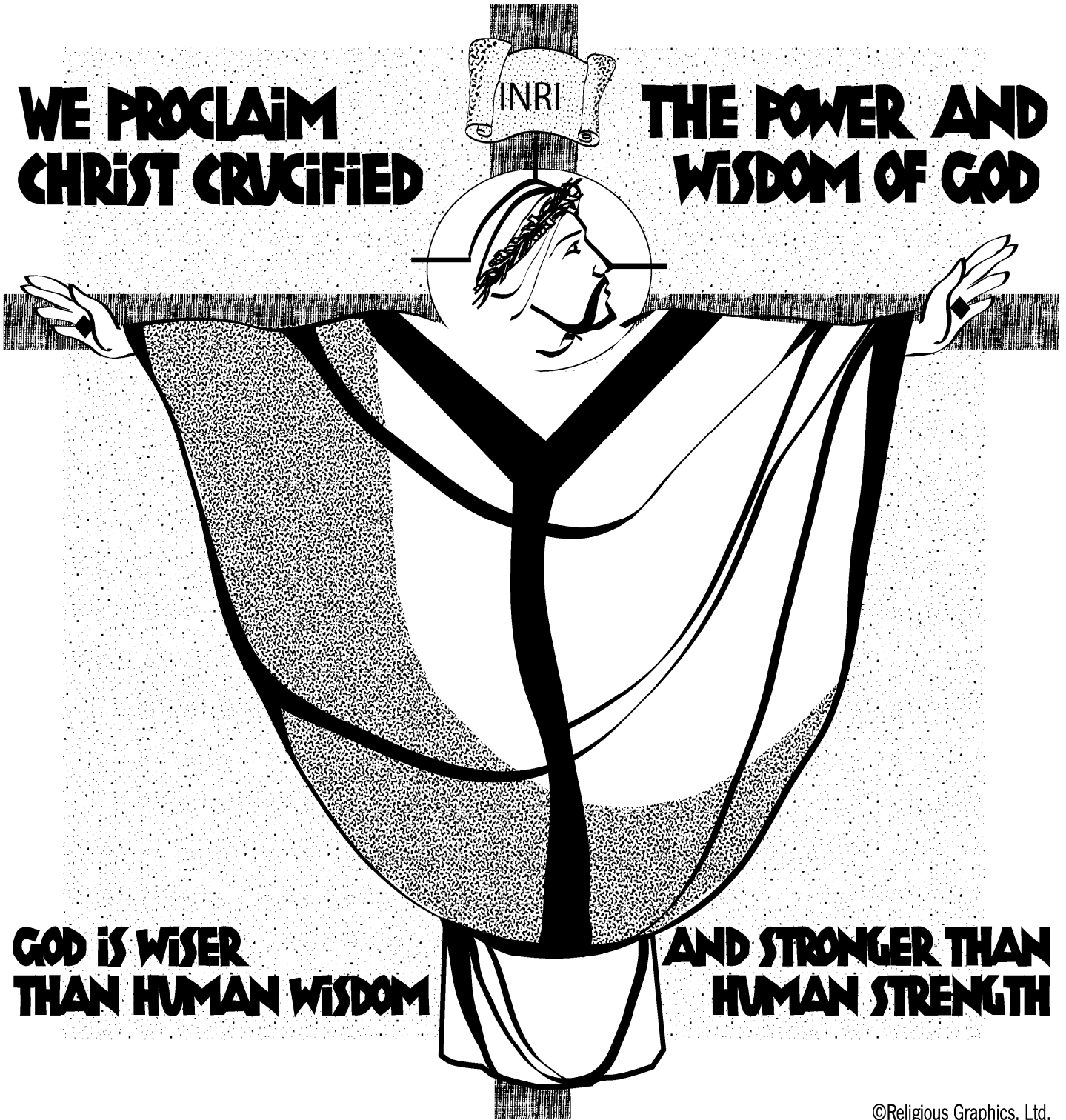


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
3rd Sunday of Lent
March 7, 2021



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**THE POWER AND
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**GOD IS WISER
THAN HUMAN WISDOM**

**AND STRONGER THAN
HUMAN STRENGTH**

Week at a Glance

Monday, March 8	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Carol Grimes Special Intention (Living)	The Zeiler Family
Tuesday, March 9	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jim Gergit	St. Francis School Community
Wednesday, March 10	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Special Intention	
Thursday, March 11	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, March 12	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese	
Saturday, March 13	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Lorraine Pietras	The Pietras Family
Sunday, March 14 4th Sunday of Lent	Mass Mass Mass	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Carol Grimes People of the Parish The O'Connor Family (Living Intention)	Nancy Cozzi & Lou Freda The Healy Family

Presider's Schedule for March 6-7, 2021~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Killeen
 9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk
 11:00 am Fr. Milek
 5:00 pm Fr. Cyscon

Please Pray For...

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

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:

John Jacobs
Brother of Rita Barker

Kathryn McInerney
Mother of Melissa & Emily

Maureen Kallal
Wife of Mike
Mother of Michael and Alyssa

Readings For The Week of March 7, 2021

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/
1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/
Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

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.

Pastor's Notes

*Jesus did not need anyone to testify about human nature.
He himself understood it well.
John 2:25*

I imagine that the Temple marketplace in today's gospel began with the best intentions. Faithful Jews came from throughout Israel and from many other countries to worship and offer sacrifice at the Jerusalem Temple. Since it was impractical to bring animals for the sacrifice from home, it was a gesture of hospitality to establish a common marketplace near the Temple. And since pilgrims often arrived from other countries without local currency; booths to change money were established. The noisy, crowded marketplace that Jesus encountered was not built in a day. It grew gradually over many years.

The bold actions and harsh words of Jesus call bystanders to realize that they have "adorned" their most sacred space with the concerns of this world. Profit drowned out prayer as merchants vied for customers and visitors bargained for the best deals. The Temple marketplace had become an enterprise unto itself at the Temple doors.

Jesus well understood human nature out of his own human experience. He had plied the carpenter's trade and learned to bargain and negotiate. He had seen how perspective could be lost, and priorities shifted. He knew that even the best intentions could lead people away from love of God and neighbor. Yet he also had confronted these human hungers and temptations in the wilderness and had come to a deep faith that *God alone* could satisfy our hungers and guide our hearts and minds to what is of lasting value.

What is the clutter in my life as I move through the "middle days" of Lent? What has crept into my life, perhaps

subtly and perhaps with the best of intentions, and now demands too much of my time and attention? What hides or leads me away from God's desires for me? How does Jesus invite me to "clean house" to place God at the center of my mind and heart? And what new life might I encounter this Easter Sunday if I just clear the ground of the weeds that get in the way of what God is growing in me?

This past week, the fourth grade children in our parish elementary school and religious education programs celebrated the individual form of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This week, our second grade children will experience the communal form of Reconciliation with individual absolution. All have learned the truth that often we adults forget or struggle to believe: **God loves us and forgives us right away no matter what.** We come to Reconciliation not so that God will forgive us; that is a given. We come to the Sacrament to admit our need for and open our hearts to the grace of God's forgiveness. May we allow our children to remind us of the mystery of God's love for us and never fear to seek the grace of God's forgiveness through Reconciliation.

A Special Note. We have increased the number of reservation spaces for Sunday Masses from 100 to 110 to accommodate as many people as possible. This limits the number of people without a reservation whom we can admit, since our maximum seating capacity under the current protocols is 120. Please go to www.sfxlg.org or call the parish office to make a reservation for the weekend Mass you plan to attend and let us know if you will not be using your reservation. We will do all that we can to make room for all.

Peace,

J. Bill

Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #2

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

"I believe you." How many times have we said those words to someone? What they may be telling us may have no proof but we have confidence in them. We place our trust in what we hear. That is what believing involves. We have faith in their reliability and honesty. There may be some doubt but we brush that aside even though we might not be right in doing so.

Each Sunday at Mass and every time we begin the rosary, we say the following:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell, on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

It is our creed, our belief condensed into our prayer. Have we personally witnessed any of the things mentioned? But we BELIEVE what it says. It provides the tenets of our religion. It gives us reason to live our faith. It is our doctrine. It is the driving force which guides our conduct.

We believe because we have been gifted with God's grace and compassion and wisdom.

CRS Rice Bowl Collection



Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

75% of your CRS Rice Bowl donation supports our work around the world.

25% of gifts stay in each U.S. diocese for hunger and poverty alleviation efforts.

Since 1975, people of all ages have participated in CRS Rice Bowl, putting their faith into action during the Lenten season.

For more information visit www.csricebowl.org.

To donate, go to: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/event/29569>, visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked “CRS Rice Bowl” and drop it off in the rectory mail slot or in a church collection box. Thank you for your generosity.

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe



On February 28, our second collection was for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation will help restore the Church and build the future in over 25 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach.

For more information, please visit the website at www.usccb.org/ccee.

To donate, go to: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1931/event/29648>, visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked “Church in Central and Eastern Europe” and drop it off in the rectory mail slot or in a church collection box. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Please contact Maureen Pival (mpival@sfxlq.org) who will forward your name to one of our volunteer coordinators. Basic training is provided.

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.



St. Vincent de Paul Collection

On March 14, our second collection will be for St. Vincent de Paul. Your donation will help to provide one time assistance for those in need of rent, utility bills and other necessities.

To donate, go to: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/category/1057/event/14286>, visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked “St. Vincent de Paul” and drop it off in the rectory mail slot or in a church collection box.

Thank you for your generosity.

Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

Lent 2021

Feb 17 (Ash Wed)
- Mar 31

Details on Lenten groups/events can be found on the website (sfxlg.org -> Parish -> Faith Formation -> Lent 2021)

Join the following events once or every week – as your schedule allows!

Unless otherwise indicated, all events will occur virtually by Zoom. [Click here](#) for more details on the events listed below.

MONDAYS

7:00 – 7:15 am Women's Morning Prayer ☀

TUESDAYS

12:05 – 12:30 pm **Lunch-time Lectio Gospel Reflections**

[\(Click here for Zoom link\)](#)

7:00 – 7:15 pm Women's Evening Prayer 🌙

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 – 7:15 am Women's Morning Prayer ☀

12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lenten Scripture Series: Discussion Session**

(email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org to sign up!)

THURSDAYS

8:15 – 8:45 am Morning Rosary *(virtual or in-person at SFX)*

7:00 – 7:15 pm Women's Evening Prayer 🌙

7:15 – 8:00 pm Women's Book Study

Searching for and Maintaining Peace – Fr. Jacques Philippe

FRIDAYS

Watch "Way of the Cross" Meditation on **FORMED** *(search "Way of the Cross Liguori," video runs ~22 min)*

Visit outdoor Stations of the Cross at Carmelite Spiritual Center *(8419 Bailey Rd, Darien, IL 60561)*

DAILY

FORMED – free video reflections. [Sign up here.](#)

Blessed is She – Lenten journal for women (\$25). [Click here to order.](#)

Bishop Robert Barron – free video reflections. [Sign up here.](#)

Daily Mass! *(8:30 am every weekday except Thurs)*

"Little Black Book" reflections *(contact mmcmahon@sfxlg.org if you need a book)*

Note: we will pray the following prayer at Mass during Lent. Review it here ahead of time!

Confiteor Prayer

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done
and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

**social distancing is observed during Reconciliation*

Every Saturday: 9:00 – 10:00 am

Enter via Unity Hall vestibule between church & school

Plus these extended hours:

Thursday, March 18 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Unity Hall, via Ogden vestibule - during Adoration

Friday, March 19 9:00 – 10:00 am

Unity Hall, via Ogden vestibule - after daily Mass

Saturday, March 27 9:00 – 12:00 am

Unity Hall, via Unity Hall vestibule between church & school.

Lift will be available for use.

Outdoor Candlelight Stations of the Cross: March 6, 5:30 pm Carmelite Spiritual Center

8419 Bailey Rd, Darien, IL 60561

All women are warmly invited to experience the Stations of the Cross from Mary's perspective by candlelight. Please bring masks and plan to social distance. If you have not yet registered, please email pamdevitt@yahoo.com to join!



SFX Raffle

Your chance to win **\$15,000!**

*St Francis Xavier Parish School is hosting its first-ever raffle drawing. For \$50 for one ticket (or 5 tickets for \$200), you can enter to win **\$15,000!***

One lucky leprechaun will win \$1,000 during our Early Bird drawing on St. Patrick's Day (winner is still eligible for grand prize drawing).

The Grand Prize drawing will take place April 30, and 100% of the proceeds benefit St. Francis Xavier School. No Give Back!

Visit Give Central to order your tickets today!

SFXRAFFLE.COM

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/218/29547,29552>

Ticket stubs may be picked up in gym foyer on 2/21, 3/14, 4/11 and 4/25 from 10am-1pm. Tickets may also be purchased on-site (cash or check).

Questions? Katie Mulcahy ktom@sbcglobal.net Tina Orlando tfrancis21@gmail.com

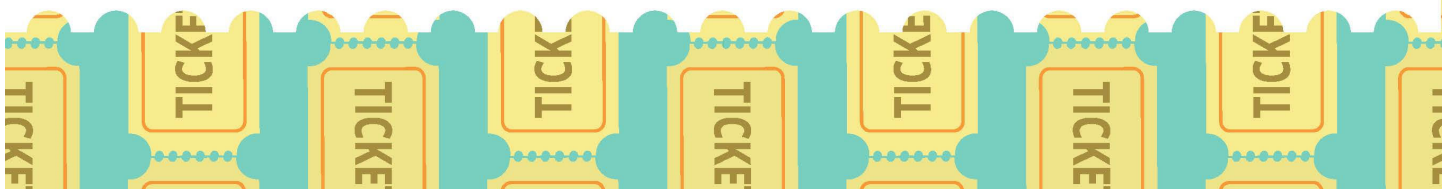
RULES: Winner will be announced at the end of the school day, April 30. Winner need not be present. If goal of 500 tickets is not met, a 50/50 split between winner and school will occur. All prizes are subject to applicable Federal and State tax. Winner will receive prize money once proper ID and social security number are provided. For complete terms and conditions visit <http://www.sfxlg.org> and click on "School". Must be 18 or older



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The St. Francis Xavier Parish School is one of the many wonderful ministries within the St. Francis Xavier Parish. We are fortunate to have an active School Advisory Board that works throughout the year on behalf of our school and parish community.

The purpose of the School Advisory Board is to:

- Develop, formulate, and adopt policies which govern the operation of the School
- Review and advise on the annual budget and determine sources of funding for the School
- Provide counsel and advise on the operation of the School
- Participate in the school's development, student recruitment efforts, and long-range plans
- Assist in obtaining the goals and objectives of the St. Francis Xavier School Mission Statement
- Promote the School and support the School's public relations and marketing efforts

The Board currently consists of eleven members who each serve a three-year term. Each Board member serves on one of the following committees:

- Catholic Identity
- Development
- Finance
- Marketing/Communications
- Strategic Planning

Interested in Becoming a School Advisory Board Member?

***** FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/2021 *****

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 Katie Kanzer at k.f.kanzer@gmail.com or 773-860-5283; or Jim Schaeffer @ 312.953.0353

The application and more detailed information about the Board can be found on the St. Francis Xavier School Web site <http://school.sfxlq.org/parents/school-board/>. **Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed.** We look forward to receiving your application!

Want to Honor Catholic Sisters?

Catholic Sisters Week is March 8-14, 2021. Recognizing food insecurity in so many communities these days, the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph (CSJ) say: *"We can think of no greater way for people to thank us than by joining our efforts to feed the hungry in Christ's name!"*

Sister Dorothy Lynch CSJ, started the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry in (SFX) the 1980s. Let's honor her memory as well as the ongoing partnership with the CSJs by making a special effort to stock the Pantry for Catholic Sisters Week.

Food donations may be dropped off at St. Francis Xavier Rectory (side door off church parking lot-124 North Spring) on **Monday, March 15 from 9am-Noon**. Volunteers will be available to assist you if needed.

Current needs: cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, tomato sauce, soup, fruit, vegetables, rice and gluten free items.

Monetary Donations can be made via:

(1) Parish Give Central - [Click Here](#) (2) text PANTRY to 708-340-6630 or (3) Checks made payable to SFX Food Pantry, 124 North Spring Avenue, La Grange, IL 60525.

If you would like to send along a note of gratitude to the Sisters, please enclose with your donation and we will forward them to the Congregation of St. Joseph.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for our food pantry ministry and the work of the CSJ.

Questions? Contact Mary Freeman, Community Outreach at mfreeman@sfxlg.org or 708-352-0168.



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.

When Irish Eyes are Smiling (on Zoom)! Join us on Saturday, March 13 at 6:30 pm for Live music from the Dooley Brothers, silent auction, pot of gold, and much more. Visit event website now to start bidding, buy tickets and chances:

www.one.bidpal.net
thewellstpatsbenefit2021/

From Politics to Love: A Journey from Fragmentation to Wholeness on Saturday, March 20 from 10:00 am–12:00 pm with Facilitator Glenn Aparicio Parry. Find out how aligning ourselves with the will of Nature is how we will move from division to acceptance, and from politics to love.

Where Did Jesus Go? Saturday, March 27 all day retreat from 9:30 am-3:30 pm with Carolyn Toben. Share questions about the great sacred themes of resurrection, forgiveness, and the meaning of Jesus Christ in our own soul-longings.

40 Days for Life: February 17 – March 28

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers! With God's help, much good has been accomplished in the effort to protect the lives of the unborn. The local 40 Days for Life Vigil in our community this Lent will take place at Access Health Center (in the public right-of-way), 1700 75th Street in Downers Grove. Vigil hours are from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm daily.

To learn more, contact Caron at 40daysdg@gmail.com.

To sign up for prayer times go to <http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove>.



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

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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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