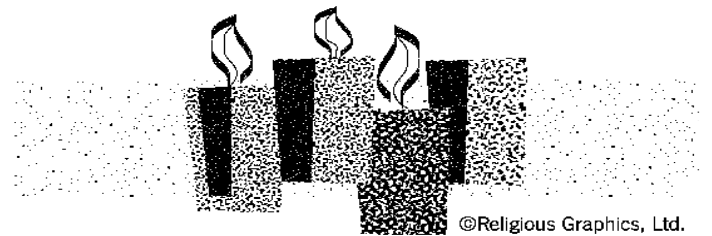


Ring in the new year with SERVICE! Join St. Francis Xavier Family Outreach Ministry as we prepare and serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need at the First Congressional Church's Saturday Meals Program. Our next service date is Jan 3, 2026 and there are two time slots from which to choose:

9:00-11:00 AM: Food prep and cooking
11:00 AM-1:00 PM: Food serving & clean up.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old or 13 years old if accompanied by an adult.

Questions? More information can be found on our Sign-Up Genius Link: [Click Here](#)



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20 years in the journey
for immigration reform

SAVE THE DATE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025
11:30 AM
DePaul University
Loop Campus
1 East Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604

Wishing you a truly wonderful a holiday season filled with peace and love.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A HOLIDAY GIFT TO CARS THIS GIVING SEASON?

COMMUNITY ASSISTED RIDES
Call our office today to learn how to share your support.
708-354-9328



**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
- • **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 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 Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- • **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
- • **Lt. Matthew Edinger, DO, U.S. Navy**—son of John Edinger & Maria Nidos
- • **ETNC Andrew Cihak, U.S. Navy**—grandson of John & Marilyn Lux

**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

Pastor
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Deacon
Deacon
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Director of Religious Education
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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

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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