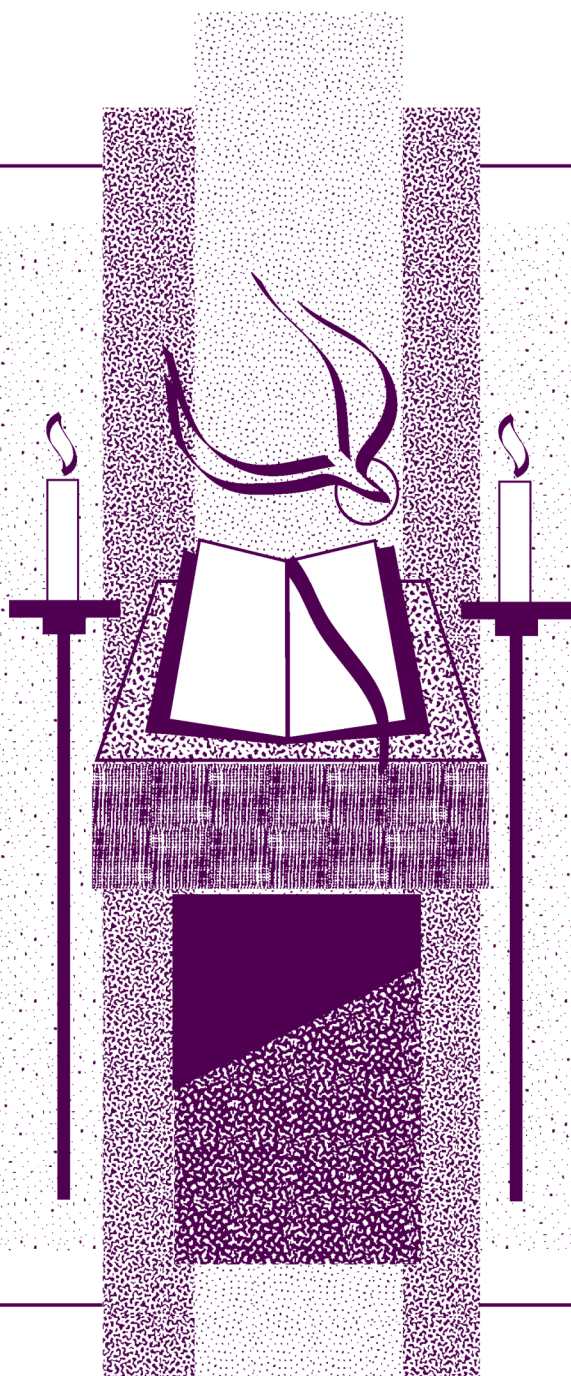


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020



The SPIRIT of the
LORD GOD is upon me
because the LORD has
anointed me;
he has sent me
to bring glad tidings
to the lowly, to heal the
brokenhearted, to proclaim
liberty to captives,
release to the prisoners,
and to announce a year
of favor
from the LORD.

Week at a Glance

Monday, December 14	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Claire Griffin
Tuesday, December 15	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jim and Claire Ruth
Wednesday, December 16	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Joseph, Jerry, and Salvatore Frustraci
Thursday, December 17	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00-7:00 pm	
Friday, December 18	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Herbert and Mary Schrack
Saturday, December 19	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Bryan Miller
Sunday, December 20 4th Sunday of Advent	Mass Mass Mass	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Jim McNamara, Grace McGinley Besse and Dick Parlon Marian Ward

Presider's Schedule December 19-20, 2020~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk **9:00 am** Fr. Tkachuk **11:00 am** Fr. Milek **5:00 pm** Fr. Ilo



*Adoration will be held this
Thursday, December 17 from 6:00-7:00 pm.
Please reserve your spot on our website at www.sfxlg.org.*

Please Pray For...

Diane Bereckis
John Bovard
Jay Carroll
Chili Challenger
Mary Culin
Americo DiGianfillippo
Baby Catherine DiMarco
Anthony Dina
Blake Donegan
Matt Doyle
Wendy Einspar
Lily Fielding
Will Fleming
Lilli Gregory
Wilson Gregory
Frank Hoos
Rose Ilo
Mary J.
Jane Jacobsen
Peter Johns
Walter Johnson
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. 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:



Anne Titzer
Mother of John

Albert Shagory
Husband of Angela and
Father of Andrea Strudeman

Patricia Hassler

Readings For The Week of December 13, 2020

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-50, 53-54/
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Pastor's Notes

*Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.
In all circumstances give thanks.
1Thessalonians 5:16-18*

There was a time when I was a stickler for holding back on anything "Christmas" until all four candles of the Advent wreath had been lit. Some of this is rooted in my Ukrainian Orthodox ancestors, for whom Christmas Day was the beginning of twelve days of visiting relatives and friends that culminated with a large celebration on January 7, when Christ was revealed to the magi and thus to all peoples and nations. I held back on Christmas decorations; I mailed Christmas cards on December 24; I neither gave nor opened presents before Christmas Day; and I minimized my exposure to Christmas celebrations.

Then one year, when my youngest brother reached a certain age, our mother introduced us to the tradition of the rose candle on the Advent wreath as the date on which Christmas decorations could appear and Christmas celebrations begin. Perhaps she was looking for a way to spread out and share the work of decorating, wrapping, and baking for Christmas. Yet she also proclaimed the "middle Advent" that often gets overlooked in our focus on Christmas Day. *Christ was born* an infant in the town of Bethlehem long ago, and Advent prepares us to celebrate his birth on December 25. *Christ will come* to us in glory at the end of the world as we know it, and Advent calls us to be awake and ready to greet him joyfully on that day. The middle Advent reminds us that *Christ comes to us in the people and events of each day*. We have reason for rejoicing *in this moment*. We pray to recognize Christ as he comes to us *now*. And we give thanks for the light that Christ brings into our *present* circumstances:

personal, communal, and global. The rose candle calls us to celebrate not only the coming of Christ in a distant past or an anticipated future, but also the coming of Christ *today*.

So, my Christmas tree is being decorated, presents are being wrapped, and cards are being sent. The coronavirus may keep me from the usual celebrations in the days before Christmas. But it will not keep me from *the joy that is God's presence in this moment; a prayer that I recognize Christ in each day; and gratitude for Christ's invitation to walk with him and invite him to dwell in my heart and mind.*

Where does joy reach out to you this Advent?

What conversation does Christ desire to have with you if you but offer him some time in prayer? What are the blessings in your life that the darkness cannot hide and for which you are grateful? **Joy is our greatest witness** to the presence of Christ among us. Perhaps your witness at this moment in life is not the bright and shiny joys of loud shouts and broad gestures. The deepest joys *reside in our heart* and allow us to smile even in sadness, to find peace even amid worries, and to give comfort even when my own heart aches. Our joy, especially in *this* moment, will invite others to want to know the source of that joy, Jesus, our Light.

I wish you the joy that is the grace of God. I pray for you to know and experience the coming of Christ into your life *here and now*.

Advent Peace,

J. Bill

Third Sunday of Advent

Reflection Liturgy Team #2

Barb Budak, Bernadette McMahon, Fr. Richard Milek, Diane Redmond, Joan Stopka

Gaudete Sunday...Glad tidings! Rejoice!

Be watchful and alert because something wonderful is about to happen. God is inviting us to share in the joy and peace of his reign. He comes to our broken world, suffering from illness, hunger, poverty and those imprisoned to let us know that goodness, salvation and justice are at hand. He is faithful and trusts in our potential to set things right. He exhorts us to be joyful, prayerful and thankful. As humbly as John the Baptist, we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus. We are a people of hope filled with expectation.

**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 and the parish
7:00PM

Christmas Day

Midnight livestreamed to the parish
9:00AM in church and livestreamed to
Joyce Hall and the parish
11:00AM in church
11:15AM in the gym
(All livestreamed Masses will be recorded and posted on the parish website through December 27.)

We still need volunteer greeters for 9am in Joyce Hall on Christmas Day. If you are high school age or older and in good health and are willing to volunteer, please contact Maureen Pipal at 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 December 27.

OPLATKI

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



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

**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 18.**

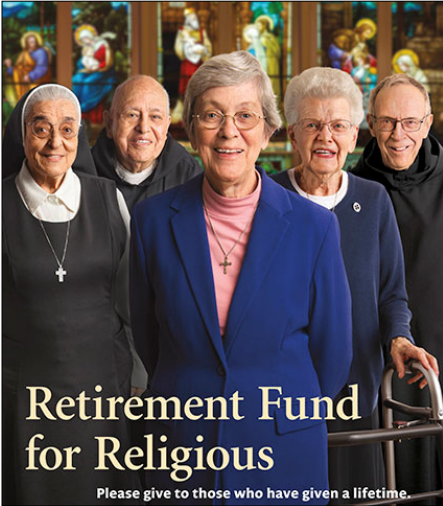
Any questions, call 708-352-0168 or email Merry Freeman at mfreeman@sfxlg.org.

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) who will forward your name to one of our volunteer coordinators. Basic training is provided.



Support aging religious. Please help support the second collection on December 12-13. Funds raised will provide support for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

For more information visit www.retiredreligious.org. To donate, go to: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/28929>, visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Retirement Fund for Religious" and drop it off at the rectory or in a church collection box.

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.

SAFE AND SOBER HOLIDAYS

Did you know that 10-13% of all the people in any community live with the disease of alcoholism or other chemical dependence? This includes 10-13% of our parish community. Each person who lives with a chemically dependent person also has a disease that negatively affects the lives of at least four other persons. 40% of the members of any community, including ours, know someone, or are concerned about someone, or are angry at someone who lives with this progressive and potentially fatal disease. The past nine months of living within pandemic restrictions has intensified this situation in many households.

If you care about someone who has a drinking or other drug problem, I encourage you to get help for yourself. Go to ALANON if you are affected by someone's chemical dependency. Go to FAMILIES ANONYMOUS if you are the relative or friend of a young person with drug or behavioral problems. Go to ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS if you are the adult child of someone with an alcohol or other drug problem. Get help for yourself before you attempt to intervene in the life of someone who is addicted. This is the best gift you can give to someone who is dependent on alcohol or another drug.

Most Al-Anon meetings in the Chicago area continue to meet virtually on Zoom, including a Zoom newcomer's meeting every Wednesday at noon. Newcomers continue to join this meeting. For a confidential inquiry on how to participate in this meeting, contact Fr. Bill at 708-352-0168 or wtkachuk@sfxlg.org. Give yourself a gift this Christmas!

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](#)



Our Finances for November 30, 2020



Sunday Offertory	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket**	+	Other Offertory*	=	November Totals
November 2020	\$ 72,279		\$ 41,014		\$ 18,990		\$ 132,283
November 2019	\$ 65,484		\$ 52,774		\$ 33,061		\$ 151,319

** 5 Sundays in November 2020 vs. 4 Sundays in November 2019

* Includes donations from stock, donor-advised funds, Holy Day contributions, and other miscellaneous gifts

God bless you for your generosity to St. Francis Xavier Parish!

St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

Please join SFX Family Ministry for a
Holiday Hootenanny & Food Drive

Join us for this outdoor socially distant
event to meet Santa
(bring your camera)

Sing carols

Deliver your letter to Santa

Please bring an item to donate to the SFX Food Pantry
such as coffee, hot cocoa, tea & canned goods

Sunday, December 20th
5:00-6:00
525 N Edgewood Ave
LaGrange Park

Please RSVP for this event by **December 19th** - email Elizabeth at eandct@gmail.com OR to reserve your photo time with Santa click on the link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B48A9A728A13-holiday>

St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

On Friday, October 23rd, the SFX Family Ministry delivered 35 goody bags to seniors at Bethlehem Woods. The bags were filled with candy, soap, socks and notes and jokes from the children.

Bethlehem Woods residents were very appreciative especially during COVID-19 when their social interaction is limited. We would like to thank the following families: Lutzow, Zimnowski, Whittleton, Kostal, Vlcek and O'Brien for their generous donations.

St. Francis Xavier Scripture Study

Thursdays 9:30 - 11:00 am
virtual by Zoom

January 14 - March 11, 2021
Job, Psalms part 2

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

New members welcome!

FAITH FORMATION

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

Advent 2020

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

Welcome to our RCIA Catechumen and Candidates for Full Communion:

**Amy Whitsitt
Garrett Whitsitt
Catherine Murphy**

On Wednesday, Dec 16 at 8:30am daily Mass, St. Francis Xavier Parish will welcome Amy, Garrett, and Cathy, into the “Catechumenate” portion of the RCIA program via the “Rite of Welcome.”

After the Rite of Welcome, Amy, Garrett, and Cathy will move from their current season of inquiry about the Catholic faith to intentional faith formation and catechesis as they prepare to receive or complete their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

We eagerly await their full communion with us, just as we eagerly await the coming of Christ. **Join us in praying for Amy, Garrett, and Cathy throughout the RCIA journey!**

This Week: Living Liturgically

SUN 13	Gaudete Sunday (wear pink!) + Feast of St. Lucy – a great day to drive around looking at Christmas lights
MON 14	Feast of St. John of the Cross
TUES 15	
WED 16	Begin the “Christmas Novena,” prayed every day for nine days until Christmas! (That’s right – only 9 more days until Christmas!)
THURS 17	
FRI 18	
SAT 19	

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.)

Families with Young Children:

Are you interested in any of the following events?

- Meeting another family outdoors for a nature walk, Zoo Lights, or other
- Meeting another family via Zoom
- Backyard Babies, Beers, and BBQ
- “Baby and Me” Catholic Gymboree (0-12, 24-24, 24-36 months)

Or do you just want to be kept in the loop?

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org to join the listserv!

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 for more information.

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration Packets can be found on the website at sfxlg.org.

If you have any questions, please email Terri Simeoni at 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



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Eat Better, Feel Better December 14 - 20

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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>



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.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

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

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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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