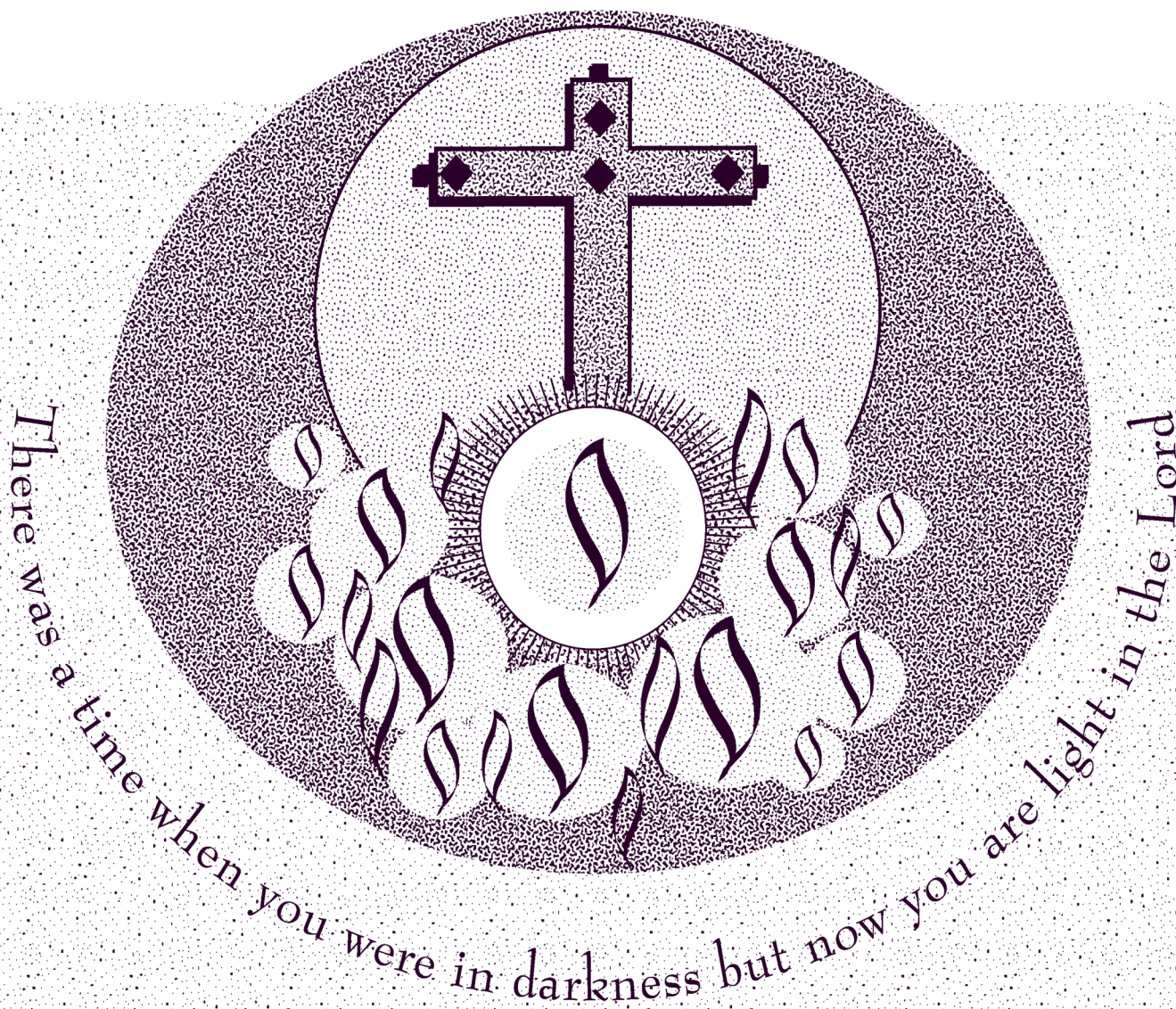


# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

4th Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020



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## Private Prayer Times for the Week

Monday, March 23	9AM-1PM	Private Prayer
Tuesday, March 24	9AM-1PM	Private Prayer
Wednesday, March 25	9AM-1PM	Private Prayer
Thursday, March 26	9AM-1PM	Private Prayer
Friday, March 27	9AM-1PM	Private Prayer
Saturday, March 28	9AM-5PM 9-10AM 4-5PM	Private Prayer Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday, March 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent	9AM-1PM	Private Prayer

## Please Pray For...

Sue Beyer	Mike Morrison
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Jay Carroll	Bert Ogilvie
Chili Challenger	Arnold Oppenheim
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Anthony Dina	Shawwna Palazzolo
Blake Donegan	Ryan Patyk
Lily Fielding	Donna Pekarek
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Norma Pentracosta
Lilli Gregory	James Pridmore
Wilson Gregory	Madison Raupp
Brian Hahn	Anna Rose
Patricia Hassler	Marilyn Rutkowski
Linda Hillsman	Matthew Schiek
Rose Ilo	Larry Skippet
Mary J.	Greyson Stanley
Jane Jacobsen	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Michael Janus	Anne Titzer
Theresa Kandall	Michael Ungari
Mark Kiley	Gregory Van Gorp
Benny Kilman	Carl Walsh
Jerry Kolman	Marian Ward
Lou Ellen Krueger	Liz Wilk
Margaret LaFrenere	Malcolm Young
Patrick Morgan	

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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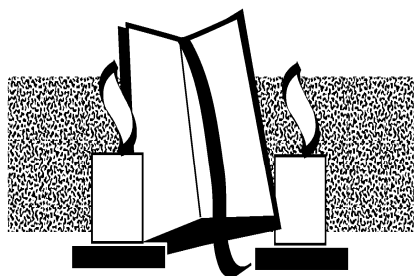
Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!



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St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL



## Readings For The Week of March 22, 2020

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53  
 Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



## Pastor's Notes

*You are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.*  
Ephesians 5:8-9

**We walk in darkness.** In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus gives sight to a man born blind. In the course of this man's healing, the man comes to both sight and deeper insight, while the religious authorities refuse to "see" what is before their eyes. The once-blind man becomes a disciple and a light in the darkness for himself and others; the once-seeing authorities become blind in their stubborn refusal to see.

Paul reminds us that **even when we walk in darkness, we carry the light of the Lord within.** We have been given all we need to walk through darkness and lead others by the light of Christ. During these days of Lent, we pray, fast, and give alms so that we might become more aware of the light of Christ within and among us. At our baptism, each of us was given a candle to symbolize the light of Christ given us in Baptism. We promise to carrying the light of Christ to others.

How do I carry the light of Christ to others in this time of social distancing? Will I isolate, or will I reach out to others through the telephone, notes, and the many social media that provide safe ways to connect with others? Will I be a voice of hope within my household and seek new ways to be with one another over an extended period? Will I reach out to neighbors who are elderly or who live alone and ensure that they have what they need? Will I pray for people *throughout the world* who contract the COVID-19 virus, especially those in areas where resources are limited? **Will I be a light** when this virus would have us see only darkness?

Recommendations in response to COVID-19 continue to be updated. **As of Wednesday, March 18**, these are some of the guidelines under which SFX is operating.

- ◆ The **parish office is closed.** Staff will be working from home. A staff member will answer the phones from 8:30AM-4:30PM weekdays. Our answering service will handle calls during all other hours and can contact me in an emergency.
- ◆ All **parish facilities are closed** to group gatherings, except for a modified operation of the Food Pantry and one small Twelve-Step meeting.
- ◆ The church is open for **private prayer:** 9AM-1PM Sun. – Fri. and 9AM-5PM Sat.
- ◆ **All Sunday and weekday Masses** have been suspended until further notice. Everyone is dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
- ◆ This Sunday, we will begin broadcasting a **pre-recorded Sunday Mass from our parish church** every weekend until Masses resume. Details to follow.
- ◆ **Funerals and weddings** will be held for groups under 50 (or latest CDC guideline).
- ◆ **Baptisms** are limited to private baptisms in extreme circumstances.
- ◆ **Anointing of the Sick** is available within certain restrictions.
- ◆ **Ministers of Care** continue to visit the homebound within certain restrictions.
- ◆ **Reconciliation** is available in church on Saturdays from 9-10AM and 4-5PM.

Everything remains subject to change on short notice. We will post the weekly bulletin on the parish website each Wednesday. We will send weekly updates on Fridays via Constant Contact, and daily messages or videos via Facebook, and Instagram. Let us be light for each other.

**Lenten Joy,**

*J. Bill*

### Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Lent Liturgy Planning Team #2

**Barbara Budak, Bernadette McMahon, Diane Redmond and Joan Stopka**

*"I came into this world for judgement, so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see might become blind."*

There are many ways "to see". We can literally see with our eyes, we can say "I see" meaning we understand and today we learn that Jesus can see beyond all things.

This is actually not the first time in Lent that the sense of sight has been mentioned. On Ash Wednesday we were admonished to not be so demonstrative with our righteous deeds, or giving alms, or making certain to pray where others may see us. We were told, "Your Father who sees in secret" and "sees what is hidden" will repay you.

Our first reading Jesse presents seven of his sons before Samuel but the Lord rejects them all. The text says, "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."

In the Gospel the blind man not only gains his sight but grows in his knowledge of the Lord and in his faith while at the same time the Pharisees lose their perspective. Even though he is ridiculed he is resolute in his story. When questioned, the blind man responds that "He is a prophet." The Pharisees challenge him saying Jesus could not be from God because he healed him on the Sabbath, ignoring the miracle by only focusing on their law. Finally, they throw him out. Jesus finds him and tells him that he has seen the Son of Man and adds, "the one speaking with you is he." The response is, "I do believe Lord" His sight is both physical and the acknowledgement of the fulfillment of his belief. He understands.



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 3/31/2020\*\*\*\*\*

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 of current SFX students.
- 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 Matt Duffy [m.duffy@nonnis.com](mailto:m.duffy@nonnis.com) or 708-280-1995, or Katie Kanzer at [k.f.kanzer@gmail.com](mailto:k.f.kanzer@gmail.com) or 773-860-5283.

The application and more detailed information about the Board can be found on the St. Francis Xavier School Web site <https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School%7CParent%20Volunteers%3E%3ESAB%20-%20School%20Advisory%20Board>. Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed. We look forward to receiving your application!

## What's going on in Youth Ministry???

### Support from Youth Ministry

Looking for some good prayer resources? Family faith-based activities? A pen pal? If there is anyway Youth Ministry can help support you (teens and parents) during this time, please reach out and let us know! Please contact Olivia Zurowski at 708-352-0168 or [ozurowski@sfxlg.org](mailto:ozurowski@sfxlg.org).

### Girls Church League

The health and safety of all those impacted by our programming and events are our number one priority. Due to current school and parish closures in light of COVID-19, the 2020 Girls church League Basketball season has been cancelled. If you already registered, Olivia will be in touch about a refund and a potential opportunity when things clear up.

## Habitat for Humanity



For the past 20+ years, during the months of June and July, St. Francis Xavier has sent as many as four separate groups of volunteers, for a week at a time, to build homes with Habitat for Humanity in Clarksdale, Mississippi. The exact dates for this summer's trips will be firmed up soon, but in the meantime, if you think you'd like to make the journey, or you'd like more information, please contact Chris O'Hea at [chris.ohea@yahoo.com](mailto:chris.ohea@yahoo.com). No prior construction experience is necessary. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old, and anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. We hope you can join us!



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FYI, in response to coronavirus precautionary measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, The Well programs are suspended for the period between March 11-March 28.

Please see our website for a full listing of our NEW 2020 programs and to register: [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048.



## 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 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
- **Deanna Ciaccia, U.S. Navy**—daughter of Julie & Anthony Ciaccia
- **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
- **1st Lt. Alexander Dale Fisher, USMC**—nephew of Michelle & Bill McKeown and cousin to Elizabeth & Liam
- **PFC Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 19K**—son of Kathi & 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**—nephew 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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

## St. Francis Xavier Personnel

### Pastoral Ministry

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*Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister*

*Rev. William Killeen*

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*Rev. Ed Barrett*

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*Rev. Stan Ilo*

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### **Contact Information**

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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

### **Private Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church**

Sunday-Monday 9:00 am-1:00 pm  
 Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am  
 Saturday afternoon.....4:00-5:00 pm  
 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-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  
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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.



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