

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Epiphany of the Lord

January 5, 2020



Rise up in splendor
Jerusalem!
your light has
come,
the glory of the
LORD
shines upon you.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, January 6 Saint Andre Bessette, Religious	8:30 am	Donald Schwendner	Jacquelyn Van Gorp
Tuesday, January 7 Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Ruth & Anthony Bell	The Braasch Family
Wednesday, January 8	8:30 am	Michael Kelly	Louis Freda & Nancy Cozzi
Thursday, January 9	7:45 am 8:30 am	Word & Communion Service Richard Hofstetter	The Hofstetter Family
Friday, January 10	8:30 am	Special Intention	
Saturday, January 11	9:00 am 9:30 am 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Lisa Deering Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Mary Reidy	The Mattern Family The Shanley Family
Sunday, January 12	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 6:00 pm	People of the Parish Mary Vasil Sherman DiMailig People of the Parish David Day	The Paliakas Family The Quinn Family The Filbin Family

Please Pray For...

Jay Carroll	Joe Montana
Chili Challenger	Patrick Morgan
Josephine Cindric	Mike Morrison
Kevin Corrigan	Bernice Niemiec
Anthony Dina	Arnold Oppenheim
Blake Donegan	Jane O'Reilly
Pat Eaton	Shawna Palazzolo
Lily Fielding	Ryan Patyk
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Donna Pekarek
Lilli Gregory	Norma Petrancosta
Wilson Gregory	Jim Potsch
Patricia Hassler	James Pridmore
Linda Hillsman	Madison Raupp
Rose Ilo	Anna Rose
Mary J.	Marilyn Rutkowski
Jane Jacobsen	Matthew Schiek
Theresa Kandall	Gretchen Sterwalt
Anne Kelly	Donna Suchoski
Benny Kilman	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Jerry Kolman	Anne Titzer
Liz Kosteck	Michael Ungari
Lou Ellen Krueger	Gregory Van Gorp
Marian Lucas	Marian Ward
Caroline MacGregor	Liz Wilk

Prayers are requested for our relatives and friends who are sick. To add a name to the prayer list, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

Names of the sick are listed for two months in the bulletin. If there is a recurrence of illness, names can be listed again. 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



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Pastor's Notes

*Upon you the Lord shines.
Nations shall walk by your light.
Isaiah 60:2,3*

Sunday evening is the twelfth night of Christmas, when we celebrate the light of Christ, revealed to the world beyond the people of Israel through the arrival of magi guided by a brilliant star. This Epiphany fulfills a prophecy spoken long before by Isaiah and other prophets. God's desire was not to be a light only for the chosen people of Israel. God's light in them was meant to one day shine out to draw all people from every part of the earth. Yet the star leads the magi beyond the lofty city of Jerusalem to its small "suburb" of Bethlehem. This was the town of the young shepherd David who would become Israel's great king. It is in a humble dwelling of Bethlehem, not in the Temple or lofty palaces of Jerusalem, from which God's light shines out to all people.

Until the end of the last century, most Orthodox Christians waited until the Epiphany to celebrate the arrival of the Christ Child. The twelve days of Christmas were a time of family visits and gatherings. Epiphany was the day for exchanging gifts and great feasts (a great tradition for this child of Catholic and Orthodox grandparents who got two Christmas celebrations each year). Many cultures hold this day as special, including Puerto Rican Christians, for whom *Tres Reyes* remains a day of exchanging presents and special celebrations. The traditions of Epiphany remind us that the Messiah had been viewed by most as the Savior of Israel, who eventually would bring all peoples to worship in Jerusalem. We believe that from his birth, Christ became a light for all peoples, drawing them to a humble home in the shadow of Jerusalem. Christ is revealed to those, especially the poor in spirit, who seek him in unexpected places.

January 5 begins National Migration Week, which calls us to a deeper awareness of the struggles, hopes, and needs of immigrants and refugees throughout the world. While working together for the political solution that best serves the common good, we are challenged to keep our hearts and minds open to the human dignity of those of any age who seek safety and opportunity for their family. I believe that God's light always shines in the brightest joys and the darkest shadows. This message dwells at the heart of Christmas and underlies our journey of faith. We are called to bring Christ's light to those who dwell in the shadows caused by death, illness, loss, or confusion. We are sent to comfort those who feel separated from God or the Church for any reason, and to invite them to rediscover the warmth of God's love. Our mission is to welcome all who come to our doors and to encourage those who have been away to come home. This is our belief, our mission, and God's promise in each moment and in every circumstance.

As I announced just before Christmas, Fr. Karol Tybor, who was to become our associate pastor on January 1st, has decided to return to Poland to care for his aging parents. I am sad that he will not be with us; I affirm his decision to follow where the Lord is leading him. Together we will discover where the Lord is leading us.

As we put away the lights of Christmas decorations, may we carry in our hearts the light of Christ that ever shines.

Merry "Little Christmas"!

Christmas Peace,

J. Bill

Christmas Budget

Our Christmas Budget is \$155,000. Please support our parish outreach to the community and the beautiful liturgies celebrated in honor of the birth of Christ! Prayerfully consider your Christmas donation to the parish during this season of giving as we continue His mission. We will be reporting the Christmas offertory and our six month financial position in next weeks bulletin.

How to give:

- * Visit our website www.sfxlg.org to enter your credit card or bank account.
- * Text JOYFUL to (708) 340-6630.
- * Place your donation in the offertory basket in an enveloped marker "Christmas"

Peace to All in the New Year!

Why Buy Fair Trade Coffee??

The coffee sold at St. Francis Xavier is purchased from *Equal Exchange Fairly Traded*. There is a lot behind this coffee. "We work closely with our farmer partners, year after year, to better understand each other's needs. The result is a trusting relationship and delicious coffee." Beth Ann Caspersen, Quality Control Manager

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Fair Trade:

- Respects human dignity
- Promotes the common good
- Advances economic justice
- Empowers disadvantaged people
- Connects us with the people who create the things we buy
- Cultivates global solidarity



The Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Program creates opportunities for us to bring these core values of our faith to bear on the choices we make as consumers—choices that have the power to lift our brothers and sisters out of poverty.

Effort is made to see that these coffee farmers are given a fair wage!!!



Welcome back, Fr. Stan Ilo! Fr. Stan has been travelling during the past few months, spending much of his time in his home country of Nigeria. He returns to our Sunday presider schedule this month. We are glad to have him with us again.

Baptisms

We celebrate and welcome the newest members of our faith family, who were baptized:



Brianna Marie Chocola

Daughter of Joseph & Maria (Delberto) Chocola

Genevieve Knytych Nabors

Daughter of Joshua & Julie (Knytych) Nabors

Jack Ronald Ruskowski

Son of Louis & Sarah (Ryniak) Ruskowski

Jack Oliver Sherwood

Son of Ryan & Laura (Blouin) Sherwood

Chloe Catherine Allen

Daughter of Kyle & Maggie (Gaylord) Allen

Elle Elizabeth Allen

Daughter of Kyle & Maggie (Gaylord) Allen

Landon Parker Hoffeld

Son of Brent & Kim (Kuhn) Hoffeld

Reid Matthew Schabowski

Son of Matt & Jessica (Freeman) Schabowski

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK MASS

As we celebrate this holy season of Advent, we long for the coming of Christ whom we welcome into our lives as one disguised in those on the margins of society. In doing so, we are encouraged to look beyond our own needs to the needs of the people around us, particularly those displaced by war, sectarian violence and economic hardship.

You are invited to participate in the fourth annual National Migration Week Mass, on Sunday, January 5, at 5:15 PM at Holy Name Cathedral. (Free parking at Loyola Self-Park located at 20 West Chicago Avenue.) This year's Mass will center on the theme for National Migration Week, "Promoting a Church and World for All," answering the call of the Holy Father to provide companionship and support our migrant brothers and sisters, especially those who are on a pilgrimage to a life of greater dignity.

For more information, contact:

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Michael Warrell at mwarrell@archchicago.org
or 312-534-8044;

or visit catholicsandimmigrants.org.

Welcome

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of December

Trina Diedrich
Thomas Kasko



Seasons of Hope Grief Support



St. John of the Cross Parish is hosting 'Seasons of Hope' support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. 'Seasons of Hope' is a six-session support ministry led by experienced, caring adults familiar with the grief process. Weekly sessions present a faith-based topic and include discussion, Scripture, and prayer. It is recommended that participants allow 3-6 months from time of loss before attending.

Register online: www.stjohnofthecross.org/grief-ministry or contact Steve Weigand at the SJC Parish Office. 708-246-4404.

Divorced and Separated Support

St. John of the Cross Parish is hosting a weekly support group for those who have been through divorce or who are in the midst of the divorce process. **Divorce and Beyond** meetings are faith-based and designed to bring hope and healing to one of life's most difficult and painful experiences of loss. Topics include; dealing with stress, anger, loneliness, forgiveness, and healing. Experienced leaders create an open and confidential atmosphere conducive to judgement free sharing and discussion.

Begins Thursday, January 16 (7:00 p.m.)

Register online: <https://www.stjohnofthecross.org/divorceandbeyond> or contact Steve Weigand at the SJC Parish Office. 708-246-4404 ext.137.



Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide

Offering Hope and Healing for Those Who Mourn a Loss to Suicide

St. John of the Cross parish will begin hosting a monthly support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one from suicide. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month.

L.O.S.S. (Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide) is a non-denominational program that provides a safe, judgement-free environment intended to help survivors and family members share experiences and draw strength and hope within a loving community. Trained counselors are on hand at each meeting. Call LOSS at 312-655-7285 or SJC 708-246-4404 for more information.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL
WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL
OPEN ENROLLMENT
for 2020-2021**

Registration Began **NOV 18th**

Call 708-352-2175 for INFORMATION or a SCHOOL TOUR

PreSchool 3 through 8th Grade - **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**
Centered in Catholic values of **PRAYER, LEARNING & SERVICE**
Onsite Before & After School Care for full day students

We Pray, We Learn, We Serve

www.SFXLC.ORG/SCHOOL

Religious Education Important Dates & Class Dates

Grade 2 Eucharistic Prep Liturgies
Sunday, January 12 1:30 pm in Church

Reconciliation
Grade 5 January 19 and January 22 during Class

Class Dates

Sunday, January 5	At Home Lesson
Wednesday, January 8	At Home Lesson
Sunday, January 12	Class
	8th Grade Retreat
Wednesday, January 15	Class
	8th Grade Retreat (4:00 Only)
Sunday, January 19	Class
Wednesday, January 22	Class
Sunday, January 26	At Home Lesson
Wednesday, January 29	At Home Lesson



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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Saturday evening 5:00 pm Mass offers the opportunity for children in Grades Kindergarten-Fourth to experience hearing and reflecting on the Word of the Lord in a way that is an empowering experience. Children in these grades are invited to follow their Reflector of the Word to a prayer space away from the gathered assembly to hear the Scriptures in words they can understand.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place in church whenever the children's choirs lead us in song/prayer AND when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated. The Scriptures we hear will then be taken from the Children's Lectionary and the homily will be given in a way that children are able to relate a little more readily. The children in Grades K thru 4 will go to their prayer space on the Saturdays that the choirs are not singing and when a specific grade is not scheduled to celebrate liturgy at the 5:00 Mass.

Here is the tentative schedule with the children's choirs: January 25; February 29; March 14.

Here is the schedule when a Grade Level Mass is celebrated: February 1 & 8; April 18.

Children in Grades K-4 will be invited to join their Reflector in a prayer space away from the adults and to hear the Word of the Lord in words they can better understand on the following Saturdays (subject to change): January 11 & 18; February 15 & 22; March 7, 21 & 28; and April 28.

You can call 708-352-0168 and direct your calls to: Allen Sterwalt, Director of Music or Terri Simeoni, Coordinator of Religious Education.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO 2020

On Saturday, January 11, thousands of people will join together in downtown Chicago to celebrate the sanctity of life. The March for Life Chicago is the largest pro-life event in the Midwest and you are invited to join in this celebration at the March for Life Chicago Convention.

For more information, please visit pvm.archchicago.org/human-dignity-solidarity/respect-life-chastity-education/events.

Schedule

Saturday, January 11

March for Life Youth Rally	Doors open at 8 a.m.	Congress Hotel
March for Life	1 p.m.	Daley Plaza
Mass for Life	4 p.m.	Congress Hotel
Banquet	5:30 p.m.	Congress Hotel



Mark your calendars!

St. Francis Xavier Parish School



OPEN HOUSE

PreSchool-3, Pre-K, Kindergarten, Gr 1 - 8
Under One Roof

LEARN ABOUT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

- Student Guided Tours
- National Blue Ribbon School
- 2019 Winner of Chicago Archdiocese St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Academic Excellence
- Student Community Service Program
- Activities Fair: 22+ Activities & Clubs
- Robot Playground: Student Computer Coding Demos
- Alumni Presentations "Portrait of a SFX Graduate"
- No Cut Athletics

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
(708) 352-2175
SFXLG.ORG/SCHOOL

10am-12:30pm

JAN
26TH

145 N. Waiola Ave.
LaGrange, IL 60525

"Go forth and set the world on fire"

We are honored to share with you, how the SFX parish school students put LOVE into ACTION ...

St. Francis Xavier School's Service Day 2019:



PARENT, FACULTY & STAFF VOLUNTEERS

- Over 200 Parent Volunteers
- Over 50 Faculty and Staff Members

PRESCHOOL 4 – ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FOOD PANTRY

- Made 120 ornaments
- Decorated two trees
- Sorted over 300 food items for the SFX Food Pantry

KINDERGARTEN – BROOKFIELD ZOO

- Spent the morning at Brookfield Zoo, they adopted "Arneta" a reticulated giraffe. They had a chat about giraffes with the zoo keeper,
- Made giraffe ornaments and decorated their own tree in front of the lions.
- They visited and sang many carols to the animals

GRADE ONE – BETHLEHEM WOODS

- 90 Christmas cards were made for Bethlehem Woods & Interfaith Community Partners
- Sang 12 songs to 50 residents of Bethlehem Woods
- 25 parent volunteers
- 100 Bingo prizes handed out

GRADE TWO – ST. BLASÉ CHURCH

- Made 100 ornaments
- Crafted 40 bookmarks
- Completed 1 lesson (taught entirely in POLISH)
- Learned 10 new words
- An incredible 1750 BOOKS collected, sorted and donated

GRADE THREE – MARILLAC HOUSE

- Students wrapped 54 books to donate to the Marillac House toddler and pre-school classrooms
- Plus, 65 Homebound Elderly Care Kits with homemade Christmas cards)
- 38 Adult Coats, 119 Child Baby Coats, 143 Hats, 27 Scarves, 53 Pairs of Gloves & 1 Pair of Boots

GRADE FOUR with GRADE SEVEN FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

- Raised \$300 in Quarters for FMSC
- Made 150 hygiene gift bags for SFX Food Pantry clients
- Crafted 150 cards for SFX Food Pantry clients
- Packed 165 boxes (enough to make 35,640 meals)
- 97 children will be fed for a year at a cost of \$8553

GRADE FIVE – AMERICAN LEGION HALL

- Assembled 90 care packages containing 1,587 items such as shaving cream, nail clippers, puzzles, books and hats
- Wrote 50 letters to active service men and women
- Honored 50 Veterans and Active Duty Men and Women at a beautiful mass on Veteran's Day on Nov 11th
- Learned facts about military & proper flag etiquette and proper way of folding from a veteran

GRADE SIX – SUBURBANITE BOWL

- SFX students and 71 Seaspar friends bowled together at Suburbanite Bowl
- Gave tons of high fives & Shared many smiles

GRADE 8 – HELPING HANDS

- 16 students, 5 adults, and 25 clients
- 30 ornaments made with countless games of UNO, Minute to Win It and multitude of smiles

GRADE 8 – GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

- Unpacked, bagged and distributed
- 1014 lbs of pears
- 1617 lbs of apples
- 1116 lbs of cabbage
- 1200 lbs of peppers
- 1800 lbs of onions
- 1200 lbs of tomatoes
- 33 total volunteers
- 376 people fed

GRADE 8 – BIG SHOULDERS/ST. CONSTANCE SCHOOL

- 30% of students below the poverty line
- Secret Santa shopped with 130 children (pre-k-8th)
- Wrapped 800 Christmas gifts and exchanged countless Christmas wishes



GIVE THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

The best opportunity of the year to support Catholic schools

To increase the funds available for tax credit scholarships*, several donors partnered to create a **matching gift pool**. Every dollar donated to this program through the scholarship granting organization Empower Illinois between Dec. 1, 2019 and Feb. 29, 2020 and designated to a school operated by the Archdiocese of Chicago will be matched with two dollars from this pool (limitations apply). The program will end when all matching funds have been depleted or on Feb. 29, 2020, whichever comes first.

Example: A taxpayer donates \$2,000 to Empower Illinois through the match program. The taxpayer will be eligible to claim a \$1,500 tax credit when he/she files their previous year's taxes. The donation creates \$6,000 in scholarship support (after the \$4,000 match). For the net cost of \$500 (\$2,000 donation less \$1,500 tax credit), this donor will provide a student with a \$6,000 scholarship to attend a Catholic school of his/her choice.

To take advantage of the matching gift program, follow the steps at empowerillinois.org/donors. For additional information, contact the Archdiocese of Chicago's Tax Credit Scholarship Office at tcs@archchicago.org or 312.534.2617.

*The Illinois tax credit scholarship program provides a 75 percent state income tax credit to individuals who contribute money to fund scholarships for students from low-income families to attend private schools. Eligible students may use these scholarships to attend a non-public school of their choice, including the more than 200 Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools in Cook and Lake counties.

Help Wanted



Interfaith Community Partners is looking for a part-time Volunteer Coordinator to arrange for transportation for clients 60 and better within our community. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm. Computer skills necessary, pleasant phone communication plus love of working with older adults.

Please submit your resume to Janet Garreau at: jgarreauicp@gmail.com or call our office for further assistance at 708-354-9328.



The Well Spirituality Center 1515 Ogden Avenue in LaGrange Park

Conscious Conversations on Sundays, January 12 and 26 from 11 am-1 pm (continues through May, every other Sunday). Three minute Parker Palmer videos will spark conversations where each of us listens to the other with openness and respect, and uses our own voice with clarity. Facilitators: Barbara Clevenger and Diane Pfahler, SND. Cost: \$10-15.

Emotional Bypassing on Monday, Jan. 13 from 7:00-8:30 pm. As we gather and explore our thoughts, emotions, and motivations, we will touch the edges of our consciousness and listen for the Divine within. This lively introductory session is open to all, and if there is further interest, we will continue to meet every other week. Facilitator: Marv Baldwin. Cost: \$20/session.

Mary Southard Paint Your Soul Retreat from 9:00 am on Thursday, January 16 – 3:00 pm Sunday, January 19. Mary Southard, CSJ is a celebrated artist, experienced educator and retreat director in love with Life and with the Creator/Creation. In this retreat, for artists and non-artists alike, we will engage with the energies and images from within our own abundant and beautiful souls. Cost: \$475 (includes overnight accommodations and meals)

To register: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048.

Interfaith Career Network

Leverage the Power of LinkedIn

For our January speaker we have a LinkedIn Account Manager coming to speak to our group. LinkedIn provides you with opportunities to reach company execs, find contacts that can open doors into companies you are interested in, and helps recruiters find you. Want to learn how to target employers? Want to know what employers look for in their candidates? Join us on January 16 from 7 -9 pm and get answers to these and other questions related to LinkedIn. Our speaker, Lisa Rudisel is an Account Manager at LinkedIn. Her insights will be informative and important to everyone in a job search. Start the New Year with ICN at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

Career Resource Center

The ICN Career Center is open on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 7:00-9:00 pm. It is volunteer staffed to help job seekers with internet usage, resume/cover letter preparation, LinkedIn and other electronic job search skills. These services are available at no cost and no appointment is needed. Just ring the Office door bell at First Baptist Church of LaGrange, 20 North Ashland Avenue and let us help you.

St. Francis Xavier Scripture Study Thursdays 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. Unity Hall

January 9 - March 5, 2020

**Dynamic Couples, Siblings,
Companions and Friends
in the Bible**

New Members Welcome!
Please register with
Sr. Marianne Race, CSJ
708-363-6728 or mrace@csjoseph.org

SFX Men's Club

All men of the parish are welcome.
For further information, please contact:

Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com or
Joseph Enright at joseph_owen@hotmail.com.

Catholic Women's Club

All women of the parish are members of the Catholic Women's Club. If you would like to get involved or if you would like to receive monthly newsletters about our upcoming events via email, please contact Tiziana Lambert at tizianalambert@gmail.com.



Join us at the WELCOME Women's Retreat and see what gifts you will receive.

THE GIFT OF...

"Time to reflect, rest and laugh."
Heather F.

"Silence, solitude and deep lasting friendships."
Pam D.

"The opportunity to re-charge my spirit and to still my mind."
Katie M.



Women's WELCOME Retreat Weekend

Saturday, February 8 - Sunday, February 9, 2020

(begins at 8:30 am on Saturday - ends at 3 pm on Sunday)

Carmelite Spiritual Center

8433 Bailey Road, Darien, IL

Registration is now open and spots are filling up fast. Please visit the SFX Parish website or our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WelcomeWomenSFX/>) for more details and if you have questions, please contact Pam Devitt at (708) 250-3711.

Please join us for the

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Pre-Lent Event



Carnivale

Saturday, February 1, 2020

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

LaGrange Country Club

To purchase event tickets or donate, please visit: PreLentEvent.com

Please register by January 25th



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

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Technical Sgt. Rhonda Russell, USAF**—daughter of Deidre & John Russell and granddaughter of Mary F. Russell
- **Lt. 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, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
cousins of Kate, Janie & Caroline Hull
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Jack & Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—grandson of Marian, nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas,
and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia and granddaughter of Harold Held
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Joseph Somers, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Maureen & Nick Burriesci
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Sgt. David T. Benson**—son of Linda & Charles Benson
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Ist Lt. Alexander Dale Fisher, USMC**—nephew of Michelle & Bill McKeown and cousin to Elizabeth & Liam
- **Rob Parisi, PV2, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Kathi & Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack
and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch

**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

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday..... 8:30 am-8:30 pm
 Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
 Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm
 Sunday.....9:00 am-1:00 pm

Sabbath Liturgy

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 Noon and
 (6:00 pm September until first weekend of May)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....After 9:00 am Mass
 Saturday afternoon.....4:15 pm
 The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the
 tabernacle prayer area.

Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Friday8:30 am
 Saturday9:00 am
St. Cletus (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 am
St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....9:00 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.

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Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes.

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

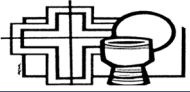
Please call the Parish Office for scheduled 1:30 pm Sunday Baptismal dates. Baptism Preparation Classes: 4th Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm. We encourage participation in this program before the baby's birth or adoption.

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, respectful, understanding, and take place in a safe environment. Counseling and psychotherapy services are available for individuals, couples, and families experiencing difficulty with anxiety, depression, grief, relationship conflicts, work stress or job loss problems, or feelings of being overwhelmed. For further information or to make an appointment, our parish counselor, Patrice Nerone, from the Claret Center can be reached by phone 312-884-9879 or email patricenerone@protonmail.com.



Liturgical Ministers' Schedule—January 11-12, 2020

Mass Time	Presider	Lectors/ Commentators	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Cantors	Greeters
5:00 PM	Fr. Barrett	D. Mulvenna J. Hayford L. Lach	T. Conwell M. Becker J. Denson C. Cooke K. Corrigan S. Devitt D. Dunlap K. Kanzer	M. Kachmarik J. Nisivaco C. Hull		P. Devitt
7:30 AM	Fr. Tkachuk	D. Walsh M. Carroll G. Schuler	S. Hayes T. Nichol N. Kalkowski P. Olson G. Rutkowski	K. Adams B. Stetz A. Culin		C. Urbain
9:00 AM	Fr. Killeen	E. Newman J. Spearman R. Cook	A. Gargano L. Hill M. Hull L. Krepps M. Lukanich B. McMahon L. Nichol B. Olson D. Nighswander	M. Merchant B. Gannon E. Justak		D. Sherman
10:30 AM	Fr. Ilo	J. Derus D. Ankenbruck J. Nowak	B. Boyd A. Clark J. Clark N. Cummings M.P. Flaherty J. Garreau M. Joscelyn K. Parisi B. Sorice	E. Siffermann C. Shanley R. Nowak		M. Joscelyn
12:00 PM	Fr. Barrett	C. Anderson E. McGovern T. Bezouska	B. Edelmann L. Donegan Open Open Open	K. Grubish M. Doyle D. Dudek		J. Svehla
6:00 PM	Fr. Ilo	Quest Teen	Quest Teens		Spirit Choir	



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Readings For The Week of January 5, 2020

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

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