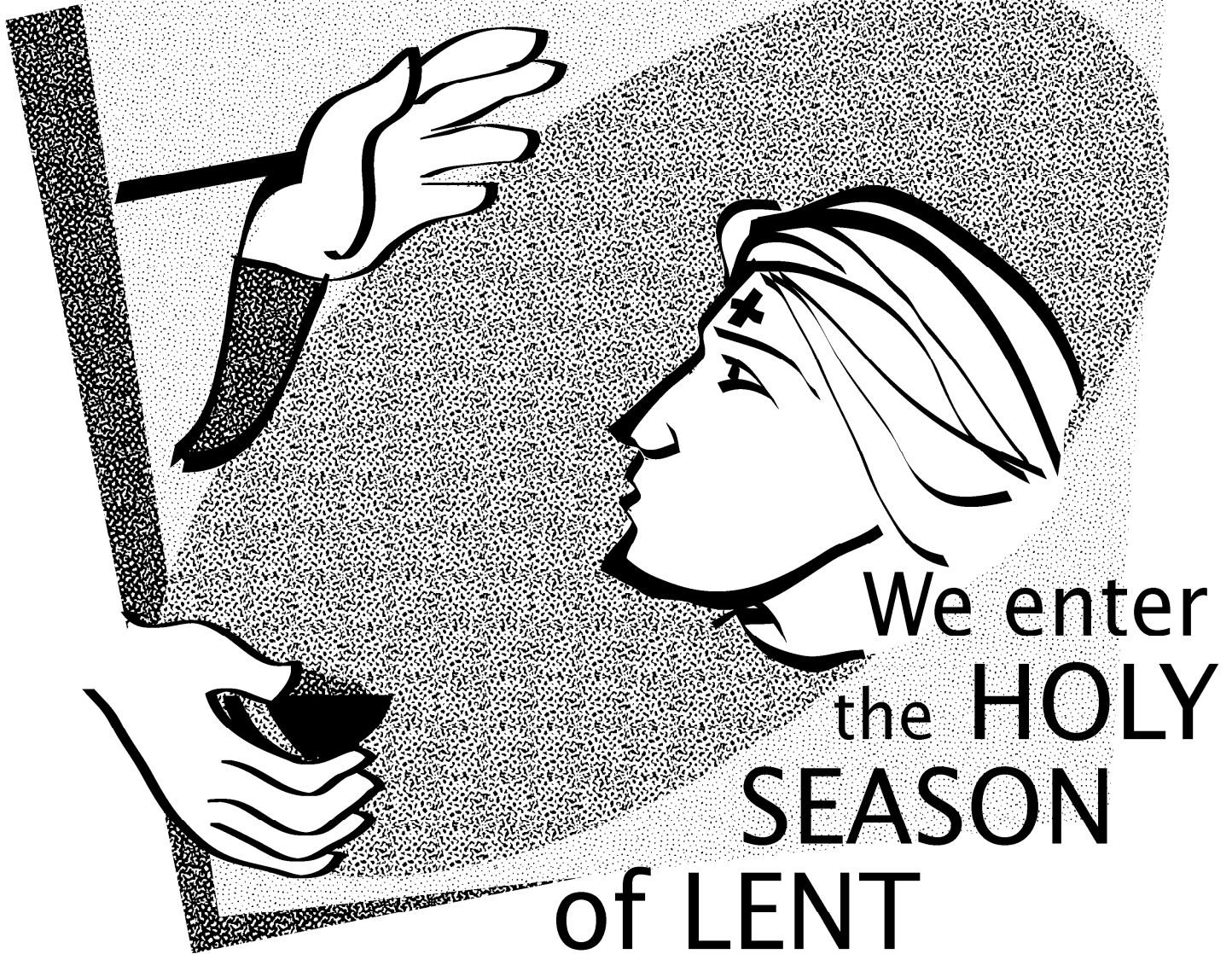


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
2nd Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2021



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Week at a Glance

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| Monday, March 1 | Morning Mass | 8:30 am | Elizabeth Kulhanek | The Clayton Family |
| Tuesday, March 2 | Morning Mass | 8:30 am | Carol Mae Westhoff Jim Gecan | Barb Zahorik The Esch Family |
| Wednesday, March 3 | Morning Mass | 8:30 am | Agnes Turkovich | Joan Potsch |
| Thursday, March 4 | Rosary | 8:15 am | | |
| Friday, March 5 | Morning Mass | 8:30 am | Carol Grimes | Pat & Arlene Doyle |
| Saturday, March 6 | Reconciliation Mass | 9:00 am 5:00 pm | Robert Seery | Terri Simeoni |
| Sunday, March 7 3rd Sunday of Lent | Mass Mass Mass | 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm | People of the Parish Albert Shagory The Morkin Family | The Mulvenna Family |

President's Schedule for February 27-28, 2021-Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Killeen

11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk

Please Pray For...

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| Diane Bereckis | Mary McMahon |
| John Bovard | Patrick Morgan |
| Jay Carroll | Mike Morrison |
| Chili Challender | Baby Amy Nesterowicz |
| Carol Coughlan | Carolyn Nesterowicz |
| Mary Culin | Bernice Niemiec |
| Anthony Dina | Gert Ogilvie |
| Blake Donegan | Arnold Oppenheim |
| Matt Doyle | Jane O'Reilly |
| Joan Dunne | Shawna Palazzolo |
| Wendy Einspar | Ryan Patyk |
| Lily Fielding | Donna Pekarek |
| Will Fleming | Carolyn Peters |
| Leo Gannon | James Pridmore |
| Mary Grand | Baby Lucia R. |
| Lilli Gregory | Fran Rassi |
| Wilson Gregory | Madison Raupp |
| Frank Hoos | Anna Rose |
| Rose Ilo | Rita Scalcon |
| Mary J. | Matthew Schiek |
| Jane Jacobsen | Larry Skippet |
| Michael Janus | Greyson Stanley |
| Peter Johns | James Stapel |
| Jerry Johnson | Kate Frugoli Sullivan |
| Theresa Kandall | Jodee Tuttle |
| Rose Kazan | Michael Ungari |
| Mark Kiley | Gregory Van Gorp |
| Robert Kozak | Helena Walden |
| Jim Martin | Marian Ward |
| Enrique Martinez | Maribeth Watkins |
| Lisa Massaro | Liz Wilk |
| Kathryn McInerney | Scott Young |

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

We continue to accept requests for Mass intentions at a future date. Please call the office on weekdays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm or you can email Missy Westerhoff directly at sfxing@sfxlg.org. We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Evangeline Emanuel
Grandmother of Robyn Wolf

Richard Ross
Husband of Lily Lim

Readings For The Week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/

Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-19

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/
1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Pastor's Notes

*They kept the matter to themselves,
questioning what rising from the dead meant.*

Mark 9:10

Chapter 9 is the heart and center of Mark's gospel. We find this story of the transfigured Jesus, appearing in glory and conversing with two great figures of the old Covenant, Moses and Elijah. The disciples are overwhelmed and terrified by the experience and are at a loss for words. They have seen the glory of Christ in its fullness. Yet they also are shown a connection to two great prophets who each suffered because they followed God's call. They want to embrace the glory and their anticipated share in that glory. But Jesus has begun to tell them that he must suffer and die before rising to glory, and this part of the message they do not want to hear. They cannot accept that suffering is part of the mission and that Jesus must die before he can rise to glory. But they keep their questions to themselves, preferring to think that Jesus misspoke, or they misheard.

Isn't this true for most of us? We easily see and embrace the presence of God in the bright moments of life, even if we are at times overwhelmed by them. Yet we often struggle to "see God" in moments of discomfort, tension, or loss. We may ask why God has abandoned us, or question how any good can come from suffering and pain. We tire of snow and cold, masks and social distancing, and partisan bickering in politics and the church. We yearn for spring, yet it seems so far away. In *this* moment, what does "rising from the dead" mean?

The disciples silently question; yet, they continue to follow. They will not grasp the meaning of their mountaintop experience until sometime after the Resurrection. Still, they stay with Jesus even when they physically abandon him in fear on the day of his death. They open their minds and hearts to the presence of God in each moment, bringing life from death and assuring us that suffering and death will never have the final word.

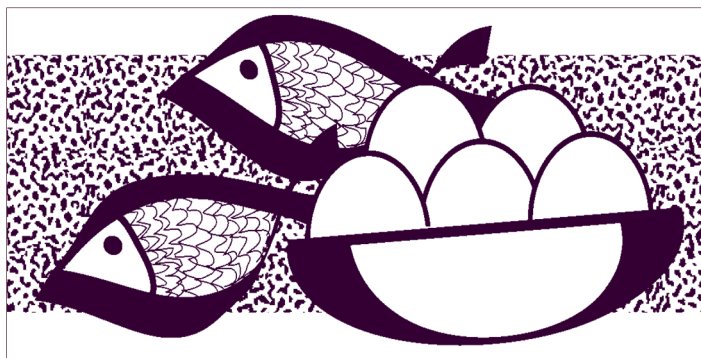
When were you last on the mountaintop with Jesus? Some women of our parish have been seeking him through the Women's Welcome Retreat in these days. Others seek him through private or communal prayer, small faith groups, or making space simply to sit with God. Mark tells us that Jesus will lead us to the mountaintop when we need and are open to receiving his reassurance. Here we learn anew that glory is not a path that avoids all suffering, but rather a path that transforms it into something life-giving through the loving power of God.

A word of affirmation to some of our volunteers. Despite several snowy and frigid Tuesdays, our Food Pantry served all the families that came to us by car and delivered to many more unable to get here by car for a variety of reasons. Art and Environment came in on one of those Tuesdays to prepare the church space for Lent. And our reopening volunteers made the time to support a series of funerals in recent weeks. Our facilities team shoveled more and more snow to make it all possible. (I hear they tried to pay off the groundhog a few weeks ago, but he refused to compromise his principles.)

Stay warm and be safe!

Peace,

J. Bill



Reflection for the Second Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #1

Marge BranECKi, Jude Dumfeh, Maureen Lang, Ed & Michelle Mirecki

Imagine being Abraham who waited his whole life for a child. At a hundred years old, his son Isaac was eventually born. Imagine the shock and dismay Abraham felt when God asked him to sacrifice the very son he was given. How was he supposed to fulfill the promise of being the father of many nations without a child? Yet Abraham was obedient, trusting in God. God didn't let him down. He provided the lamb for the sacrifice and Isaac's life was spared. God wasn't testing Abraham to cause him to fall, but the test grew the faith that was already present.

There are times when we may feel that God led us to something wonderful, only to take it away from us. It could be the passing of a loved one, the loss of a dream or a career. We may feel the rug was pulled from underneath us. Are we willing to give back to God the gift He gave to us, like Abraham?

God gave us His best, in the sacrifice of His Son Jesus. He wants our best in return, no matter the cost. We are called to love the Giver of the gift, above the gift itself. That is how true faith is nurtured and grown. Then no matter our circumstance, we can truly say, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" If we have God, we truly have all we need to face whatever the world throws our way!



Thank you

Thank you to the FNBC Bank & Trust in La Grange for their \$1,000 donation to our tuition assistance fund, which is designated to assist low- to moderate-income students or families attend St. Francis Xavier School. We appreciate the support which FNBC Bank has shown to St. Francis Xavier Parish School for many years!

Bringing Communion To You

We are aware that there are many parishioners who are not homebound due to a physical limitation, but who are not yet comfortable returning to weekend Mass for a variety of reasons. We hope you have been able to view our weekly livestreamed Mass via the parish Facebook page or the parish website. In addition, several ministers of care are now available to bring the Eucharist to you at your home. Frequency and day of the week may depend on the number of requests we receive. Please call the parish office 708-352-0168. Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30, or Saturday morning, 9:00-Noon and we will forward the information to Scott McDonald, who coordinates our minister of care team.

40 Days for Life: February 17 – March 28

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers! With God's help, much good has been accomplished in the effort to protect the lives of the unborn. The local 40 Days for Life Vigil in our community this Lent will take place at Access Health Center (in the public right-of-way), 1700 75th Street in Downers Grove. Vigil hours are from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm daily.

To learn more, contact Caron at 40daysdg@gmail.com.

To sign up for prayer times go to <http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove>.



CRS Rice Bowl Collection

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

75% of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports our work around the world.

25% of gifts stay in each U.S. diocese for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

Since 1975, people of all ages have participated in CRS Rice Bowl, putting their faith into action during the Lenten season.

For more information visit www.crsricebowl.org.

To donate, go to: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/29569>, visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "CRS Rice Bowl" and drop it off in the rectory mail slot or in a church collection box. Thank you for your generosity.

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe

On February 28, our second collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation will help restore the Church and build the future in over 25 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach.



For more information, please visit the website at www.usccb.org/cee.

To donate, go to: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1931/event/29648>, visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Church in Central and Eastern Europe" and drop it off in the rectory mail slot or in a church collection box. Thank you for your generosity.

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Please contact Maureen Pipal (mpipal@sfxlg.org) who will forward your name to one of our volunteer coordinators. Basic training is provided.

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

Lent 2021

Feb 17 (Ash Wed)
- Mar 31

Details on Lenten groups/events can be found on the website (sfxlg.org -> Parish -> Faith Formation -> Lent 2021)

Join the following events once or every week – as your schedule allows!

Unless otherwise indicated, all events will occur virtually by Zoom. [Click here](#) for more details on the events listed below.

MONDAYS

7:00 – 7:15 am Women's Morning Prayer ☀

TUESDAYS

12:05 – 12:30 pm **Lunch-time Lectio Gospel Reflections**

[\(Click here for Zoom link\)](#)

7:00 – 7:15 pm Women's Evening Prayer 🌙

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 – 7:15 am Women's Morning Prayer ☀

12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lenten Scripture Series: Discussion Session**

(email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org to sign up!)

THURSDAYS

8:15 – 8:45 am Morning Rosary *(virtual or in-person at SFX)*

7:00 – 7:15 pm Women's Evening Prayer 🌙

7:15 – 8:00 pm Women's Book Study

Searching for and Maintaining Peace – Fr. Jacques Philippe

FRIDAYS

Watch "Way of the Cross" Meditation on [FORMED](#) *(search "Way of the Cross Liguori," video runs ~22 min)*

Visit outdoor Stations of the Cross at Carmelite Spiritual Center *(8419 Bailey Rd, Darien, IL 60561)*

DAILY

FORMED – free video reflections. [Sign up here.](#)

Blessed is She – Lenten journal for women (\$25). [Click here to order.](#)

Bishop Robert Barron – free video reflections. [Sign up here.](#)

Daily Mass! *(8:30 am every weekday except Thurs)*

"Little Black Book" reflections *(contact mmcmahon@sfxlg.org if you need a book)*

Note: we will pray the following prayer at Mass during Lent. Review it here ahead of time!

Confiteor Prayer

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

**social distancing is observed during Reconciliation*

Every Saturday: 9:00 – 10:00 am

Enter via Unity Hall vestibule between church & school

Plus these extended hours:

Thursday, March 18 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Unity Hall, via Ogden vestibule - during Adoration

Friday, March 19 9:00 – 10:00 am

Unity Hall, via Ogden vestibule - after daily Mass

Saturday, March 27 9:00 – 12:00 am

Location TBD

Outdoor Candlelight Stations of the Cross: March 6, 5:30 pm Carmelite Spiritual Center

8419 Bailey Rd, Darien, IL 60561

All women are warmly invited to experience the Stations of the Cross from Mary's perspective by candlelight. Please bring masks and plan to social distance. If you have not yet registered, email pamdevitt@yahoo.com



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WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE



The St. Francis Xavier Parish School is one of the many wonderful ministries within the St. Francis Xavier Parish. We are fortunate to have an active School Advisory Board that works throughout the year on behalf of our school and parish community.

The purpose of the School Advisory Board is to:

- Develop, formulate, and adopt policies which govern the operation of the School
- Review and advise on the annual budget and determine sources of funding for the School
- Provide counsel and advise on the operation of the School
- Participate in the school's development, student recruitment efforts, and long-range plans
- Assist in obtaining the goals and objectives of the St. Francis Xavier School Mission Statement
- Promote the School and support the School's public relations and marketing efforts

The Board currently consists of eleven members who each serve a three-year term. Each Board member serves on one of the following committees:

- Catholic Identity
- Development
- Finance
- Marketing/Communications
- Strategic Planning

Interested in Becoming a School Advisory Board Member?

***** FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/2021 *****

The St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board is accepting applications for a three-year term on the Board. Wonder what it takes or how the process works? Below are some common questions people have about becoming a board member.

Common Questions:

- Do you need to have experience on a board or have a career in education? NO, you do not need to have prior experience on a school board or experience in education to apply.
- How much time is this commitment? We meet once per month plus 1-2 supplementary meetings each month. Expect approximately 6-8 hours per month.
- Do you need to have a child at the school to apply? NO, we encourage parent (guardian) of a Religious Education student, young adult parishioners and alumna/us of SFX. Candidates need not be parents.
- How does the application/selection process work? There is a one page application, a face-to-face meeting with the members of the Board and then the Board votes on the slate of applicants.

To receive an application or for more information regarding the application process and timing, **any interested parishioner or school parent (guardian)** can contact School Board selection committee members Katie Kanzer at k.f.kanzer@gmail.com or 773-860-5283; or Jim Schaeffer @ 312.953.0353

The application and more detailed information about the Board can be found on the St. Francis Xavier School Web site <http://school.sfxlq.org/parents/school-board/>. **Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed.** We look forward to receiving your application!



SFX Raffle

Your chance to win **\$15,000!**

St Francis Xavier Parish School is hosting its first-ever raffle drawing. For \$50 for one ticket (or 5 tickets for \$200), you can enter to win \$15,000!

One lucky leprechaun will win \$1,000 during our Early Bird drawing on St. Patrick's Day
(winner is still eligible for grand prize drawing).

The Grand Prize drawing will take place April 30, and 100% of the proceeds benefit St. Francis Xavier School.

Visit Give Central to order your tickets today!

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<https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/29547,29552>

Ticket stubs may be picked up in gym foyer on 2/21, 3/14, 4/11 and 4/25 from 10am-1pm.
Tickets may also be purchased on-site (cash or check).

Questions? Katie Mulcahy ktom@sbcglobal.net Tina Orlando tfrancis21@gmail.com

RULES: Winner will be announced at the end of the school day, April 30. Winner need not be present. If goal of 500 tickets is not met, a 50/50 split between winner and school will occur. All prizes are subject to applicable Federal and State tax. Winner will receive prize money once proper ID and social security number are provided. For complete terms and conditions visit <http://www.sfxlg.org> and click on "School". Must be 18 or older



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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. 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
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
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- **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
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- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
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- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
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- **PFC Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Chuck Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **Capt. Richard Hoover, U.S. Army & Neil Donegan, U.S. Navy**—nephew and grandson of Lorraine Donegan
- **Capt. Matt Waite, U.S. Army**—cousin of Justin, Maggie, Winona & Bea Waite

**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
 Saturday9:00 am-5:00 pm
 Sunday9:00 am-1:00 pm

At this time due to COVID-19 the rectory offices are closed. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and on Saturdays from 9:00 am-12:00 Noon. The answering service will answer calls after that time.

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning9:00-10:00 am
 Reconciliations are being heard in the lower vestibule of Unity Hall between the church and education building.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday)9:00 am-Noon

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.

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.

(Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisg-SrOcVM>)

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, Lolan Adan, from the Claret Center who can be reached by phone 442-264-7589 or email lolanadan@gmail.com.

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