

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 29, 2023**



*He began to teach them, saying*

**BLESSED**

are the

**POOR** in **SPIRIT**

the **PEACEMAKERS**

the **MEEK**

the **MERCIFUL**

those who mourn

the **CLEAN** of **HEART**

they who hunger for **JUSTICE**

For theirs is the **KINGDOM** of

**HEAVEN**



### Week at a Glance

				Intention	Requested By
Monday, January 30	Morning Mass	8:30 am	John V. Mesich	Beata Bis & Ellen Clayton	
Tuesday, January 31	Morning Mass	8:30 am	John Vecerril	James Sapienza	
Wednesday, February 1	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Sylvia Stenson	Dawn, Kim & Mary	
Thursday, February 2	Rosary	8:15 am			
Friday, February 3	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Fran Eraci	Dave Grimes	
Saturday, February 4	Mass	8:30 am	John Flaws	The Driscoll Family	
	Reconciliation	9:00 am			
	Mass	5:00 pm	William Buikema	Maria & Shan Liu	
Sunday, February 5 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass	7:30 am	Anthony Angelico	Nancy Cozzi	
	Mass	9:00 am	Dolores Gervase	Toni Conwell	
	Mass	11:00 am	Josephine Messina	Sam Ferraro & Mary Ferraro Mongolis & Family	
	Mass	5:00 pm	Linda McMahon	The McMahon Family	

### Presider's Schedule for January 28-29, 2023

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

### Please pray for . . .

Ashley Augustyniak	Mary Ellen Leslie
Linda Bieniek	James Madden
Sally Burson	Lisa Massaro
Michael Cannon	Mary Jo McMahon
Jay Carroll	Patrick Morgan
Chili Challender	Gert Ogilvie
Laurie Coughlan	Jane O'Reilly
Blake Donegan	Karen Payne
Victoria Donile	Beth Pfluger
Barbara Doyle	Geri Pfluger
Matthew Doyle	Madison Raupp
Rosemary Fanta	Anna Rose
Lily Fielding	John Rutkowski
Jim French	Pat Saraz
Lilli Gregory	Santa Snieg
Wilson Gregory	Rita Mae Spearman
Baby Poppy Harwood	Barbara Stewart
Angela Hill	John Stopka
John Hronec	John Strougal
Rose Ilo	Olivia Tarsney
Mary J.	Theresa Toher
Jane Jacobsen	Quinn Whalen
Theresa Kandall	Liz Wilk
Mark Kiley	

To add a name to the prayer list for friends and relatives 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:

**Phyllis Beckman**  
Mother of Mary Konstant

Seek **+** and  
JUSTICE HUMILITY

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## Pastor's Letter

*Jesus went up the mountain, ... and his disciples came to him. He began to teach them.  
Matthew 5:1*

The next four Sundays begin Matthew's collection of the teachings of Jesus known as The Sermon on the Mount, which extends from Chapter 5 through Chapter 7. St. Pope John Paul II included this sermon in the Third Luminous Mystery of the Rosary, which recalls the proclamation of the kingdom of God. Peter, Andrew, James, and John have been joined by a large crowd of those drawn by the miraculous healings that Jesus has been performing throughout Galilee. These teachings will cause some to walk away from a path that will seem too extreme, asking more than they are willing to give.

Jesus begins with the proclamation of the eight Beatitudes. He blesses the poor in spirit, the mourners, the meek, those hungry and thirsty for righteousness, the merciful, the clean of heart, the peacemakers, and the persecuted. His first disciples find some of these easy to understand; but they are challenged to understand how others such as the mourners and the persecuted are blessed. Jesus proclaims a kingdom whose virtues are not of this world and that sometimes overturn the values of this world. His way will not always be an easy one to follow; it requires sacrifice and identification with those whom the world will often despise or discount. For Jesus himself, it will lead to resurrection and new life, but only through suffering and death on the Cross.

*What does Jesus challenge within us as he proclaims as blessed the mourners, the meek, the clean of heart, those who hunger for righteousness and those persecuted for its sake? *What is our "growing edge"* in coming to embrace the attitudes of those working for God's kingdom? Each of us may have to admit that we are challenged to embrace and live by at least one of these attitudes. The disciple is not one who understands all the teachings of Jesus; rather, the disciple is one who admits that they are *still coming to understand* but willing to continue to learn and walk the road with Jesus. The *missionary disciple* is one who *tells the stories* of what they have come to understand in their own experiences, while confessing that there is much more that they are *still coming to embrace*. *We are learners on the way.**

This year, the seasons of Lent and Easter interrupt this section of Matthew's gospel; we hear only the first half of these teachings. I encourage us all to set aside some time to read through *all* that Jesus proclaims in these chapters. As did those who gathered to listen that day, we continue to learn the way of the disciple and take it to heart.

This weekend marks the beginning of **Catholic Schools Week**, when we celebrate our commitment to provide a Catholic school education for all who seek it. St. Francis Xavier Elementary School has a proud history and an ongoing commitment to an excellent education in the context of our Catholic values. Our two National Blue Ribbon Awards attest to our academic excellence. Our practice of daily prayer in the classroom and the school, our incorporation of religious education in Religion class and within other subjects, and the values and behaviors taught and expected of our entire school community provide additional support to parents in growing as a Catholic family. Take advantage of the opportunity to experience our parish school by attending the **Open House this Sunday** between 10:00 AM and 12:30 PM.

Peace,

*F. Bill*



SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL'S MISSION, STUDENTS AND STAFF.



2022-2023 SFX Student Council

Our parish strives to foster a spirit of community. This spirit is clearly embodied in our elementary school where this community of support surrounds each student, giving them not only an excellent education but a strong foundation to journey forth into high school and beyond. Parents, students, parishioners, priests, administrators and teachers all serve as dedicated members of this Catholic community. Excellent teaching, and a Catholic vocation, is evident in ALL teachers here at St. Francis Xavier School. The administration often receives compliments about our faculty at EVERY grade level. For example, Fr. Bill and Principal Sharon Garcia recently received this letter of appreciation, written by a 7th grade parent about their child's teachers:

*"I wanted to take a moment to commend the group of Middle School (7th grade) teachers. They are such a wonderful blend of nurturing, fun; informative and encouraging. They push these kids for sure, but they also give them the tools to succeed. My daughter has worked harder this year than ever before, but she enjoys (almost) every moment and feels so proud when she succeeds. Mrs. Smigielski has taught these kids such invaluable study-aid tools and skills, Mr. Ziencina makes science approachable and interesting but demands quality work, Mrs. Pak allows them to express creativity while honing critical thinking and writing skills, and Mrs. Hruby brings home the importance of Catholic faith and teaches valuable math skills. What a great group of teachers and how lucky our middle schoolers are!"*

This story shares the impact that our school family has had on just ONE family; just imagine the hundreds of other families who have been impacted in the same or similar ways! Our administration and staff hear stories like this all of the time - they could fill an entire bulletin. Our parish is proud to receive these positive testimonials. If you would like to make an impact in sustaining this level of excellence and connection through a Catholic education, consider making a contribution to We Thrive today! [WeThriveSFX.com](http://WeThriveSFX.com)

**Your gift truly makes a difference!**  
**Together we can reach this year's goal with:**

**100 gifts of \$ 100**

**50 gifts of \$ 500**

**15 gifts of \$ 1,500**

**75 gifts of \$ 250**

**25 gifts of \$ 1,000**



# St. Francis Xavier School Early Childhood



**Preschool 3  
Pre - K 4  
Kindergarten**

**ENROLL  
NOW!**

[sfxlg.org/school](http://sfxlg.org/school)

**OPEN HOUSE  
SUNDAY JAN. 29  
10am - 12:30pm**

145 N. Waiola Ave  
LaGrange, IL  
708-352-2175



**COME GROW  
WITH US!**



**PLAY**



**LEARN**



**PRAY**



**GROW**

**St. Francis Xavier School celebrated its 13th Annual Service Day in honor of our patron saint. "God's Work, Our Hands" was the theme for the day and this really set the tone for what we did as a school community. This year students were able to experience Service Day in its traditional format and travel throughout the Chicagoland area in service to others.**



**Nearly 200 parents help plan and execute the day** – thank you to each and every one of you! We would also like to acknowledge all of our partnering organizations, many of which have been with us from the program's inception. This program could not exist without their generous partnership. A list of where our students were called to serve can be found below.



**Pre K4:** took a tour of the SFX food pantry and learned how it is currently serving approximately 130 families, representing about 400 individuals each week. While there they learned about the mission of the Pantry, thank you Mrs. Freeman for having us. During collections week PK4 gathered and sorted 200+ non-perishable food items and delivered them to the Food Pantry. By gathering and helping with their little hands they cared for God's Creation.



**Kindergarten:** The Kindergarten class is learning about Caring for God's Creations. We adopted a polar bear named Hope for the year. We made 40 polar bear ornaments and met at the Brookfield Zoo with our families to decorate the SFX Kindergarten tree. We also got to see Hope while visiting the zoo. The donation of the tree provides many needed resources to all of God's creations at the zoo. Students went to the Palos Children's Farm and acted out a Nativity with real animals, sang Christmas carols and saw many of God's creations.

**1st Grade:** went to Bethlehem Woods to meet with our Older Friends for snacks, bingo and caroling. We made and distributed 22 blankets to residents there, we sang 7 amazing Christmas Carols with the help of Ms. Faris, played Bingo with 20 friends and made 41 Christmas cards!



**2nd Grade:** went to St. Catherine & St. Lucy Elementary School in Oak Park to do a joint Service Project with the students there and they together made 53 Christmas wreath ornaments to donate to The Mission of Our Lady of the Angels in the West Humboldt Park area of the City. They will give these wreaths out to the food pantry customers during the holiday season. They read a book with SCSL children which was donated afterwards and played Bingo with their new friends. During collections Week 2nd Grade collected 52 lbs of White Rice and 74 lbs of Pasta! That's about as heavy as two 4th grade children! All items were delivered to the Mission of Our Lady of Angels. When they got back to school they wrote Thank You Cards to their new SCSL friends!



**3rd Grade:** Went to Marillac House, on the West Side where they found out about the organization & programs, they observed the programs and met with the Outreach Team. At Marillac they sorted all of the donated items from collections week and brought these items across the street to the Outreach office. During Collections week 3rd grade collected for Marillac House: 45 Kids Coats + 42 Adult Coats & many hats, gloves, snowpants. 19 boxes of diapers, 12 containers of baby formula, 40 packages of wipes, 50 containers of baby food.



**4th Grade & 7th Grade** both went to Feed My Starving Children and packed 71 boxes, they made 15,336 meals. The work they did will feed 42 children for a whole entire year! In addition before they left, our 7th graders packed 70 personal care bags for our own SFX Food Pantry.

**5th Grade:** went to American Legion where they made 72 care packages for the patients and Veterans at Hines VA Hospital, wrote many many letters and thank you cards.



**6th Grade:** went to Suburbanite Bowl and bowled with 58 SEASPAR friends. 128 games bowled, countless high fives and endless smiles!

**8th Grade:** - Went to two different locations, the Greater Chicago Food Depository and St. Mary Star of the Sea, Big Shoulders School on the Southwest side. At the Greater Chicago Food Depository they packed 127 boxes of beans which equates to 3,048lbs of beans and they packed 2,540 meals which works out at 77 meals per volunteer! At St. Marys Star of the Sea we brought 32 playground toys for the children there. Our 8th graders worked with the students from pre-school through 4th grade and helped them with math, reading, played games, sang songs and created a special art project. They also helped unload a special food and gift donation for all the families in the school.





Make a *Joyful* noise

*Do you have an ear & a love for singing?*  
Consider joining one of our **CHOIRS**  
for the 2023 Lenten & Easter Liturgical Season...  
*Your voice is needed!*

***Gallery Choir – 9:00 a.m. Mass (Sundays)***

*\*rehearsals: Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*

***Celebration Ensemble – 11:00 a.m. Mass (Sundays)***

*\*rehearsals: Thursdays - 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.*

***Men's Choir***

*\*rehearsals: Tuesdays, beginning February 21 – 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.*

*... in preparation for*

***Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion***

***Friday, April 7 - 7:00 p.m.***

***Spirit Choir – 5:00 p.m. (Sundays)***

*\*voices: teens*

*\*(rehearsals: prior to Mass)*

Please contact our Director of Music Ministry,  
Allen Sterwalt

[asterwalt@sfxlg.org](mailto:asterwalt@sfxlg.org) / 708 352-0168

**Join the SFX CWC**

**for our annual**

*Ladies Day Out*

**Sat, Feb 4, 2023**

10a-12p: Optional Volunteer  
Opportunities

3-6p: Reception at The Elm (La Grange)

- Open seating to meet and connect with the women of SFX
- Heavy Appetizers
- Wine and Beer Included

5p: Live Raffle Drawing

**Learn more at:  
[sfxladiesdayout.com](http://sfxladiesdayout.com)**







## Kairos Registration is Open!

Juniors and Seniors are invited to attend our Kairos 40 Retreat February 23-26, 2023, at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Lemont, IL. Registration closes February 3rd so register soon! Register on St. Francis's youth ministry web page.

## SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!

Monthly meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month!  
Next meeting is Tuesday, February 7

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



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

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

Our scheduled meetings for early 2023 will be from 7:00-8:00 PM on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 9; Thursday, March 9;  
Wednesday, April 12; Thursday, May 11.

\*\*Please note, there is a change of location for our February meeting. Attendees should come to the rectory and will be directed to the Courtyard Room.

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

## Thank You From Companions Journeying Together

Thank you to all who helped with the 2022 Christmas Card Project. This year we delivered 3480 signed cards to 16 jails and prisons and provided 3075 unsigned cards to prisoners for their use in contacting their loved ones. A sample response from a prisoners was *"You took time out to remember us behind locked gates. I thank you for blessing us with cards."*

## February Teen Night Hosted by St. John of the Cross

You are invited to our first ALL TEEN NIGHT of 2023! Let's start the new year in faith, fellowship and fun! Following the 5pm Teen Mass, head to the Parish Center at St. John of the Cross for dinner, faith sharing, and a service activity. All teens will receive 1 hour of service for attending.

Start the New Year off right....won't you join us?

Please RSVP on St. Francis's or St. John's youth ministry web pages.



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD LEADERS NEEDED!

### Do you want to share the Good News with some of our youngest parishioners?

We are looking for a minimum of 4 adults over the age of 18 to serve as catechists during our 5PM Saturday Masses to share the Sunday Readings and a small activity (which will all be provided) with our parishioners of the ages of 3 - 6.

If we are able to get 4 interested adults, you would only be responsible to lead once a month, and the time commitment is 15-20 minutes during Mass.

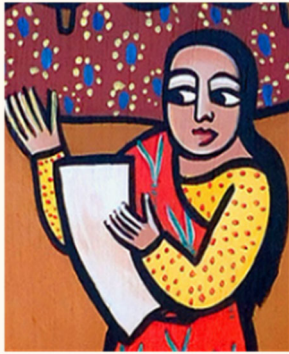
Please call Elis Guidice at 708-352-4555  
or email at [sfxreligious@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxreligious@sfxlg.org)  
if you are interested in joining this beautiful  
ministry or want to find out more information.

## Help Wanted

Hitzeman Funeral Home is looking to expand their team. We are seeking a caring and professional individual to fulfill our Funeral Care Manager position. He/she will be working directly with our families before, during and after services. This consultative position does not require a Funeral Director License. We are looking for an individual with their insurance license or interested in obtaining their licensure. Benefits and compensation negotiable. Flexible hours available, from part time to a (preferred) full time position.

Please send your contact information and your resume to: [info@hitzemanfuneral.com](mailto:info@hitzemanfuneral.com). If you have any questions please call 708-485-2000.

# Share your perspective!



"There's a glove somewhere that's been thrown down. The women have put up a sign and said, 'Please listen to us. May we be heard'..."

**I pick up that gauntlet."**

Pope Francis, 2019

**ST. PHOEBE**  
Diakonos of the church

**Join the conversation about women's leadership in the Catholic Church:**

Sunday, Jan 29 | 6:00 - 7:30pm in Unity Hall

Thursday, Feb 2 | 8:00 - 9:00pm on Zoom

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics around the world to engage in prayerful conversations about the movements of the Holy Spirit in the Church today. **Female leadership in the Church and the restoration of women to the diaconate has been a consistent theme and call throughout the global conversations.**

A team of SFX parishioners, with the support of parish staff, are working with an organization called *Discerning Deacons* to bring this transformative conversation to our parish and local community.

Let your voice be heard. All are welcome! Register at the following link:  
<https://signup.com/go/jyCOpBR>

Contact Maggie McMahon at [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) with questions. For more information on the Catholic Church's discernment of women and the diaconate, [click here](#).

## 2022 Contribution Statements

A listing of your 2022 donations along with a letter from Fr. Bill Tkachuk will be emailed to all parishioners starting on January 26, 2023. The email comes from [notifications@ondemandmail.com](mailto:notifications@ondemandmail.com) and has the subject line of "St. Francis Xavier Contribution Statement". Please contact Parish Accountant, Jane Bandyk, at [jbandyk@sfxlg.org](mailto:jbandyk@sfxlg.org) or call 708-352-0168 with any questions.



*Rejoice and be glad  
for great is your reward  
in heaven*

## Family Ministry

Thanks to the SFX families who joined us at First Congressional Church's Saturday Meals Program on January 21. Thanks to the generosity of SFX, we were able to cook and feed 50 of our neighbors in need at this weekly lunch program. There are two more opportunities to sign up for this great service event: Saturday, March 18 and Saturday, May 20.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0445A5A62DAA8-saturday>.



## New Parishioner Prayer Service and Social

Let's gather for a prayer service in church on **Monday, February 6th, at 6:30pm** for a special Newcomer Blessing.

Afterwards, if you are able to stay, we hope you will join us for **socializing in Unity Hall**. Fontano subs and cookies will be served.

Whether you are new to the parish, have joined us for previous Welcome Events, or have been parishioners for awhile, we hope to see you there!

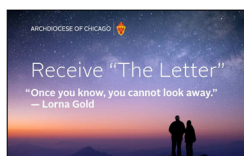
**Who is invited? Parishioners who have recently joined the Parish \* Those who have considered joining officially and have not yet \* Individuals who have been members of the Parish and would like to join us \* Families with children of all ages \* ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Depending on your schedule, please join us for the prayer service at 6:30pm or the social, which will begin about 7pm, or BOTH!

If you are able, **please RSVP by February 2nd** to let us know you will be there. Please attend even if you do not RSVP.

RSVP and Questions call or text Laura Duelm at 708-309-9079 or email [lauraduelm@gmail.com](mailto:lauraduelm@gmail.com)

## St. John of the Cross CARES Ministry invites you to:



"The Letter" Film Screening  
Saturday, February 4  
St. John of the Cross Parish Center  
5005 Wolf Road  
10:00am, hospitality at 9:30am

Receive the beautiful, compelling message of "The Letter" by experiencing the recently released film with an audience across the Archdiocese of Chicago. Building on the encyclical Laudato Si', "The Letter" shares the real stories of people from around the world who come together on a transformative journey. As the stories unfold, be inspired by how spiritual values unite us in the face of a planetary emergency.

In light of today's ecological crisis, Laudato Si' teaches us that "everything is connected." (LS91) As our relationship with our Creator has been severely neglected, human relationships also have faltered, our world has grown hotter, less stable and more lifeless. As a result, we all suffer, and the poorest and most vulnerable suffer above all. We face a "complex crisis that is both social and environmental." —Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter Laudato Si', (May 24, 2015), 139

## Your Parish Counselor



It's a new year! Long ago, I read that people overestimate how much they can accomplish in the short-term. However, they tend to underestimate how much they can accomplish in the long-term (6 months to a year). Even though your list of things to do today may be overwhelming, you may be surprised at what you can accomplish over 2023. It may be worth reflecting on what has happened over the last 365 days to give you an idea of what you may be able to achieve this year.

If you are looking for some help navigating through life's challenges, consider reaching out at 704-750-0686 or [bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com](mailto:bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com).

## **St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes January 9, 2023**

The Pastoral Parish Council meets on the second Monday of each month and will have the minutes of the meeting published in the bulletin. If you have any questions related to St. Francis Xavier please feel free to contact us at [ppc@sfxlq.org](mailto:ppc@sfxlq.org).

### Attendees:

Curt Aronson, Elizabeth Cooley, Laura Duelm, Mike Hattie, Barb Kalnes, Maggie McMahon, Antonio Pangan, Carolyn Simone, Fr Bill Tkachuk, Jody Wise, and Phil Zadeik

#### 1. Prayer

- a. Parish mission statement (all attendees)
- b. Prayer for guidance of the Holy Spirit (Fr. Bill)

#### 2. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Thanks to Rick Moreno, Vicariate IV Parish Vitality Coordinator who attended our meeting.
- b. Next level of engagement! There was discussion on the evangelization team, and it's role in faith life at SFX.
  - i. Focus on how SFX programs encourage a missionary evangelistic life which can eventually lead to missionary disciples? Analogy-the evangelization team can be like the leavening in bread!
  - ii. Ideas to ponder: What brings someone along their faith journey? What makes people invited and excited to share their faith? How does the community encourage each of us to lead? How do we cultivate our culture to nurture and support strong faith formation in our parishioners.
- c. PPC members are starting to look at who may be best fitted to be part of the evangelization team.
  - i. To identify possible evangelization team members, ask yourself "Who are the people who inspire you by their faith and why do they inspire you?"
- d. There was discussion on what activities are appropriate during lent?
  - i. Avoid fundraising, and avoid gambling events.
  - ii. Ideally the activity should offer a clear opportunity for faith formation.
- e. Kerygmatic soft entry point options continue to be reviewed.
- f. Name Tag Sunday Review- general consensus that we should continue the process! Our next name tag Sunday is proposed to be Feb 4 at 5 PM.
- g. Continued discussion on who would be on the Auxiliary Development Board - one key trait is someone who can enable action and move things forward in a positive environment.
- h. Discussion on what is our next activity/program to initiate?
  - i. PPC Commissioning weekend will be Feb 5 at 9 AM.
- j. We continue to review the broad items that promote a culture of evangelization (hallmark qualities of Hospitality, Engagement, Listening, Prayer, Inviting, Forming Relationships, leading to Witness and Mission).
- k. It was great to see so many parishioners at Christmas services!
- l. St. Francis Xavier COVID Update Church & School
  - i. All necessary protocols remain in place. Parish in alignment with Cook County COVID-19 guidelines as well as Archdiocese COVID-19 rules.

#### 3. Closing Prayer

#### 4. Next Meeting—February 13, 2023



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

- **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
- **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, 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
- **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 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**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **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
- **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
- **1st Lieutenant Mitchell Ciszewski, USMC**—son of Bob & Pat Ciszewski
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini

**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  
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister  
Weekend Sacramental Minister

**Rev. William Tkachuk**  
**Rev. Richard Milek**  
**Andrew Allison**  
**Phil Gianatasio**  
**Margaret McMahon**  
**Mary Freeman**  
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## Education Ministry

Parish School Principal  
Assistant Principal  
School Office Coordinator  
Parish School Secretary  
Advancement Director  
Tuition Accounts  
Director of Religious Education  
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## Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30 am-7:30 pm  
Saturday.....9:00 am-12:00 pm

## Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 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

**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 10:00 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

**At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.**

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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