

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
**December 6, 2020**



**PREPARE  
THE WAY  
OF THE  
LORD**

**ONE  
MORE  
POWERFUL  
THAN I IS TO  
COME AND  
I AM NOT  
WORTHY  
TO UNTIE  
HIS SANDAL.  
I HAVE  
BAPTIZED  
YOU IN WATER  
BUT HE WILL  
BAPTIZE YOU  
IN THE  
HOLY SPIRIT.**

## Week at a Glance

Monday, December 7	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Special Intention
Tuesday, December 8	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Mercedes McDonnell
Immaculate Conception	Mass	7:00 pm	Bryan Miller
Wednesday, December 9	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Giulia, Dino and Ursetta Frustaci
Thursday, December 10	Rosary	8:15 am	
Friday, December 11	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Virginia Hirsch
Saturday, December 12	Reconciliation	9:00 am	
	Mass	5:00 pm	Bryan Miller, Antonio and Teresa Franzese
Sunday, December 13	Mass	9:00 am	Mary Vasil
3rd Sunday of Advent	Mass	11:00 am	John Lehman
	Mass	5:00 pm	George Sedlacek

## Presider's Schedule December 12-13, 2020~Mass Time

**5:00 pm** Fr. Ilo

**9:00 am** Fr. Milek

**11:00 am** Fr. Tkachuk

**5:00 pm** Fr. Milek

### Please Pray For...

Diane Bereckis  
John Bovard  
Jay Carroll  
Chili Challender  
Mary Culin  
Americo DiGianfillippo  
Baby Catherine DiMarco  
Anthony Dina  
Blake Donegan  
Matt Doyle  
Wendy Einspar  
Lily Fielding  
Will Fleming  
Lilli Gregory  
Wilson Gregory  
Patricia Hassler  
Frank Hoos  
Rose Ilo  
Mary J.  
Jane Jacobsen  
Peter Johns  
Theresa Kandall  
Mark Kiley  
Jeanne LeBeau  
Mary LeBeau  
Jim Martin  
Enrique Martinez  
Lisa Massaro  
Patrick Morgan

Mike Morrison  
Baby Amy Nesterowicz  
Carolyn Nesterowicz  
Bernice Niemiec  
Gert Ogilvie  
Arnold Oppenheim  
Jane O'Reilly  
Shawna Palazzolo  
Ryan Patyk  
Donna Pekarek  
Carolyn Peters  
Jessica Phillips  
James Pridmore  
Baby Lucia R.  
Madison Raupp  
Anna Rose  
Rita Scalcon  
Matthew Schiek  
Larry Skippet  
Greyson Stanley  
Brian Stephenson  
Kate Frugoli Sullivan  
Michael Ungari  
Gregory Van Gorp  
Helena Walden  
Marian Ward  
Maribeth Watkins  
Liz Wilk  
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 [sfxinlg@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxinlg@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:



**Catherine "Cookie" Hofstetter**  
Mother of Missy Westerhoff

**Rosemary Vargas**  
Mother of Jennifer Zeisloft

**Nick Burriesci**  
Husband of Maureen and  
Father of Nicholas, Claire and Madeline

**Donald Jones**  
Father of Jamie Cushing

**Kathy Provost**  
Mother of Kristin

**Robert Seery**  
Father of Mary Pat Flaherty

### Readings For The Week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8  
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38  
or Lk 1:39-47 or 707-712  
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-50, 53-54/  
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## Pastor's Notes

*Comfort, give comfort to my people.*  
Isaiah 40:1

Comfort is especially welcome this Advent. Many of us were separated from loved ones for Thanksgiving and may face the same separation at Christmas. We all know at least one family who has lost a loved one due to the coronavirus; and we face a long winter with many more deaths before vaccines will help turn the tide. We have come through a particularly divisive election year that has stirred mistrust and bad feelings that may need some time to heal. And the societal evils of racism and the oppression of the poor stubbornly confront us in ways that both confuse and hold us bound.

Amid all this, God speaks words of comfort. God wants us to know that *God is present in this moment*, in the very heart of all we are experiencing. God does not control or manipulate human and worldly occurrences. Rather, *God's Advent*, God's coming into our midst in the *present* moment, *is the Light of Christ*, assuring us that the darkness will not overcome; that God walks in the very midst of darkness; and that God transforms the seemingly hopeless with the Light of new hope.

More importantly, *God sends us* as prophets of hope. God offers us comfort that we, in turn, might bring comfort to those most in need of hope. *We are sent* as God's loving presence to walk with those who grieve the loss of a loved one. *We are sent* as God's strength to those caring for the sick and seeking to protect us from harm. *We are sent* as God's encouragement to the isolated, the depressed, and those struggling with addiction or other mental illness. *We are sent* as God's call for justice to those without adequate food, clothing, or shelter and those who lack opportunity because of

societal inequities. *We are sent* as God's Advent in this moment, to give comfort to God's people.

You will find the Christmas Mass Schedule in this bulletin on page 4. We could use a few more people to join our current volunteers as greeters or to prepare the church for the next Mass. *If you are high school age or older and in good health* and willing to assist at a Christmas Mass, we will welcome your gift of time. On Wednesday, December 9, we will open the online reservation system for *all* Christmas Masses. Our limit of 20% of seating capacity allows us to reserve 110 spaces for each Mass in the church and for the two Masses in the gym; and 80 spaces for the livestreaming of two Masses into Joyce Hall, at which Communion will be distributed. *Reservations are required* to participate in person. We will livestream the 5:00PM Christmas Eve Mass, Midnight Mass, and the 11:00AM Christmas Day Mass so that others can participate from home. In one format or another *all are welcome and encouraged to join with us* to celebrate Christ's birth.

On December 3, the Church celebrated the feast day of our patron, St. Francis Xavier. This Sunday, we celebrate the feast day of St. Nicholas. These two holy persons showed a special love and care for the poor, for children, and for those in distant lands. May they inspire us to do the same. Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. We will celebrate a special evening Mass at 7:00PM in addition to the Mass at 8:30AM. Reservations can be made via the parish website or by calling the parish office.

**Advent Peace,**

*J. Bill*

### Second Sunday of Advent

Reflection Liturgy Team #6

Susie Lehuta, Susan Lindsay, Sue Martin, Susan Nedza

God continually surprises his people! In the reading from Isaiah, we are given two visions of God's coming. First, we see the Lord God who comes with power and rules by his strong arm. Yet two lines later we hear that he will be like a shepherd who feeds his flock and lovingly gathers them to his heart. Which will it be or perhaps something completely different? Mark provides the answer. The Hebrews didn't receive a warrior king to liberate them but a newborn infant. How shocked they must have been to find God in the face of a child.

As we look forward to Christ's birth, let us be open to the people God sends to bring light into our lives and into the world. As we wait patiently in the darkness of December, let our hearts be opened to experiencing the surprise that awaits us when we find Him in the faces of the poor, the immigrant and those we consider to be foes.



**2020  
CHRISTMAS MASS  
SCHEDULE**

If church buildings remain open at Christmas, our Mass schedule will be:

**Christmas Eve**

3:00PM in church  
3:15PM in the gym  
5:00PM in church and livestreamed to Joyce Hall  
7:00PM

**Christmas Day**

Midnight livestreamed to the parish  
9:00AM in church and livestreamed to Joyce Hall  
11:00AM in church  
11:15AM in the gym  
(Masses livestreamed to Joyce Hall will also be streamed to the parish and recorded. As always you can access the livestream or recorded Masses via the website.)

The seating capacity for the church and gym will be 110 people. The seating capacity for Joyce Hall is 80. Those in Joyce Hall will receive communion; however, there will be no handicap access to the hall for either Mass. Stay tuned for reservation information.

If you are high school age or older and in good health and are willing to volunteer at any of these Christmas Masses, please contact Maureen Pipal at [mpipal@sfxlg.org](mailto:mpipal@sfxlg.org).

If church buildings are closed at Christmas, we will livestream Masses at 5PM, Midnight and 11:00 AM, giving everyone a choice of their style of Mass. All three livestreams will remain available through the following Saturday and Sunday.

**Welcome**

We welcome the following parishioners who have registered during the month of November:

Phillip & Karen Otanicar  
Sean Barber & Olivia Murino  
Edward Zawilla & Hayley Perecich  
Noel & Jamie Gonzalez



**GIVING TREE**  
**Our Tradition Continues**  
**in 2020!**

However, rather than gift tags with specific item requests, we will be collecting donations via checks that can be dropped off or mailed to the Rectory or via Give Central. [Click here](#) to donate online.



We will use the donations to purchase gift cards through the SFX School gift card program. These will be given to our sharing parish, St. Agatha's on the west side of Chicago as well as some outreach organizations in our community. Thank you for continuing to spread Christmas Cheer even during this challenging holiday season! Monetary donations will be collected through **December 9**.

Any questions, call 708-352-0168 or email Merry Freeman at [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org).

**Parishioner Volunteers Needed**

Our ability to celebrate Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and weekday and Sunday Masses depends on the ability of the parish to provide ministers to offer a welcoming and healthy environment. We have been blessed by scores of parishioners who share their time and spirit to keep us moving forward. To establish a regular rotation of volunteers, we seek additional people, especially to greet and seat people, or to wipe down the seating areas after each service. We welcome anyone of high school age or older who is in good health. A few volunteer comments:

*"There isn't a better way to start my day than seeing the familiar, friendly faces that attend daily mass. I've gotten to know quite a few of the regular attendees and they "fill my bucket" with their gratitude and appreciation.*

*What I looked at as a necessity to do to keep the church open, has turned into something I truly look forward to doing each week."*

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

## OPLATKI

Due to COVID, we are sorry we will be unable to distribute Oplatki from the rectory offices.



Please call or visit Watra Church Goods at 4201 South Archer Avenue in Chicago 773-247-2425 to get your Oplatki this year.

To see how we are Celebrating Sacraments and Services, and to view our Tips for Worshipers, please click on the links below:

[Celebration of Sacraments](#)

[Tips for Worshipers](#)

Please join us on Tuesday, December 8 at 7:00 pm for a special Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please reserve your spot on our website at [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org).



## 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.



## Meditative Nativity Walk

Grace Lutheran Church has set up a lighted labyrinth on their Catherine Avenue lawn (north of Ogden Avenue) adjacent to the church building. The labyrinth is lit at dusk and the lights remain on until about 10:00pm. The Grace Lutheran community is inviting all area faith communities to come by any evening during the Advent and Christmas seasons to walk this path of prayer. An amazing artist couple who are members at Grace Lutheran has made this come to life.

*A herald's voice in the desert, crying*

Prepare the way of the LORD, make straight his paths

## MEET OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

### **Bernadette McMahon**



Born and raised on the south side of Chicago. I went to Queen of the Universe Grade School, Mother McAuley High school and I met my husband at college and we settled in La Grange Park in the late 1980s, where we raised our three children, now adults. All three children were educated at St. Francis Xavier day school. I have three grandchildren; two have already been baptized at SFX and one more to be baptized here soon.

“God has given me many blessings over the years. Many of them have come via my friendships and experiences through the SFX parish by taking advantage of the offering of ministry participation. With my involvement, I have been able to learn more about myself, my faith and what I can give to others to improve their lives. I have discovered Christ through listening to other parishioners through conversation in gatherings and service. SFX has enabled me to learn how to live my faith better. As part of the Parish Pastoral Council, I want to help be a conduit for others to gain what they need from our parish.”

### **Tony Pangan**



Tony Pangan and his wife Aileen have lived in LaGrange since 2003 with their two children Julia and Sofia. Tony and Aileen have served many years as religious education instructors and have enjoyed joyously singing with the Celebration Choir since 2003.

“SFX has been an amazing blessing for our family. As music lovers, our whole family has treasured our chance to serve SFX in the music ministry and is grateful for the positive energy at SFX. This parish is special, and one major reason is the parish community! As parishioners, we all have a gift to share. God is inviting us to share our gifts and give generously of our time and talent, and that opportunity to serve is at SFX. As a member of the Parish Pastoral Council, I invite you to contact me if you have ideas or thoughts about supporting our Faith Community. “

### **Carolyn Simone**



I grew up in the Northwest side of Chicago. I was baptized in a Methodist church and later attended a non-denominational church with my mother. My father was raised Catholic, but did not attend church regularly. My husband Joel and I lived in LaGrange/LaGrange Park from 1975 until 2015. I attended Catholic formation classes in 1980 and was confirmed and received into the Catholic Church at the end of that year. We raised two children and have celebrated baptisms, communions, confirmations and weddings at St. Francis Xavier.

“I am thrilled to see so many young faces at SFX as well as a large contingent of older, familiar faces. The vibrancy and life of the parish is contingent on meeting the needs of all age groups and I am happy to be part of a group that will listen to the needs of our faith community and act in a responsible manner to facilitate resolution of these needs.”

### **Jody Wise**



Jody and her daughter, Emma (19) and their labradoodle, Sadi (3) live in LaGrange. Jody is the single mom of an adopted baby (now adult) from Kazakhstan (a republic formed after the breakup of the USSR). Emma attended Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy in the Lakeview neighborhood of Chicago and we moved to LaGrange from Chicago to attend LTHS. To find connections in our new community we jumped right in and are now deeply involved in both the parish and the LaGrange community.

“The sense of community and my connections with other parishioners is a source of great joy. I am hopeful that soon the whole St Francis community will once again be together in worship, in activities and in each group ministry. For me, the Choir is so enjoyable. There are quite a few different choirs, and each brings a different spirit to their mass. During the Christmas and Easter seasons in particular, the music heightens the joy, sorrow, or reverence of the season.”

Please free to contact us about ideas or thoughts by email at: [ppc@sfxlg.org](mailto:ppc@sfxlg.org)  
See the parish website for additional background information about our PPC members!

# Advent 2020

Introducing our annual faith formation theme:  
**“Longing for Light”**

## “Longing for Light”

*Reflection on our Annual Faith Formation Theme*

The year 2020 will stand out as a very unique year, to be remembered for years to come. The Pandemic brought the world to its knees. Many lives have been lost and many changed forever. Our relationships have been tested by distance and proximity. Our faith has been shaken to the core.

We have felt the darkness hover around, and we **long for the light**. We just want this year to be over and for our lives to return to normal. Normal is going to look very different whenever it gets here. However, we can't lose hope in the midst of the pain we feel in the valley. We also can't look too much into the future and miss out on the beauty and the lessons to be learned in these trying times.

One thing we know for sure is that we do not walk this journey alone. Our Savior walks each step with us. Even when we can't see it, He still shines through us. Christ's "light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it".

Bernadette Farrell's song "Christ Be Our Light" captures it all perfectly:

“Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
 Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
 Make us your own, your holy people,  
 light for the world to see.  
 Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,  
 shine through the darkness.  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in your church  
 gathered today.”

*Reflection by Spiritual Life Board member,  
 Jude Dumfeh*

## *This Week: Living Liturgically*

<b>SUN</b> 6	Feast of St. Nicholas! Put your letters to Santa in your shoes on Saturday night, so he can replace them with a treat.
<b>MON</b> 7	
<b>TUES</b> 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception! Pray the <u><a href="#">prayer to the Immaculate Conception</a></u> on this day (normally a Holy Day of Obl.)
<b>WED</b> 9	
<b>THURS</b> 10	Feast of Our Lady of Loretto: a great day to make gingerbread houses. <u><a href="#">Click here to find out why!</a></u>
<b>FRI</b> 11	
<b>SAT</b> 12	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe! Watch the celebrations live by <u><a href="#">clicking here.</a></u>

### **MORE FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES!**

**Advent + Christmas Reflection Series with Merton**  
 (Wednesdays in December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 7:00 p.m.)

### **Virtual Soup for the Advent Soul**

Weekly Advent “Word on Fire” Gospel Reflections  
 (Thursday, Dec. 3, 10, and 17 @ 12:00 p.m.)

## *Ideas for Living Advent in Your Home:*

- ✿ Cut some evergreen branches, buy dollar-store candles, and **make your own Advent wreath!** [Click here](#) for more information on Advent wreaths.
- ✿ **De-clutter** toys or other items that you no longer use; donate for someone else to enjoy. This is a great physical practice of **“creating space” in our hearts and homes for the arrival of Jesus** at Christmas!
- ✿ **Practice an Advent “Secret Santa”** among family members: draw a random name and pray for/do good deeds for that family member all through Advent. On Christmas morning, gift them a homemade gift and reveal who has been praying for and secretly making your bed, doing your dishes, or leaving you special notes all season!

## Calling All Saint Francis Xavier School Alumni

Stay connected with your school classmates by creating an alumnus profile today!

**SFX is collecting a database of all alumni over the last 80 years and we need your help!**

**Go to:** <https://forms.gle/HwtKX8iUdbB27tQV7>

This Database Will:

- Connect SFX alumni past and present
- Inform alumni of current state of SFX school and vision for the future
- Celebrate our teachers and their teaching accomplishments
- Celebrate current student and alumni accomplishments
- Provide an opportunity to share photos, athletic records and more
- Keep you updated on notable school events and projects

Questions? Please contact [sfxgrad@gmail.com](mailto:sfxgrad@gmail.com) for more information.

## Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration Packets can be found on the website at [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org).

If you have any questions, please email Terri Simeoni at [tsimeoni@sfxlg.org](mailto:tsimeoni@sfxlg.org).

## Follow the Parish on Social Media!

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!



@sfxlg\_parish



St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL

## We encourage all to follow SFX School on social media



SFX School Instagram:  
[@sfxlg\\_school](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg_school)

Facebook SFX School site:  
<https://www.facebook.com/SFX.LG/>

Facebook SFX Alumni site:  
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/ART/595d889cdee3e>

SFX School Website:  
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School>

**See the latest happenings at the day school:**

A very very nice congratulatory message to the SFX community from Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. <https://vimeo.com/465845503>

Socially distanced Rosary: <https://vimeo.com/465845340>

## St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

We are excited to share the following service opportunities! SFX families are invited to participate in these service events. The idea behind the Family Ministry is to give families a chance to have fun and work together while serving others in need. Please help us make a difference.

**December**~We wanted to work with an organization that would bring cheer during the holiday season. We will work with Cards of Hope, an organization that mails cards to people affected by cancer. Please contact Rachel at [peterstonrtw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peterstonrtw@sbcglobal.net) and she will provide you with the information on how to help. We will be participating in this event from December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**October through May**~Some of you may already be aware that the guests of the BEDS program are not staying at St. Francis Xavier due to COVID-19 concerns. The guests are staying at various locations, so for now, please drop all dessert donations on Monday mornings before noon at the BEDS Plus facility on the corner of East Avenue and Ogden Avenue, please contact Theresa at [thsully28@yahoo.com](mailto:thsully28@yahoo.com) to sign up.

We hope to have more opportunities in the new calendar year and will keep you updated.





## 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
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **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**—nephew of Lorraine Donegan
- **Capt. Matt Waite, U.S. Army**—cousin of Justin, Maggie, Winona & Bea Waite
- **Neil Donegan, U.S. Navy**—grandson of Lorraine Donegan

**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*  
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*Deacon*  
*Deacon*  
*Pastoral Associate*  
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*Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister*  
*Weekend Sacramental Minister*

*Rev. William Tkachuk*  
*Rev. Richard Milek*  
*Mr. Andrew Allison*  
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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

**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 morning .....9:00-10:00 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lolanadan@gmail.com).

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