

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day



*Mother's
Day*

**Her children
arise and call
her blessed**

Proverbs 31:28

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, May 10	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Mark Wilk Mary Duggan Philbin Michael Lang Stanley Humecke Tom Carroll	Liz Wilk Mary Therese Carlson The Lang Family Jerry & Nancy Johnson Phil & Marion Hannigan
Tuesday, May 11	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Cookie Hofstetter	Jacquelyn Van Gorp
Wednesday, May 12	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Barbara Shifley	The Shifley Family
Thursday, May 13	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, May 14	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese	
Saturday, May 15	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Margaret Dold	The Clayton Family
Sunday, May 16 Ascension of the Lord	Mass Mass Mass Mass	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	People of the Parish Tom Mulvenna John Cannon Special Intention (Living)	Sr. Rosemary & Sr. Marlene, CSJ The Cannon Family

Presider's Schedule for May 8-9, 2021~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk **7:30 am** Fr. Tkachuk **9:00 am** Fr. Milek **11:00 am** Fr. Tkachuk **No 5:00 pm Mass**

Please Pray For...

Michael Barnes	Michael Janus	Donna Pekarek
Diane Bereckis	Peter Johns	Carolyn Peters
John Bovard	Jerry Johnson	James Pridmore
Nick Bowman	Theresa Kandall	Baby Lucia R.
Jay Carroll	Wayne Kardatzke	Fran Rassi
Chili Challender	Rose Kazan	Madison Raupp
Marek Chyczewski	Mark Kiley	Anna Rose
Carol Coughlan	Robert Kozak	Frances Rossi
Mary Culin	Ed Maloney	Peter Sannasardo
Anthony Dina	Jim Martin	Rita Scalcon
Frank DiSilvio	Enrique Martinez	Matthew Schiek
Blake Donegan	Lisa Massaro	Larry Skipet
Matt Doyle	Mary McMahan	Greyson Stanley
Wendy Einspar	Patrick Morgan	James Stapel
Lily Fielding	Mike Morrison	Marc Such
Will Fleming	Baby Amy Nesterowicz	Sarah Such
Leo Gannon	Carolyn Nesterowicz	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Mary Grand	Bernice Niemiec	Jodee Tuttle
Lilli Gregory	Gert Ogilvie	Michael Ungari
Wilson Gregory	Joan O'Halloran	Gregory Van Gorp
Frank Hoos	Arnold Oppenheim	Helena Walden
Rose Ilo	Jane O'Reilly	Marian Ward
Mary J.	Shawna Palazzolo	Maribeth Watkins
Jane Jacobsen	Ryan Patyk	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.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Bren Ortega Murphy
Wife of Deacon Chris Murphy

Peter Vlach
Brother of Christine Conners

Readings For The Week of May 9, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/
1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Pastor's Notes

*"It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you to go
and bear fruit that will remain."*

John 15:16

"I never chose to be brought into this family!" Parents may hear these or similar words from an angry child or frustrated teen. It is true for most of us; but its deeper truth it is indeed parents who choose us, and who guide and provide for us from childhood into young adulthood. They choose us as a way for their love to bear fruit. They love us on our good days and on those days when they love us without necessarily "liking" us. They love us through our successes and failures, our hopes and our fears, and in our quest to discern our gifts and how God calls us to share those gifts with the world.

This weekend, we in this country honor mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, birth mothers, and all the women who chose to love us into life, so that our lives might bear fruit that will remain. We honor their sacrifices made, out of love, to provide a home in which we might grow and bear fruit. We honor their willingness to persevere through difficult moments and to love us no matter what. And if we carry some unresolved wound in our relationship with our mothers, we seek the grace to accept their limits and seek peace, whether in person on earth or through prayer to their souls in heaven.

I encourage you to set aside some moments to share your reflections on the women who have been mothers in your lives. Then write a note (mom's love this), make a phone call, plan a visit, or say a prayer for them. Mothers are the first to show us the love of God in Jesus, months before we are born into this world. They

are our first evangelizers who witness the gospel of love through their words and actions. May their love in us bear fruit for family, friends, and those most in need of another's love.

A **special thanks** to all who offered their time and talent for our four Confirmation Masses and five First Eucharist Masses over the past two weekends. Thanks to Fr. Rich and Maggie McMahon, who completed a year of guiding our Freshman Quest Confirmation Program for the first time; and **special thanks to Terri Simeoni**, who coordinated our First Communion preparation for what was her last time (if our search committee finds a qualified replacement so that she can retire). You all helped our children and young people realize that they are loved by this parish community and important to us. Thanks also to Mary Freeman, Maggie McMahon, and all the parents who coordinated the celebration at the Sunday 5:00PM Mass for our parish high school graduating seniors. Indeed, it takes a village; and this is a great village in which to live and worship.

Beginning next weekend, we return to a schedule of five weekend Masses: Saturday at 5PM and Sunday at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00AM and 5:00PM. This expands our potential seating capacity from 480 to 600 individuals. We hope to continue the Sunday 5:00PM Mass beyond Memorial Day, based on ongoing attendance. Please "vote with your feet" (presence) if you would like to see this Mass continue throughout the summer. **Thanks to all** who continue to give so generously of your time, talent, and treasure so that God may bear fruit through and in us! **May we go forth to bear the fruits of God's love.**

Easter Blessings,

J. Bill



Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection



The face of need is mothers and children.

The face of hope is you.

On May 9, your gift to the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection ensures that mothers with children—those bearing the disproportionate impact of the pandemic—will have access to the food, rental assistance, and counseling they need to rebuild.

What better way to honor the mothers in our lives than helping other moms support and strengthen their families?

Please text HOPE to 878787, send your gift to Catholic Charities using the envelope provided at the back of church, or go to <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1931/event/26966>.

Outreach From Catholic Charities

Counseling Support Line:

If the pandemic has you feeling anxious or depressed and you'd like to talk with a counselor, please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at 312-948-6951 anytime Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm. Spanish-speaking counselors are available. If you leave a message after hours, a counselor will call you back.

Legal Assistance Available:

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department has attorneys and volunteer attorneys available to provide advice in numerous areas of law. If you are unsure about your legal rights or lost in the legal system, they can help. Services include in-depth advice and possible direct representation on many issues, including landlord/tenant disputes, family law, consumer and debtor rights, foreclosure, employment issues, orders of protection, power of attorney, and more. CCLA provides free to low-cost legal services to eligible low-income individuals. For help and more information, contact the legal advice line at 312-948-6821.

The Archdiocese of Chicago Is Hiring

Are you seeking an opportunity to draw closer to our Lord through your work? Consider applying your professional strengths and experience at the service of sharing Christ with others. The Archdiocese of Chicago is in the midst of exciting changes as we renew our local Church. With our competitive salary and benefit packages, the archdiocese provides many opportunities for professional and personal growth and development. For the listing of current openings, please visit archchicago.org/careers or follow us on LinkedIn.

The Archdiocese of Chicago, pastored by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, has more than 15,000 employees that serve more than 2.2 million Catholics in Cook and Lake Counties. Our elementary and secondary schools comprise one of the largest U.S. private school systems and have garnered more U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Awards than any system of any type.

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.



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Spring 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mothers are the great unsung heroes of the pandemic. And they need our help.

The responsibilities and stresses of motherhood have increased tenfold over this past year. Keeping family members healthy, housed, fed, on-task with schoolwork, and supported amidst fear and uncertainty is a staggering undertaking.

Add to this the hospitalization or deaths of loved ones from COVID-19; lost jobs, wages, and child care; and the complete erasure of what little stability many families could count on, and you begin to understand the devastation the pandemic has wrought for so many mothers.

The health and economic repercussions of COVID-a9 have been disproportionate for people already facing the challenges of poverty, food insecurity, mental health challenges and lack of health care. This is particularly true for women of color, who have experienced higher rates of infection, more loss of life and greater job losses.

Your gift to the Catholic Charities Mother Day Collection means those bearing the most direct impact of this crisis don't have to struggle and lose ground they've worked so hard for. Your gift means they can access the resources—food, rental assistance, counseling—and professional help they need to ensure their families don't fall further behind.

What better way to honor our own mothers and other women we admire than by helping another mom provide for and strengthen her own family? To be part of their resilience and success? To live out the lessons our mothers—many of whom had their own struggles—worked hard to ingrain in us.

You have my sincere gratitude for your past support of the Mother's Day Collection, and my most urgent plea to give again. Contributions can be made at www.catholiccharities.net/donate or mail your gift to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60654.

This Mother's Day, the face of need is mothers and their children; the face of hope is you. Please join Catholic Charities in bringing God's infinite mercy and profound hope to thousands of mothers who are heroically shepherding their families through this unprecedented time.

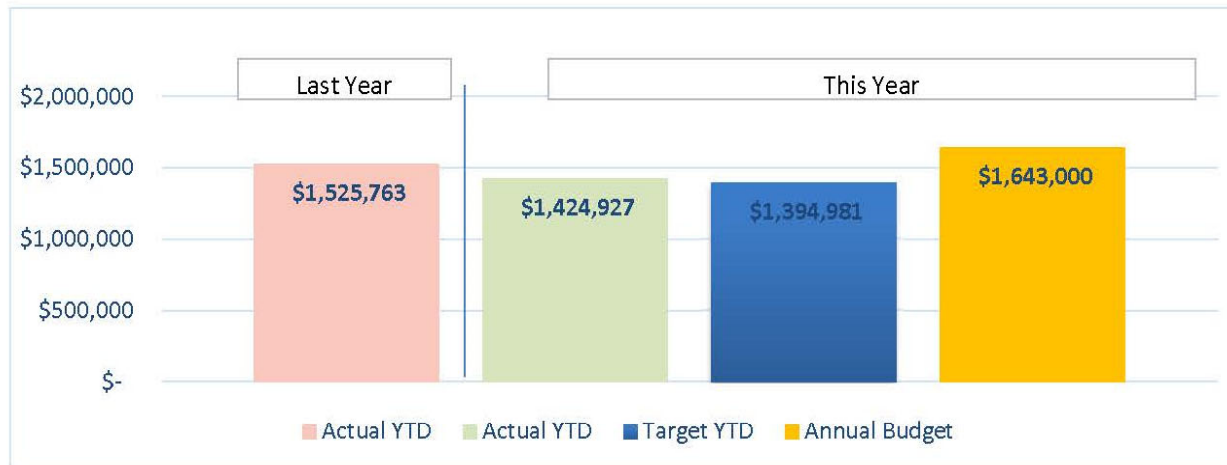
Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Archbishop of Chicago



Our Finances as of April 30, 2021



Note: This budget target of \$1,643,000 assumes an operating deficit of \$148,000 by the end of the fiscal year, which will be covered by operating savings unless extra donations are received.

Sunday Offertory	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	+	Other Offertory*	=	April Totals
April 2021	\$ 72,998		\$ 24,350		\$ 22,350		\$ 119,698
April 2020	\$ 70,083		\$ 24,710		\$ 1,400		\$ 96,193

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

Correction of March 31, 2021 offertory results. In our April bulletin, we reported that offertory was down \$181,000 over the previous year. That amount was an error due to the timing of incorporating our Easter 2020 results into our figures. In fact, our offertory was down as of March 31, 2020 by about \$122,000 over the previous year. We apologize for this reporting error. We continue to anticipate that our budgeted deficit will be substantially reduced by the end of our fiscal year, as reported in the April bulletin.

The graph above fully incorporates this year AND last year's Easter results, through April 30, and shows our offertory is \$100,000 below a year ago. Our Easter budget is \$80,000; through April 30, we have received \$66,455.

As we prepare our annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, we are projecting that the parish will need to return to pre-COVID offertory levels in order to break even. With the reinstatement of the retirement plan contributions, return to normalized staffing levels and other expenses as our campus reopens, our expected breakeven offertory level is in the \$1.85 million range, similar to 2019 fiscal year levels. The 2021-2022 fiscal year budget has been developed. Look for an update in our June bulletins.

We are truly blessed to be a part of this community - thank you for your investment in our mission here at St. Francis Xavier!



Habitat for Humanity transitioning to Fuller Center for Housing



For over 25 years, St. Francis Xavier has been sending groups of volunteers to the Mississippi Delta to build homes with Clarksdale Area Habitat for Humanity. In fact, plans are in place for construction of the 50th volunteer-built house in Clarksdale this summer - with one important change.

The local chapter has decided to align itself with a new organization – The Fuller Center for Housing.

Headquartered in Americus, Georgia, The Fuller Center for Housing was founded in 2005 by Millard and Linda Fuller, the same couple who founded Habitat for Humanity in 1976. The Fullers founded the nonprofit as a recommitment to the grassroots, Christian principles with which they launched their original affordable housing movement several decades ago.

A 1996 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Millard passed away in 2009, but Linda remains active in the ministry. The Fuller Center for Housing has been given a 100% score for accountability and transparency by Charity Navigator, and has received GuideStar's highest-level Platinum rating for transparency as well.

The Fuller Center for Housing (www.fullercenter.org) builds and repairs homes in more than 70 U.S. communities and more than 20 countries around the world. Much like Habitat, homeowners are full partners in the building process, contributing “sweat equity” as they work alongside volunteers, then repaying the costs of materials on terms they can afford, with no interest charged or profit made.

The second collection for this ministry will take place at masses during the weekend of April 16th. Donations placed in Habitat envelopes will be credited to Fuller Center. Also, you may donate online at [Fuller Center \(Habitat for Humanity\) \(givecentral.org\)](http://Fuller Center (Habitat for Humanity) (givecentral.org)).

For more information, please contact Mary Freeman (mfreeman@sfxlg.org) who can forward your message to one of our Fuller Center coordinators.



Interfaith Community Partners

Did you know? ICP volunteers can drive older adults (60+) to get their COVID vaccines if they have no other way to get there. Please think about your older adult neighbors who may need help during this difficult time and share ICP's office phone number: 708-354-9328.

Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide escorted transportation for people 60 and better to get to places like physician appointments and therapies. We do not charge our clients and ask for suggested donations, when able.

Interfaith Community Partners also offers Library Home Delivery Service. We need volunteer drivers! We'll train you via Zoom. We'll work around your busy life. Background check required. Find out more about Interfaith Community Partners!



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BRICK PAYER ORDER FORM



For payment by check only use this form.

For Credit orders, please [Click here](#)

Bricks are available in 2 sizes:
Small bricks 4"x 8" \$175
Large bricks 8"x 8" \$300

Please submit your order form by June 30th.

Installation date is subject to a minimum of 10 brick orders.

Each line has 13 characters

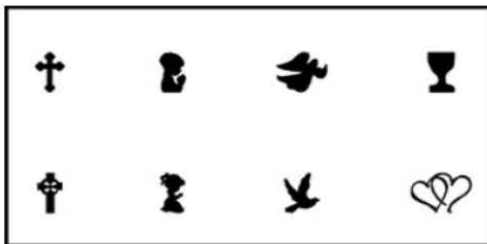
Small Bricks – 3 lines

Large Bricks – 6 lines

All engraving will be case specific (upper and lowercase).

Spaces between words count as characters.

Optional icons: If you wish to include an icon, please **circle one** from the options below. **Allow 3 consecutive spaces on 2 lines.**



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For Large Bricks

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

All messages are subject to approval.

Please return this form to the Rectory with check payment payable to: St. Francis Xavier Parish.

For office only: Date Received _____ Amount Paid \$ _____ Check # _____

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ST FRANCIS XAVIER DAY SCHOOL & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ORDER FORM



For payment by check only use this form.

For Credit orders, please [Click here](#)

Bricks are available in 2 sizes:
Small bricks 4"x 8" \$175
Large bricks 8"x 8" \$300

Please submit your order form by June 30th.

Installation date is subject to a minimum of 10 brick orders.

For Small Bricks

All engraving will be uppercase only. Spaces between words count as characters.

Day School Icon: Allow **SIX** consecutive spaces on 2 lines & **THREE** consecutive spaces on the 3rd line.

RE Icon: Allow 3 consecutive spaces on 2 lines for small brick and 6 consecutive spaces on 3 lines for large brick.

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Day School



Religious Education

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Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

Easter Season 🌱 ALLELUIA!

Happy Mother's Day! *from SFX Elizabeth Ministry*

"Women accompanying women through the joys, trials, and sorrows of the childbearing years."

Save the Date: Mass for Mothers – Monday, May 24 (late evening)

Join a community of spiritual, biological, adoptive, foster, or future mothers to pray, celebrate, and journey together through all the ups and downs of motherhood!

We'd love to have you regardless of your experience of motherhood thus far:

- pregnant mothers
- new mothers
- trying to conceive
- seeking to foster or adopt
- mourning the loss of the child (no matter how recent/long ago)
- grandmothers, godmothers, spiritual mothers!



[Click here](#) (or email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) to get connected.

COVID Stories – Community Listening

This spring and summer, the SFX community will come together to hear and reflect upon one another's "COVID Stories." How has COVID affected our: Teens? Senior members? Families? Young adults?

If you would like to share your story, please email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org

Event dates coming soon!

"Toddling Together" – *Families with Kids Under 5*

Or are you interested in any of the following events with other families of young kids?

- Backyard Babies outdoor social gathering
- Zoo dates
- "Baby & Me" Catholic Gymboree
- Casual park meet-ups?

Or do you just want to be kept "in the loop"? [Click here](#) (or email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) to join the listserv!

Summer Scripture Series:

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

June 3, 10, 17, and 24

Attend one or all sessions. [Click here](#) or email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org to register

We encourage all to follow SFX School on social media



SFX School Instagram: [SFXLG.ORG/SCHOOL](https://www.instagram.com/SFXLG.ORG/SCHOOL)

Facebook SFX School site: [facebook.com/SFX.LG](https://www.facebook.com/SFX.LG)

Facebook SFX Alumni site:
[facebook.com/SFXLGALUMNI](https://www.facebook.com/SFXLGALUMNI)

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

SFX VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOUR

<https://vimeo.com/506617250>

See the latest happenings at the day school:

On behalf of the Food Pantry at St. Francis Xavier Parish, LaGrange, IL, and the Positive School Committee, we thank you for your overwhelming support on Essential Items Day!
<https://vimeo.com/516377296>

On St. Paddy's Day, a lucky leprechaun won \$1,000 in our early bird drawing. Watch the video below to find out who. Don't forget to enter the drawing for our grand prize of \$15,000!!!
<http://www.sfxraffle.com>

Family Reading Night - Dr Seuss Day 2021

<https://vimeo.com/519201281>

Drawing the Face of Jesus

<https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/527955124>



LA GRANGE *and* BEYOND

Saint Francis Xavier School has students from 20 different ZIP Codes.

Contact us today to learn more about what Saint Francis Xavier School can offer your family!

[sfxlg.org/school](https://www.sfxlg.org/school)

Mother's Day Baby Shower Collection

Thursday, May 6

9:00-1:00

Monday, May 10

1:00-5:00

Women's Care Center

136 N La Grange Rd,
La Grange, IL 60525

As the original collection date has passed, you will also be able to drop off these items at SFX on **Monday, June 7** as part of our All Parish Service Day events.

How to Donate

1. Go to Women's Care Center: 136 N La Grange Rd, La Grange, IL 60525
2. Pull up to the back door for drop off
3. Place items on back porch.

Wish List

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| Nursing Covers | Newborn Onesies |
| Bobby Pillows | Diapers (newborn & sz 6) |
| Silicone Bibs w/food catcher | Bottles |
| Munchkin Miracle Cups | Baby wash/shampoo |
| Burp Cloths | Hooded Towels |
| Infant Toys | Baby Wash Cloths |
| Play Mats | Baby Mittens |
| Infant Laundry Detergent | Baby Safety Kits |
| Gifts for women
(nice lotions or makeup such as lip balm or mascara) | (nail clippers, thermometers, etc.)
Swaddle Me Blankets |

Interfaith Career Network

Job Search: How to Keep On, Keepin' ON!

Join us on Thursday, May 20 from 7:00-8:30 pm via Zoom. We all know a job search is tough and it's *really* tough to Keep On, Keepin' On in the middle of COVID and no response from the recruiter who promised to contact you within two days, eight days ago! But you can do it! Our speaker, Conor Cunneen will provide you with down to earth, implementable AND memorable concepts to help you Keep On, Keepin' On. This is a program that WILL help you feel better about yourself during the job search...and more confident during the interview. Connor will also specifically address the issue that no corporate entity admits exists, yet every boomer has to address - Ageism. Conor is a recipient of the President's Gold Medal for Volunteer Service for the work he does with those in a job search; also a Chicago Humorous Speaker of the Year, so you can be assured of a fun, yet meaningful and helpful presentation. Conor has presented on many occasions to ICN to genuinely rave reviews. Don't miss this one!

The link to this Zoom meeting can be found on our website at:

<http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org/calendar>.

Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.



Please register for programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: www.csithewell.org or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom during this time of Covid-19.

Write Your Soul on Wednesdays: May 5, 12, 19, 26 from 9:30-11:00 am. During COVID hibernation, did you come upon a long-lost journal? Did you begin the habit of using it again? Did you want to but didn't know where to begin? Learn some creative techniques with Diane Pfahler, SND.

Virtual Summer Retreats: Directed, June 20-25. From the comfort of home, meet with a spiritual director daily to fit your schedule, and partake in group sessions each evening. **Boundless Compassion**, July 18-23. Discover how compassion can change a heart, change a life, change a world, using insights from spirituality, science and psychology. **Legacy**, August 15-20. For those of us of a certain, age, this retreat entertains two central questions: What am I leaving? To whom am I leaving it?

WORKING BIKES BIKE DRIVE

Working Bikes gives donated bicycles new life by redistributing them as tools of empowerment in local and global communities. We're collecting adult bikes in repairable condition and gently used kids bikes.



Questions? Email Mike at oconnell118@gmail.com

What

Bike Drive, collecting adult bikes in repairable condition and gently used kids' bikes

When

Saturday, May 15, 2021
9:00 am-12:00 pm

Where

Drop off at 201 South Edgewood
La Grange IL 60525

For more information about Working Bikes go to: <https://workingbikes.org>

Working Bikes gives donated bicycles new life by redistributing them as tools of empowerment in local and global communities. Since its inception in 1999, the amazing community of Working Bikes volunteers, staff, partners, and supporters have enabled new life for 100,000 bicycles across the globe and tens of thousands here in Chicago. Over one hundred thousand people have been empowered to access resources and opportunities that otherwise could have been out of reach - reducing waste, lessening pollution, and improving health in the process. Working Bikes is located in Chicago's Little Village neighborhood and is a 501(c)(3) organization.



THANKS SFX

Thank you, St. Francis, for your donation of 390 postage stamps for our 2021 Mother's Day Project. All in all, we sent almost 3000 packets, touching the lives of over 17,000 people. Stamps were sent to seven Illinois juvenile prisons and eight different Illinois adult prisons and jails. May you be blessed for your kind outreach.

--Companions Journeying Together



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. Commander Jonathan Devitt Brown, U.S. Navy**—nephew of the Devitt Family
- **LCPL Gregory Allen, USMC**—nephew of Barbara Triggs & Anthony Anscombe
- **Kevin Peterson, U.S. Army Infantry, Major Marcos Melendez, USMC and Major Michelle Melendez, USMC**—
son, nephew and niece of Jon Peterson
- **Staff Sgt. Nolan Kemna, USMC**—nephew of John & Linda Hill
- **Capt. Maura Hoffman & Capt. Christopher Hoffman**—niece and nephew of Margie & Steve Hull and
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
- **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 & Neil Donegan, U.S. Navy**—nephew and grandson of Lorraine Donegan
- **Capt. Matt Waite, U.S. Army**—cousin of Justin, Maggie, Winona & Bea Waite

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

St. Francis Xavier Personnel

Pastoral Ministry

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

Rev. William Tkachuk
Rev. Richard Milek
Mr. Andrew Allison
Mr. Phil Gianatasio
Mrs. Margaret McMahon
Rev. William Killeen
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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
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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.

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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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