



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
2nd Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2023

PLEASED



“This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well
pleased; listen to him.”

MATTHEW 17:5B

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, March 6	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack	
Tuesday, March 7	Morning Mass	8:30 am	The DiMarco Family	TMIY
Wednesday, March 8	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Robert J. Burns, Sr.	Joan Potsch
Thursday, March 9	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, March 10	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Scott Solbert	Tony Seibert
Saturday, March 11	Mass	8:30 am	People of the Parish	
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Joy Kuchler	The Mattern Family
Sunday, March 12 4th Sunday of Lent	Mass	7:30 am	Aldona Smulkstys	Nancy Cozzi & Lou Freda
	Mass	9:00 am	Linda McMahon	The Hester Family
	Mass	11:00 am	Kelly Sorrentino	Nancy Cozzi
	Mass	5:00 pm	Jerry McBride	The Burke & Reilly Families

President's Schedule for March 4-5, 2023

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

Please pray for . . .

John Amato	Mary Ellen Leslie
John Baggio	Lisa Massaro
Linda Bieniek	Mary Jo McMahon
Dick Callahan	Patrick Morgan
Pat Callahan	Gert Ogilvie
Michael Cannon	Jane O'Reilly
Jay Carroll	Karen Payne
Chili Challenger	Beth Pfluger
Laurie Coughlan	Geri Pfluger
Blake Donegan	Lorelei Przybylski
Victoria Donile	Madison Raupp
Barbara Doyle	Anna Rose
Matthew Doyle	Pat Saraz
Rosemary Fanta	Santa Snieg
Lily Fielding	Rita Mae Spearman
Jim French	Barbara Stewart
Kathy Gleason	John Stopka
Lilli Gregory	John Strougal
Wilson Gregory	Judith Sutfin
Angela Hill	Olivia Tarsney
Rose Ilo	Theresa Toher
Mary J.	Rose Wall
Jane Jacobsen	Liz Wilk
Theresa Kandall	Bonnie Yakowicz
Mark Kiley	

To add a name to the prayer list for friends and relatives who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168. Know that our parish prays daily for the sick and the dying.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Laura McGhee

Wife of Bill and Mother of Richard

Irene O'Connor

Sister of the late Eleanor & Fr. Jim

Severin "Paul" Roth

Beloved Member of Our Community

Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday at 7:45 am
for Stations of the Cross.



Make a gift to the Sunday
Offertory with this QR Code.
Thank you for your support!



Pastor's Letter

*Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."
Matthew 17:7*

Peter, James, and John were overwhelmed after seeing Moses and Elijah conversing with Jesus and hearing God's voice declaring Jesus as God's beloved Son. They were terrified and set their faces to the ground. Jesus calls them to rise and let go of their fear. Like Abraham, Moses, and Elijah, they are to journey where God will lead them, trusting in God's loving presence. He will begin to speak of the journey to Jerusalem and the suffering and death that awaits him before God will raise him from the dead. He offers them this moment of glory to strengthen them for the journey. They will fall to the ground and abandon Jesus in his greatest hour of need. *But he will again lift them up and send them out on mission; he will again tell them that they need not fear.*

Are we afraid to meet Jesus face to face? If we get a passing sense of God's presence in private prayer or in some experience, how do we respond? Do we accept that our worthiness as disciples comes, not from our own efforts, but from a loving God who invites and sends us on mission to bring the message of God's love to others? Will we allow Jesus to raise us up from whatever may put our faces in the dirt and walk with him the journey that will involve suffering and death, but that will end in resurrection? These are the questions of the Second Week of Lent.

Three parish funerals give witness to the breadth of loving support of this parish family. **Last Monday**, we celebrated a Funeral Mass for **Irene O'Connor**, a survivor of childhood polio. Irene is the last of three siblings, including Fr. Jim O'Connor and Eleanor O'Connor. She was a dedicated servant to those with physical disabilities in the days when church facilities were inaccessible to so many. She also used her talents as a bank executive to volunteer as the parish accountant after her retirement. **Last Thursday**, we celebrated a Funeral Mass for **Laura McGhee**, who has been the art teacher at St. Francis Xavier Elementary School for many years. We will miss her talent and her wit and will remember her for the annual eighth grade art project. This **Wednesday**, we will celebrate a Funeral Mass for **Severin Paul Roth**, known to most of us as Paul and who regularly joined us for Sunday Mass. Paul was homeless and preferred to live in the local forest preserves. As he walked our streets, his friendly face became familiar to many in our area. Paul died of unknown causes last fall, and his cremated remains were released only recently. We will celebrate his life on what would have been **his 68th birthday**.

If you have not yet completed the **Disciple Missionary Index**, I encourage you to follow the link in this bulletin or on our website. If you prefer a paper survey, they are available at all church doors. The Archdiocese hopes to use the information gained from this process in future discernment of which priest's interests and talents will best serve each faith community.

Let us pray for one another. Memo pads remain in Unity Hall and at the church doors on which you can write a prayer intention for this Lent. Place the slip in one of the three glass bowls in front of the altar. The bowls are a request and a reminder for us to *keep one another in prayer this Lent*, especially the intentions that others have placed in the bowls. May our prayers for one another draw us deeper into communion in Christ.

Lenten Peace,

Fr. Bill

SHARE YOUR VOICE
SUPPORT OUR PARISH

It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Please help by completing the short, 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible. Visit catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code below.

The link can also be found in Quicklinks on our website.

We will provide hard copies of the survey at the church doors.

The survey is available until **March 31** and will ask you to consider your spiritual growth and provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are **anonymous** and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.

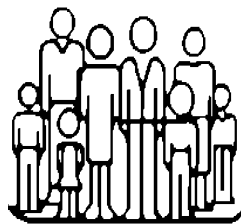
Thank you for helping our parish!



Welcome

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

Richard & Audrey Allison
Fabiél Campos & Kasey Mather
Daniel & Amy Eckberg
Thomas DeMay & Margaret Haas
Patrick Foley & Maura Johnson
Salem & Marilyn Husary
Joanne Koszarek
Carole Kulinski
Jack & Lisa Mancione
John & Patricia Miller
Beau & Jessica Nagan
Rocco & Astrid Pruger
Jerome & Kirby Smith
Jeff & Taylor Tomlinson
James Zatopa & Brittany Hanks



Severin "Paul" Roth
Funeral Mass
Wednesday, March 8 10:00 am
St. Francis Xavier Church



RoseMarie Lipinski College Scholarship Foundation

The RoseMarie Lipinski scholarship valued at \$10,000 is awarded annually to encourage women to return to or start college. The scholarship is intended to help a mother, who has at least two children in elementary school and or high school at the time of the application submission. The scholarship will be awarded to a mother to help her start or return to college to advance her own education and pursue a career.

For more information visit <https://rosemarielipinskifoundation.com/> for details. The deadline to apply is April 19, 2023. You may also call Bill Lipinski at 773-860-1617 for more information or email billlipinski@hotmail.com.

Reflection for the 2nd Sunday in Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #2

Carol Aronson, Barb Budak, Bernadette McMahon,
Diane Redmond, and Joan Stopka

Today we are asked to put our faith and trust in God. In the first reading, Abram is asked to leave his own home and go out into the unknown. He walks out in faith as the Lord directs him to do. God invites us too to walk in faith, to face whatever might come our way with the knowledge that he is with us on the journey.

The gospel appeals to our senses of sight and sound. High on a mountain the apostles see Jesus transformed, his outward form changes before their own eyes. Then they hear the voice of God proclaiming his pride and deep love for his son. Do we recognize Jesus when we encounter him? Are we receptive to his voice in our inner being? Are we open to being transformed?

Home-Building Trip



Ever wonder what it's like to build a house? And do so with a group of friends and family?

Find out this summer when you travel to Clarksdale, Mississippi as a volunteer with the Fuller Center for Housing, formerly Habitat for Humanity, like so many St. Francis Xavier parishioners have done for over 25 years!

Pull together your own group, or join an existing team of volunteers, and help families in need achieve the strength, stability and independence to build a better life.

In your spare time, explore the town known as "The Birthplace of the Blues", take a swim in the Mississippi River, and experience live music at a different local venue every night.

Interested? Reach out to Chris O'Hea at 708-214-4976 or chris.ohesa@yahoo.com.

Volunteers must be at least 13 years old. No prior building experience required.

For more information, check out the group's website at clarksdalefullercenter.org.

Time to Start Planning for the Companions' Mother's Day Project

Communication with loved ones is very important for people who are imprisoned. It helps keep them grounded and better prepares them for their release. It is also important for families, especially children, to hear from their loved ones. Here at Companions we facilitate that process by providing pretty cards and stationery to juveniles, women and a few men so they have pretty materials to use, especially at Mother's Day. Once again we are asking for your help.

Materials we need: Mother's Day cards, thinking of you cards, stationery, blank note cards, gallon Ziploc bags, reams of colored paper, postage stamps, donations to help cover delivery costs.

Please put your donation in the box at the back of church by March 5. Thank you for your loving outreach. Here's a sample of last year's responses:

*"The cards in my packet were so pretty.
Thank you for remembering us."*

"You can't know how much it means to know that there are people who care for me and my children."

SFX MEN'S CLUB

Get involved in the parish – we need your help!

Monthly meetings on the
1st Tuesday of the month!

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 7

Contact Matt Hubert at mthubert@gmail.com
or Jack Horrigan at jfhorrigan@gmail.com
for more information.



Interested in Becoming a St. Francis Xavier School Advisory Board Member?

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 & parish community.

The purpose of the School Advisory Board is to:

- Advise school leadership on the 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 twelve members who each serve a three-year term. Each Board member serves on one of the following committees:

- Catholic Identity
- Marketing & Development
- Finance
- Strategic Planning



* FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/2023 *

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 **Mike Stritch** at mstritch04@gmail.com (847) 922-7460, or **Stuart Smith** at ssmith@slaytonsearch.com (708) 837-8748. An application and more detailed information about the Board can be found on the St. Francis Xavier School Web site sfxlq.org/school under "Parent Resources".

Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed.

NO GREATER LOVE

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH
CHRIST'S PASSION



In No Greater Love, You Will Experience the Unconditional Love Christ Has for You

We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to

walk more closely with him today.

No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program (book with accompanying video presentation [preview](#)) that begins Monday, March 6 from 7:00-8:30 in Unity Hall. To purchase the book, follow this [link](#); it is also available through on-line bookstores. If assistance is needed to purchase the book or for more information, contact Katie Kanzer at k.f.kanzer@gmail.com or 773.860.5283. Register [here](#) or via the Lenten Faith Formation quick link on our website (sfxlq.org).

Lent 2023

Began on February 22nd!



SFX Women's Retreat 2023 Lenten Offerings *"Loaves and Fishes"*

Lenten Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina means "divine reading" in Latin.

It's a meditative way of reading the Bible in which we attempt to let go of our own agendas, let the Spirit guide our understanding, and open ourselves up to what God is trying to say to us. Join us Tuesdays at 8:10 am-8:45 am (began on February 28th) in Unity Hall. Bringing your own Bible is encouraged, but not required.

Wednesday Morning Rosary

Women of all ages are invited to join us for this early morning rosary on Zoom. It starts at 7:15 and concludes by 7:45. It's a great way to start the day - and no need to get "camera ready" before you come. You are welcome just as you are!

Lenten Word & Communion Service

Join us Thursday mornings at 7:30 am during Lent for a special Word and Communion service, which will be led by the Women's Retreat 2023 team, but is open to all parishioners and friends. Start the day exploring what God is calling us to this Lent through dedicated time with God's Word and the Eucharist. All are welcome!

Stations of the Cross from Mary's Point of View

Join us in the Church at 7:00 pm on Wed, March 15th followed by fellowship in the Courtyard Room.

[Click here to sign up!](#)



Scan here to sign up!



ST. PHOEBE

Diakonos of the church

Women's Leadership in the Catholic Church



Pope Francis has asked all Catholics around the world to engage in prayerful conversations about the movements of the Holy Spirit in the Church today resulting in a synodal document entitled "Enlarge the Space in your Tent". [Click here](#) for full document.

Female leadership in the Church and restoration of women to the diaconate has been a consistent theme globally.

"The call for a conversion of the Church's culture, for the salvation of the world, is linked in concrete terms to the possibility of establishing a new culture, with new practices and structures. A critical and urgent area in this regard concerns the role of women and their vocation, rooted in our common baptismal dignity, to participate fully in the life of the Church. A growing awareness and sensitivity towards this issue is registered all over the world." (paragraph 60)

Earlier this year, more than 60 parishioners and community members participated in 3 listening sessions to reflect on paragraphs 60-65 of the document that focused on **Re-thinking Women's Participation in the Church**. Participants were asked to provide feedback on areas of resonance and tension within the text as well as opportunities for action through the synod. The fruits of the listening sessions were sent to the Archdiocese of Chicago and will be included in the next phase of the synod.

Overall, there was a general agreement that women are the backbone of the Church. They are Called to serve the Church in areas of governance, preaching and service so that ALL feel welcomed. The need for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon women is **critical** and **urgent**. So much good can come from this **right now**. As a Church, we need these gifts, not out of necessity, but because they can lead to a more inclusive, loving and transformative Church that can bring Catholics back to the Eucharist and inspire the next generation.



A Special Thanks to Team Members Mary Freeman, Martie Lukanich, Maggie McMahon, Katie Mulcahy, Ellen Nieman and Maureen Windmoeller and Discerning Deacons.

For more information or to join the team, contact: Katie Mulcahy at katie@theowensfdn.org

For more information on the Catholic Church's discernment of women and the diaconate, [click here](#).

Fruits of St Francis Xavier Listening Sessions

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED!



What themes emerged?

- This is a time for conversion in the Church, conversion is for all of us, led by God and the Holy Spirit.
- Women have a fundamental equality and dignity from our Baptismal promise.
- Women bring intuition and a different perspective, and need to have a seat at the table in all areas of governance and decision-making.
- Women are bringing children and families to Mass, teaching religious education, preparing others for the Sacraments and taking care of those on the margins.
- Gratitude and recognition that women religious use synodal practices in all that they do. They are visionaries and they do not exclude anyone from their tables. The hierarchy of the Church should follow their lead.
- Women would bring a new perspective, relatability and deep vulnerability to their preaching. It could lead to women in the community saying: "They get me." "I belong!"
- Recognition that church salaries constitute cheap labor (women religious, women in ministry, including education) many of which are poverty level incomes.
- The pandemic was a global event that caused a change in attitudes and ways of doing things, including church practices. We must seize this opportunity for cultural changes that are long overdue. The timing is NOW!

SAVE THE DATES!

4/3/23 7pm: Discerning Deacons Prayer Service hosted by SFX Women on zoom. [Click](#) here for the Zoom link.

4/19/23 6-8pm: Prayerful Pep Rally on Women's Leadership in the Church at the Catholic Theological Union

9/3/23: Feast of St Phoebe Celebration at SFX

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

I pick up that gauntlet."

Pope Francis, 2019

Girl's Church League Basketball

Hey, High School Girls! Join us for HOOPS!

We're forming teams for our girls basketball Church League this spring! Practices will be once a week with games on Saturday nights, 4/15 through 5/20. Cost is \$50 and includes team t-shirts. Go to sfxlg.org under Youth Ministry to register. Grab your friends and let's get teams together to play against St. John of the Cross, St. Cletus, First United Methodist in LaGrange and Western Springs First Congregational Church! **Registration ENDS on March 15.**



Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

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

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

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

Any questions, please contact Mary Ellyn Witt at mewittlagrange@yahoo.com.

Saturday Meals Program at First Congressional Church of LaGrange

Join St. Francis Family Outreach Ministry as we prepare and serve a hot meal to the needy at the First Congressional Church's Saturday Meals Program on Saturday, March 18, 2023. There are two time slots from which to choose:

10:00-11:30 AM: Food prep and cooking

11:30 AM-1:00 PM: Food serving & clean up

If this date doesn't work for you, we will return to Saturday Meals Program every other month through May 2023, so hope you can find a date and time that works!

Volunteers must be vaccinated and at least 16 years old or 13 years old if accompanied by an adult.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/30E0445A5A62DAA8-saturday>

Interfaith Career Network


Little Known Tips and Ideas for Surviving Your Job Search and Successfully Landing Your Desired Position
Proven tactics, underutilized approaches, little known tips for surviving your job search...want to know more? Join ICN on Thursday, March 16 from 7:00-9:00 pm. You'll take away a wealth of information from our presenter, Tim Koch, on how to land your desired position. With extensive experience in preparing applicants strategically and mentally, Tim assists individuals to cope with what can otherwise be a stressful search. He candidly and kindly provides two perspectives - that as the one doing the hiring (Deloitte, Amoco, et al) as well as the one applying for the position. Tim has interviewed and successfully hired hundreds of people, at various levels, across numerous industries (including both for-profit and not-for-profit) and looks forward to sharing his expertise with you. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome! For additional information, visit www.interfaithcareernetwork.com.




**TEEN YOUTH
MINISTRY**

TRIVIA NIGHT

Sunday **March 5**



Teens are invited to attend the 5pm Mass at SFX and then head to Unity Hall for a night of fun! Please register your teen on the website so we can have an accurate number for food!



SAVE THE DATE!

ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

Shelter Homeless Feed Hungry Bury Dead
Clothe Naked Care for Sick Visit Imprisoned

All Parish Service Day 2023

If you have questions, ideas, or would like to lead an outreach team, please contact:
Mary Freeman, Dir. Of Community Outreach
mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.



Present Moment: Only Moment

Thursday, March 9 • 6:30 - 8pm (CT)

Facilitator Margaret Swedish *Hybrid*

As climate changes and cultures unravel, part of the spiritual work of this time of enormous transition is to live as fully as we can in the present moment. Drawing from the work of Thich Nhat Hahn, Margaret Swedish will lead us in practices to help "realize peace right in the present moment with our look, our smile, our words, and our actions." Cost: \$25

To The End: Film Screening and Discussion

Sunday, March 12 from 11AM-1PM (CT) *Hybrid*
cosponsored with One Earth Film Festival

Filmed over four years of hope and crisis, this uplifting documentary captures the emergence of a new generation of leaders and the movement behind the most sweeping climate change legislation in U.S. history. *Teens and Young Adults are encouraged to attend* Cost: Free. To register go to: oneearthfilmfest.org/films-az-2023/to-the-end.

Senior Women's Group To Meet

The Senior Women's Group is pleased to have Nancy Cummings as a speaker on Wednesday, March 15. We gather after the 8:30 Mass in Unity Hall for light refreshment and begin the presentation about 9:30.

Nancy will speak about her personal background, education, job experience prior to the LaGrange Business Association, and her work with the LaGrange Business Association. At the end of her emails Nancy sometimes includes a tidbit uncovered in her work. For example, "Amount that stays in our community when you spend \$100: At a locally owned business it is \$68. At a chain store it is \$43."

Nancy has been a long-time parishioner of St. Francis Xavier. She has helped to plan and coordinate various social events in the parish. She has rolled up her sleeves to pack food at the Greater Chicago Food Depository to benefit our food pantry.

Come and join us for information, fellowship, and a few treats as we renew old acquaintances and meet new friends.

Social Justice Trip to El Salvador

Centro de Intercambio y Solidaridad (CIS) invites those who are interested to join the Saint Romero Social Justice Delegation on a trip to El Salvador from March 20-27. The trip includes a visit to the home and tomb of El Salvadoran bishop, St. Oscar Romero, and an opportunity to learn about initiatives in the areas of women's empowerment, anti-violence and peace, and environmental and water rights. For more information, go to cis-elsalvador.org or contact parishioner Ed Osowski, 312-590-3450.



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

- **Commander Robert O'Donnell**—son of Agnes O'Donnell
- **Staff Sgt. Bryan Pickens, U.S. Army Airborne Ranger 1-75th Ranger Battalion RGR REGT**—
son of Rob & Bernadette Pickens and brother of Robert & Gabriel
- **Lt. Commander Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
sons of Mark & Martie Lukanich
- **Staff Sgt. Scott Blunk**—husband of Brianne and son-in-law of Maureen Becker
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **Spec Timothy Lucas U.S. Army**—nephew of Rosemary and Sr. Kathleen Lucas, and Kate & Beau Medlock
- **Chris Johnson, USCG**—nephew of Judi Kudlacz and grandson of Jerry & Nancy Johnson
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **Sgt. Rob Parisi, U.S. Army 7ATC**—son of Chuck and Kathi Parisi, Brother of Caitlin & Jack and Grandson of Robert J. Lynch
- **Lt. Brendan Short, U.S. Army Airborne**—nephew of Don & Rita Baumgart
- **1st Lieutenant Mitchell Ciszewski, USMC**—son of Bob & Pat Ciszewski
- **Colonel Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini

**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...
and please let us know when friends and loved ones
return from their deployment Overseas.
Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.**

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

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Rectory Hours

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

Weekday Masses at St. Francis Xavier Church

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every 3rd Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

St. Cletus (Monday - Friday).....9:00 am-12:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays at St. Cletus

St. John of the Cross (Monday - Saturday).....8:00 -10:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting all bulletin articles is 9:00 am on the Monday preceding the Sunday of publication. If a holiday falls on a Monday, articles are due by 12:00 Noon on the previous Thursday. Please email all articles to the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.

Domestic Violence Resources

Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
LaGrange Police Emergency Assistance 911 or 708-579-2354

Food Pantry

The St. Francis Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The pantry serves clients who live in the 60525 and 60526 zip codes. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

Home or Hospital Visitation & Communion Calls

If you would like a priest or Minister of Care to visit, please contact the Parish Office directly. In the case of hospitalization, specifically request that the hospital contact the parish. Hospitals do not routinely inform churches of admissions due to Privacy Laws.

Infant Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office to schedule your child's baptism or email Missy Westerhoff at sfxinlg@sfxlg.org to schedule a date.

Marriage

Please call the rectory office at the time of your engagement to schedule your wedding. We ask that you are a registered parishioner for 6 months before requesting your wedding date. Saturday wedding times are 1:00 and 3:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually scheduled on Friday evening. We do not schedule weddings during Lent.

Parish Counselor

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

All counseling services are confidential and respectful. If you are curious about self-exploration, need help managing your mood and anxiety, long for a quiet and safe space, or feel the need to recalibrate, consider making an appointment, with our parish counselor, BC Shelly, from the Claret Center. He can be reached by phone 704-750-0686 or email bc.shelly.claret@gmail.com.

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