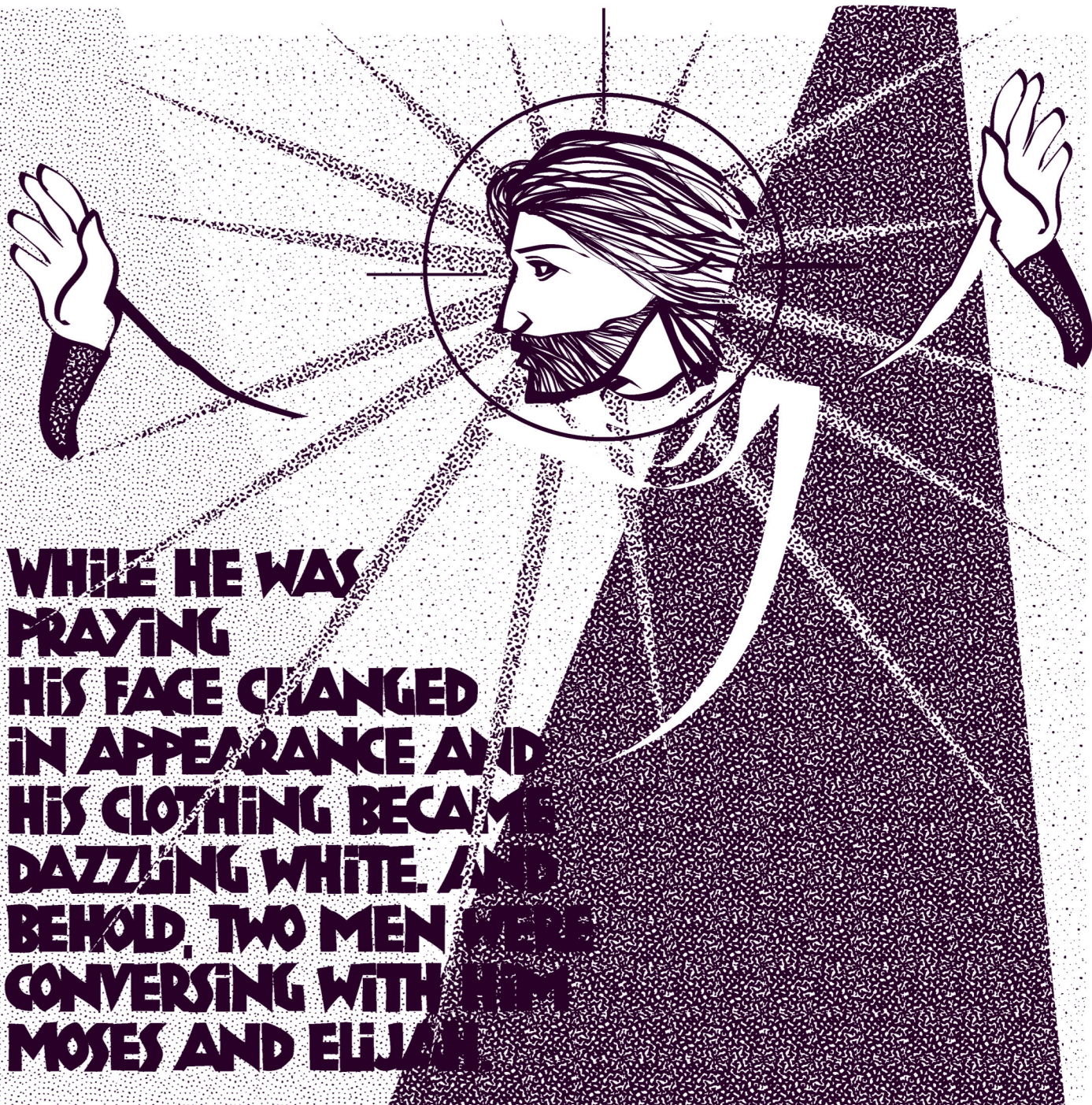


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
2nd Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2022



**WHILE HE WAS
PRAYING
HIS FACE CHANGED
IN APPEARANCE AND
HIS CLOTHING BECAME
DAZZLING WHITE. AND
BEHOLD, TWO MEN WERE
CONVERSING WITH HIM
MOSES AND ELIJAH.**

Week at a Glance

			Intention	Requested By
Monday, March 14	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Americo DiGianfilippo Billy Wielgos Carol Grimes	Jacquelyn Van Gorp Joan Wielgos Donna Kurcz
Tuesday, March 15	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Jim & Joan Dunne	The Dunne Family
Wednesday, March 16	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Deceased Balfe, Creahan & Parlon Families	Pam Oplawski
Thursday, March 17	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00 pm		
Friday, March 18	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Connor Bier	The Bier Family
Saturday, March 19	Mass	8:30 am	Felicitto Sugay	The Greyerbiehl Family
	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Robert Kuchler	The Mattern Family
Sunday, March 20 3rd Sunday of Lent	Mass	7:30 am	Bette McMurray	Nancy & Mike Kalkowski
	Mass	9:00 am	Sylvia Stenson	Erin Navolio
	Mass	11:00 am	Nancy Droste	Lorraine Donegan
	Mass	5:00 pm	Special Intention	Eric & Karen Boyd

Schedule for March 12-13, 2022~Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Ilo

7:30 am Fr. Tkachuk

9:00 am Fr. Milek

11:00 am Fr. Killeen

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please pray for . . .

Jay Carroll	Caitlin McNeily
Chili Challenger	Baby Milo
Blake Donegan	Andrew Mirocha
Barbara Doyle	Patrick Morgan
Matthew Doyle	Mike Morrison
Walter Dzwicinski	Gert Ogilvie
Lily Fielding	Jane O'Reilly
Jim Fitzgerald	Lorraine Ovník
Lilli Gregory	Ryan Patyk
Wilson Gregory	Donna Pekarek
Peggy Hofstetter	Baby Lucia R.
Rose Ilo	Madison Raupp
Mary J.	Anna Rose
Jane Jacobsen	Rita Scalcon
Sue Janes	Sr. Marlene Schemmel, CSJ
Theresa Kandall	Richard Schmuhl
Patricia Kanna	Jerry Spearman, Sr.
Mark Kiley	Peter Spizzirri
Michael Landsman	Barbara Stewart
Art Lyons	John Stopka
Enrique Martinez	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Teresa Martinez	Albert Tassi
Lisa Massaro	Gregory Van Gorp
Robert McFadden	Jim Vlcek
Patrick McGinn	Liz Wilk

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:



Gladys Paluch
Mother of Karen, Sharon & Alice
Grandmother of Shawn

Readings For The Week of March 13, 2022

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/
Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-3:1-8a, 18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

This weekend, don't forget to Spring ahead one hour as Daylight savings time will begin. Be sure to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.



Time to Spring Ahead

Pastor's Letter

"It is good that we are here."

Two years ago, on March 13th, the spread of the coronavirus led to the closing of all churches and schools within the Archdiocese. We had to learn how to provide a weekly livestream of the Mass to those unable to attend in person. We developed reservation and sanitizing procedures to increase the safety of our place of worship. We switched to virtual learning in schools and developed creative ways to celebrate First Eucharist, Confirmation, and Graduation. We closed the parish campus to all non-essential meetings and events, and learned how to use Zoom for virtual gathering, learning, and sharing. *We adapted* for what we initially thought would last only a few months.

Last summer, we began to ease some protocols, only to be turned back by the delta and then omicron variants. Last month we learned that we can again loosen many of those same protocols. Many parishes immediately let go of all protocols and returned to the practices of March 12, 2020. With the counsel of parish leadership and the feedback from parishioners, we gradually have been "letting go" of these protocols.

Our goal has been to offer options that make it possible for *as many people as possible* to attend weekly Mass. For those ready to be free of masks, all daily Masses and three of our weekend liturgies are now "mask optional." For families with children who cannot yet be vaccinated or wear a mask, and for those with compromised immune systems, two Masses continue to require masks. Our choirs have returned to Sunday Mass. We are developing timelines for the return of hymnals and altar servers. We have set guidelines for the expanded use of campus spaces during the remainder of this school year, and plan to bring our religious education students back *on campus in person* this fall.

For some of you, these changes come too slowly. Others ask us not to move too quickly. I am committed to doing all we can to provide *reasonable options for everyone* as we remain one parish family with many diverse needs. I hope and pray that weekend liturgies feel more "normal" each week, as Lent leads us into Easter.

May you have a happy and holy Lent.

Peace,
Fr. Bill

What comes after Discernment and Decisions?

The parish Renew My Church Discernment and Decision Team met for the last time last Monday with the teams from St. Cletus and St. John of the Cross Parishes. Our three vision documents have been incorporated into one large document that includes ways in which we see opportunities to increase our collaboration with one another.

How will we bring to life the Archdiocesan vision to ***make disciples, build community, and inspire witness*** in our parish, in our grouping, and for the benefit of the entire local Church? The Spirit remains alive and active within the Church, ever calling us to deeper relationship with God and one another. What the Spirit has in store for us is so much more than what we could imagine. Please continue to pray for a renewal that leads us to **greater discipleship, stronger community, and inspired witness** for the sake of all we are called to serve.

Fr. Bill Tkachuk, Pastor
Fr. Rich Milek, Associate Pastor
Maggie McMahon, Pastoral Associate
Sharon Garcia, School Principal

Lee Egan
Bernadette McMahon
Tony Pangan
James Ward



Faith Formation

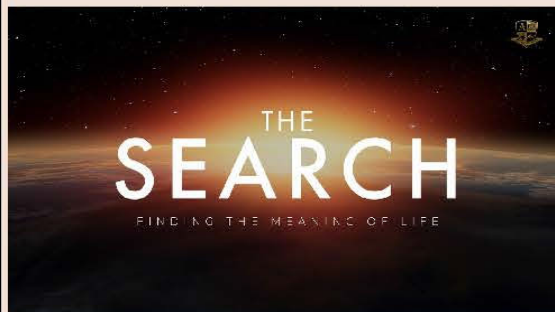
Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

Lent 2022

March 2 - April 13

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Or [click here](#). And if you forget to register, please feel free to just show up anyway.



WHAT ARE YOU HUNGRY FOR?

Firehouse subs?
Good conversation?
A sense of purpose?

Join the Search and get ALL THREE for FREE.

Welcome to The Search, a weekly meal where you can bring your friends to eat, watch an insightful video, and then take the time to listen or share your thoughts in conversation—whatever you are most comfortable doing!

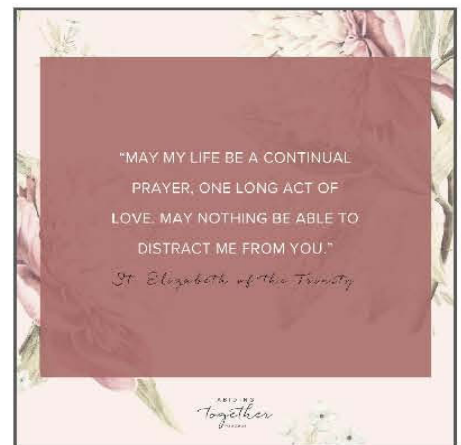
Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Unity Hall beginning this week. Registration preferred (so that we know how much food to order). Bring your friends! Register by scanning the QR code on the next page or [click here](#).

Women's Lenten Book Club

Join St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and a group of fellow women on a spiritual journey through daily life! Together we will encounter our own present paradise via St. Elizabeth's reflections on the interior life in Claire Dwyer's *This Present Paradise*.

Mondays at 7pm at the McMahon's
(S La Grange & 48th)

Register via QR code ([or link](#)) on the next page for more info!

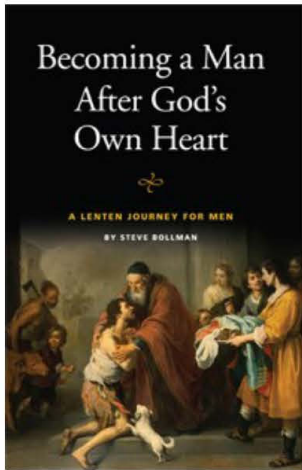


Personal Prayer Opportunities

- ◆ Little Black Books (free at every door to the church!)
- ◆ Fr. Mike Schmitz's *Bible in a Year* Podcast
- ◆ Hallow Prayer App
- ◆ Daily Mass (8:30am Mon-Sat, except for Thurs Rosary)

Email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org with questions!





Men's Lenten Journey

Men, are you looking for a way to step up your spiritual life for Lent? You are invited to join other men of the parish on **Monday evenings from 8:30 to 9:45pm in Unity Hall.**

This Lenten journey will help men evaluate their spiritual life, avoid temptations, understand the pathway to God, and develop a plan to "become a man after God's own heart."

Wherever you are on your lifelong spiritual journey, Jesus wants to meet you there and take you further during this season of Lent. Join us and experience a meaningful Lenten journey.



PRESENCE

Lenten Prayer Experience

"God, what do you want from me?"

God desires one thing above all else: **to be with you.** Give God the gift of your presence this Lent.

God *delights* in your presence. No registration required.

Join us at **6pm at the church on Lenten Thursdays** (except St. Patrick's Day, March 17).

Each week a parishioner will share their story of God's loving presence, our SFX choir will lead Taizé song, and together we will sit in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Witnesses to God's Loving Presence will include:

March 10 - Fr. Rich Milek

March 17— no gathering due to St. Patrick's Day

March 24 - Henry Morlock

March 31 - Heather Fitzpatrick

April 7 - Lee Egan

Stations of the Cross

Fridays

7:45 - 8:15am at SFX

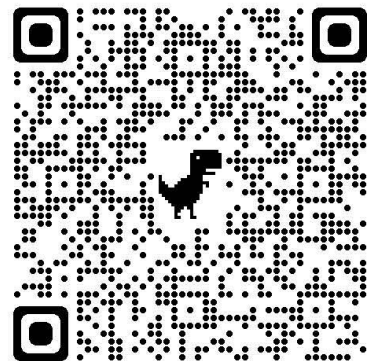
12:15pm by Zoom

Reflect on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

FAMILIES WELCOME! We will provide stations coloring sheets for the youngest ones. Feel free to come late or leave early to get to school.

Virtual link found on website (see QR code or visit sfxlg.org Parish Faith Formation to sign up for weekly reminders.)

No registration required.



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Reflection for the Second Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #2

Bernadette McMahon, Diane Redmond and Joan Stopka

A covenant is an unconditional promise with certain privileges and responsibilities. God makes a covenant with Abram to reward him with numerous descendants and land. We also receive a promise today of renewed life in Christ.

Even at times when we are doubtful, as Abram was, Christ is always true to his words to love, guide and protect us if we but follow him.

The second reading reminds us that our citizenship is in heaven where God reigns. We are told to conduct ourselves with our eyes on this future; eternal life with our Lord in his eternal kingdom.

When Jesus prays his words are direct and simple. The disciples hear a booming voice say, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Let us take time to just listen in the stillness of our hearts for what Jesus wants for us this Lent. Let us permit our minds and hearts to be open to his words so that we may know how to conduct ourselves. For our good and the good of others.

Lou Malnati's
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FOR A
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SFX PARISH RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM

DATE

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

LOCATIONS

Lou Malnati's Western Springs

4:00pm - 9:00pm
4700 Gilbert Ave
(708) 246-3400

Lou Malnati's Oak Park

11:00am - 10:00pm
1038 Lake St
(708) 358-0800

Lou Malnati's Broadview

4:00pm - 9:00pm
7550 Broadview Village Square
(708) 400-8999

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FOR QUESTIONS

Please contact Elis Guidice
708-352-4555
sfxreligious@sfxlg.org

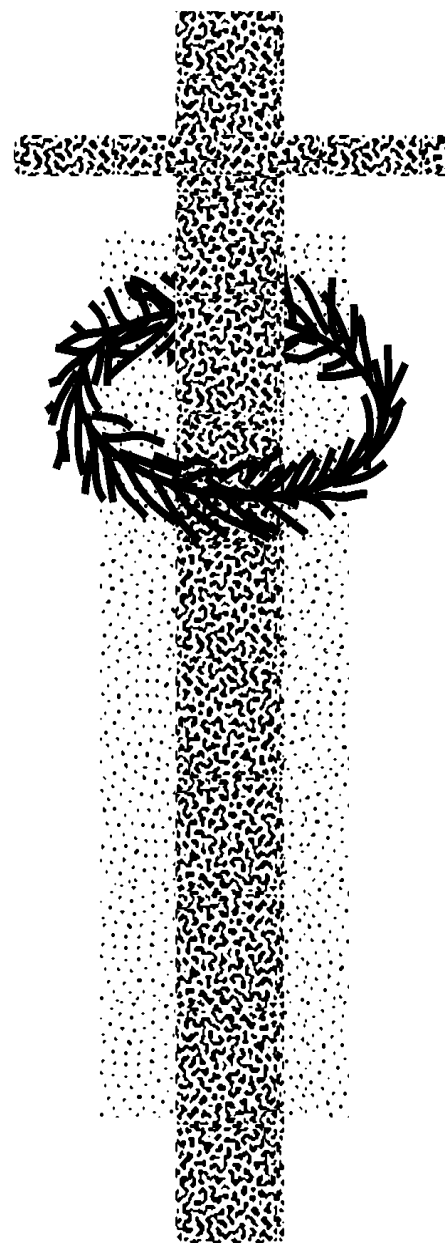
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PLEASE NOTE

1. Must mention fundraiser at time of order to ensure credit towards fundraiser.
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Weekend Mass: A Home for All at St. Francis Xavier!

The Archdiocese recently revised its recommendation on wearing masks in church, allowing parishes to make masks optional. Parishioners with children too young for the vaccine and persons with compromised immunity issues for themselves or someone at home have asked us to provide an option for attending Mass in person. The parish COVID Leadership Team met last week to determine how to provide the safest possible environment for all who want to worship at St. Francis Xavier.

The following **changes** to our Sunday Mass protocols are in effect **beginning this weekend**.

- ◆ **Masks are now optional at the Sunday Masses 9AM, 11AM and 5PM.**
- ◆ **Masks are still required at the Saturday 5PM Mass and the Sunday 7:30AM Mass.**
- ◆ **Masks are now optional at all daily Masses.** Please allow appropriate distance if you are not wearing a mask.

We are **restoring the presentation of the gifts** from a table at the back of the center aisle.

Hand sanitizing is no longer required before receiving Communion. We encourage everyone to bring personal bottles for hand sanitizing. Spray bottles with hand sanitizer will be available in the front pews.

Decisions for Holy Week and Easter will be made after April 1 based on conditions at that point. **Thank you** for your continued understanding and patience.

Fr. Bill

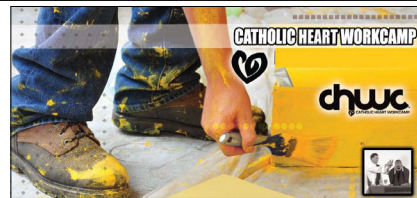


St. Vincent de Paul Collection

On March 13, 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/event/29204>, 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.

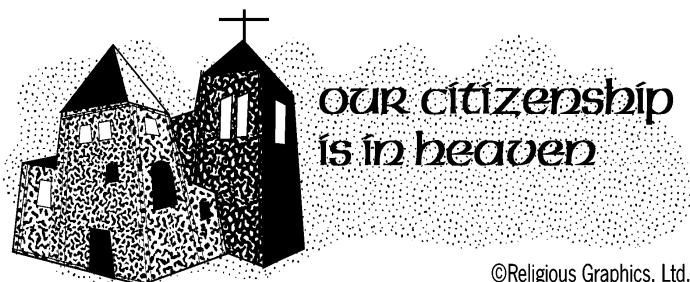


Teen Mission Service Trip Collection March 19-20

On March 20, our second collection will be for the Teen Mission Service Trip. Over 75+ teens are attending the summer trip and they look forward to a life changing week of volunteering, reflecting, transforming lives, celebrating the Catholic faith, building friendships, having fun and bring hope to the world. They can't wait to roll up their sleeves to restore and renovate homes and to help the social agencies in the area around Montague, MI. All donations go directly towards reducing costs associated with the trip.

To donate, Click here, visit our parish website, or place your donation in an envelope marked "Teen Mission Service Trip" and drop it off in the rectory mail slot or in a church collection box.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the youth in our parish!



Mission Work In Africa

Fr. Stan Ilo contacted our parish about mission work in Africa. His friend, Béatrice Faye, Sister of Immaculée Conception de Castres, has been on a mission in Burkina Faso since 2013 and was looking for donations to implement an irrigation system. With the assistance of a donor from SFX Parish, this project was completed in December 2021.

The women's water and environment project improved water quality by restoring existing wells and developing community gardening for the benefit of 50 vulnerable women of the village of Zooré, an area of Burkina Faso. One of these women, Clementine, expressed: "Since we started two months ago, every morning, after the work in the house, I come to the garden to maintain my plot. A little bit of (our harvest is used) to prepare the sauce. I sell a little to buy the condiments for the kitchen. You can't imagine what it means for us women to be able to provide for the daily meal thanks to this garden. The Sisters who support us in this activity told us about your solidarity and we thank you with all our heart."

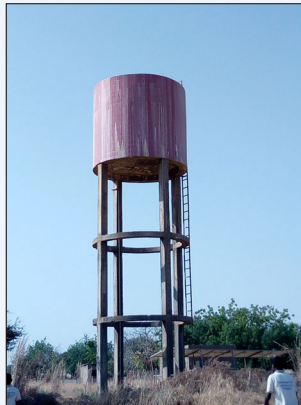


One of the women in the 12 Women Co-operative farming cohorts established by Sr. Beatrice, fetches water from one of the irrigation channels and taps in the women's farm.



A woman in the Women co-operative cohort assists in piping the water around the farm for irrigating the farms.

Water borehole and reservoir built through the donation from SFX. The borehole is behind the reservoir and is powered by a solar panel



A woman waters a citrus plant in one of the farms using water drawn from the taps built through donation from SFX.



Thank You For Your Support!



Map of Burkina Faso, Africa



Devote Time with God

Share Talent

Give Treasure

Your Gift, God's Hands

How your gift comes to life at St. Francis Xavier Parish

Offertory Report

July 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,048,184
Christmas	\$ 156,936
Total Offertory	<u>\$ 1,205,120</u>

Annual Budgeted Offertory \$1,747,399

Your support of SFX Parish helps our ministries thrive. Featured this month: The School of Religious Education. The past two years Religious Education has been offered in a virtual format due to the pandemic. This school year, we were able to recruit 13 amazing parishioners to help the Grade Level Asynchronous Program come to life under the direction of our new Religious Education Director, Elis Guidice.

The program this year offered 14 lessons per grade level for 550 children of our K–8 program. Each catechist recorded a 15- to 30-minute video for each lesson, which our children viewed and then completed a Google Form as they learned from the material presented. Families were also asked to fill out a weekly Mass Google form to promote conversation about the liturgy with their children. Mass attendance could have been in person or virtually, dependent on the comfort level of each family.

Our 15th and final “class” event will be an in-person “meet and greet” on April 24th with their catechists and an end-of-year prayer service. We will have the Stan’s Donut Van present for our families to purchase single or dozen donut boxes to enjoy and support our program.

We are grateful to the 146 families that participated in our survey to determine what the community needed in terms of Religious Education for this coming school year. *Our families have spoken, and we will be offering both an online and in-person program for the 2022-2023 school year. Registration for our 2022–2023 school year will open next weekend online.*

Our Religious Education Program is dependent on our wonderful parishioners to step forward to teach the Good News of Jesus! The return to a vibrant in-person program depends upon the time, talent, and treasure from parents and parishioners who want to share their faith with our children. So please reach out to the Religious Education Office if you are interested in sharing your gifts and talents with our young parishioners.

Songs for March 13, 2022
2nd Sunday of Lent

Opening Hymn: "'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here"

'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your glo-ry fills the night;
Your face and gar-ments like the sun, Shine with un-bor-rowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Your beau-ty to be-hold,
Where Mo-ses and E-li-jah stand, Your mes-sen-gers of old.

Ful-fill-er of the past! Prom-ise of things to be!
We hail your bod-y glo-ri-fied, And our re-demp-tion see.

Be-fore we taste of death, We see your king-dom come;
We long to hold the vi-sion bright, And make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re-main;
But since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Opening Hymn: "I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light" (5:00/11:00)

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol-low Je-sus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Je-sus.
In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a-like.
The Lamb is the light of the cit-y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at Je-sus.
Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path, And show me the way to the Fa-ther.
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Responsorial Psalm: "Ps. 27: The Lord is My Light" (7:30/9:00)
Refrain. "The Lord is my light and my sal-va-tion."

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*Refrain. "The Lord is my light and my sal-va-tion. Whom should I fear?
The Lord is my strong-hold and my refuge. How can I be afraid?"*

Communion: "Behold the Lamb"

Refrain.

**Be-hold, be-hold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live;
and all, all who dwell in God, shall come to know God's glo-ry!**

Those who were in the dark are thank-ful for the sun-light;
We who live, we who die are grate-ful for this gift, thank-ful for God's love. **Refrain.**

Peace-ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un-der-stand-ing;
Of the wheat, of the wine u-nit-ed with God's word and the love we share. **Refrain.**

Gen-tle one, Child of God, join with us at this ta-ble. Bless our lives;
Nour-ish all who hun-ger for this feast: shel-ter them with peace. **Refrain.**

Lord of all, give us light. De-liver us from e-vil. Make us one: be our shield.
Make still the winds that blow; cra-dle us with love. **Refrain.**

Recessional: "I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light"

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Recessional: "Return to God" (5:00/11:00)

Refrain.

**Re-tur-n to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mer-cy;
come seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.**

Now the time of grace has come, the day of sal-va-tion;
come and learn now the way of our God. **Refrain.**

I will take your heart of stone and place a heart with-in you,
a heart of com-pas-sion and love. **Refrain.**

If you break the chains of op-pres-sion, if you set the pris-'ner free;
if you share your bread with the hun-gry, give pro-tec-tion to the lost;
give a shel-ter to the home-less, clothe the na-ked in your midst,
then your light shall break forth like the dawn. **Refrain.**

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"Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here" – Text: Joseph A. Robinson/Tune: SWABIA, SM

"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light" – Text: Kathleen Thomerson/Tune: HOSTON

"Ps. 27: The Lord is My Light" – Michael Guimont

"Ps. 27: The Lord is My Light" – E. Bolduc

"Behold the Lamb" – Text: Herbert O'Driscoll/Tune: COME AND JOURNEY

"I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light" – Text: Kathleen Thomerson/Tune: HOUSTON

"Return to God" - Marty Haugen

**Sunday
Collection**



GIVING AT SFX

We are so grateful to all those whose financial support makes the mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish possible. Out of an abundance of caution, we continue to not pass a basket for our offertory collection. You can make a gift by using the boxes near the exits or by accessing this QR code. For those joining us online, [click here](#) to donate or text SUNDAY to 708-340-6630.

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 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
- Strategic Planning
- Marketing/Communications



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 Jim Schaeffer at Jksj71@gmail.com or 312.953.0353; or Mike Strich at 847.922.7460 Please remember that all submissions for candidacy are valued and will be reviewed. We look forward to receiving your application!

Thank You Mr. Dave Sherman For 55 years!



The 2022 SFX School talent show marked a most incredible finale for Mr. Dave Sherman. Since 1967, Mr. Sherman ran the lights and sound for countless plays, musicals and talent shows at St. Francis Xavier. Reminiscing on the past FIFTY FIVE YEARS, with his family by his side, he humbly gave credit to all the past directors and cast members, saying "it was my honor to work with them".



**Let's party like it's 1999 at the
St. Francis Xavier Back to the 90s auction!**

When: April 30, 2022, 6:30pm

**Where: Outdoors under the big white tent at
the St. Francis Xavier School Parking Lot**

**Silent and Live Auction
Live 90's Band
Photobooth
Sweet Mandy B's Cupcake Fundraiser
Food, Drinks, and Fun!**

Tickets on sale now at www.sfxauction.com

**Alumni Pre-Party and
Discounted Tickets
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St. Francis Xavier School

Multigenerational SFX School Alumni Family Spotlight

The Middendorf, Thoms, & Malone Families

As we prepare to graduate the 105th class in 2022, we would like to highlight alumni with a legacy connection to SFX School.

These connections made from parents to children, grandparents to grandchildren, aunts, uncles and cousins show the pride our alumni feel toward their alma mater.

3 Generations, 23 Family Members

Middendorf Family: Mark 1974, Nancy Middendorf Gibbons 1961, Tom 1970, Joan Middendorf Thoms 1966, Jim 1966 Sr. Terry, CSJ 1956

Thoms Family: Susan Thoms Reed 1966 Bill 1968, Peter 1974, Barbara 1964, Sally 1972, Jamie 1977, John 1969, Chris 1978, not pictured: Lynn Thoms Demontoy 1962

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Purchase tickets [here](#).

Location: St. John of the Cross Parish Center 5005 South Wolf Road Western Springs, IL

All proceeds benefit the Teen Youth Mission Trip!



Youth Service Opportunity at Feed My Starving Children Saturday, April 9 from 4:30-6:15 pm!

Please join other teens from the parish at FMSC in Aurora to pack meals for underprivileged families around the world. We will meet in the church parking lot at 3:30 and adult chaperones will carpool the teens to FMSC. We will return to the church parking lot around 7:15 where you can arrange to pick up your teen. If you are not familiar with Feed My Starving Children we encourage you to visit their website for more information: <https://www.fmsc.org/>. If you have questions about this event please contact Sara Edwards at saraedwards9@hotmail.com. LIMITED TO 20 TEENS! Sign up at: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/20f0c4fa5a728a7fd0-feed>.

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Planning to start a job search, but not sure where to begin? Be sure to join ICN on Thursday, March 17 from 7:00-9:00 pm for some practical advice on developing your search plan. Our presenter, Michelle Nacker, will detail the key actions you can take, including preparing for your job search, video interviews and how social media plays a part in your search. Michelle is a product manager who will share tried and true steps as learned from her own experience after many years with one employer. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road in Western Springs. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend.

Quarterly Resume Review

Join us in-person on Saturday, March 19 from 9:00-11:00 am for a helpful 20-minute, one-on-one conversation with a HR, or other search related professional. Pick up some new ideas and suggestions that could enhance or refresh your resume. Need some coaching with your elevator speech? Want to brush up on LinkedIn? This is your opportunity to add impact and clarity to your existing resume. We look forward to seeing you at St. Cletus Parish Center, 700 West 55th Street in LaGrange. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost to attend. For more information go to interfaithcareernetwork.org.

Bringing Communion To You

We are aware that there are many parishioners who are not homebound due to a physical limitation, but who are not yet comfortable returning to weekend Mass for a variety of reasons. We hope you have been able to view our weekly livestreamed Mass via the parish Facebook page or the parish website. In addition, several ministers of care are now available to bring the Eucharist to you at your home. Frequency and day of the week may depend on the number of requests we receive. Please call the parish office 708-352-0168. Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30, or Saturday morning, 9:00 am-Noon and we will forward the information to Scott McDonald, who coordinates our minister of care team.



Please register or find out more about programs at The Well Spirituality Center online at www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. Please note some programs are on Zoom and some are now in person.

Lines, Spirals, and Neurographic Art

Join us on three Wednesdays, March 23—April 6 from 1:00-2:30 pm with Facilitator: Carol Cummins. Focus on giving your whole self to God during Lent, exploring internal wisdom in form and color! The emphasis will be on the experience of creating and how it makes you feel, rather than the end product. \$50 series on Zoom.

WALKING WITH JESUS THESE DAYS

On Monday, April 11 from 9:30-11:00 am and repeated from 6:30-8:00 pm with Facilitator: Sallie Latkovich, CSJ, DMin. This presentation offers a “tour” of the places in Jerusalem that we recall during the Triduum, with photos, commentary, and pauses for reflection. \$15 in person at The Well.

Active Senior Expo

All seniors in the parish are invited to attend Active Senior Expo at no charge (regular admission is \$2). The event will be held on Wednesday, March 16 at the Holiday Inn Countryside, 6201 Joliet Road in Countryside.

Active Senior Expo features hundreds of products and services for seniors, free seminars, free health screenings, free musical entertainment and free door prizes. Show hours are 9:30 am to 2:00 pm, and parking is free. Required COVID-19 safety measures will be in place.

Simply present this bulletin (or a photocopy) at the door and you and all your members of your party will be admitted free of charge.

Any questions call 630-620-6347 or email activeseniorexpo@hotmail.com.



Change, Hope and the Catholic Church

Pope Francis is asking Catholics to talk about our Church. Join us in answering that call when we welcome the national group **Discerning Deacons** and actively engage in the conversation around restoring the female diaconate and once again ordaining women deacons. Be part of the change and let your voice be heard all the way from Beverly to Rome. **The future is bright!**

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- **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
- **Phil Lukanich, U.S. Navy & Lt. M. Ryan Lukanich, U.S. Army**—husband and brother-in-law of Joanna and
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- **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
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- **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
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- **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
- **1st Lieutenant Mitchell Ciszewski, USMC**—son of Bob & Pat Ciszewski
- **1st Lieutenant Michael Sullivan, U.S. Army**—son of Gene & Mary Pat Sullivan
- **Col. 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
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Email the bulletineditor@sfxlg.org.**

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Rectory Hours

Monday-Thursday..... 8:30 am-8:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm
Saturday.....9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday.....9:00 am-1:00 pm

At this time due to COVID-19 the rectory offices are by appointment only. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-5:00 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, 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-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. 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, Georgina Lopez, from the Claret Center (Georgina is also bilingual in English and Spanish. She can be reached by phone 323-487-2359 or email glopez.claret@gmail.com).

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