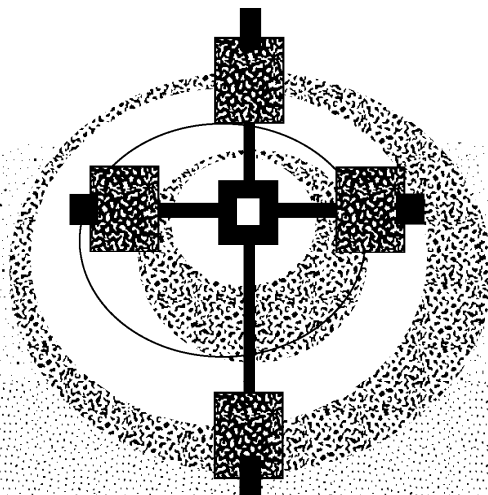


**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**4th Sunday of Lent**  
**March 14, 2021**



Just as Moses lifted up  
the serpent in the desert

so must the

**SON of MAN**

be lifted up

so that everyone  
who believes in HIM

may have

**ETERNAL LIFE**

## Week at a Glance

Monday, March 15	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Mary Duggan Philbin Michael Bannach	Mary Therese Carlson Lillian Bannach
Tuesday, March 16	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Amy Nelson Don Schwendner	Marge Schwendner Joan Potsch
Wednesday, March 17	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Dan Murphy Jim Dunne	The Joan Dunne Family The Joan Dunne Family
Thursday, March 18	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00-7:00 pm		
Friday, March 19	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Claire Sharkey	Jerry & Nancy Johnson
Saturday, March 20	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Suzanne Glossner	Ed, Erika & Sean Carr
Sunday, March 21 5th Sunday of Lent	Mass Mass Mass	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Gerard Duffy Marge Hanson Julie A. Hassel	Jennifer Driscoll Nancy Cozzi & Lou Freda The Welch Family

### Presider's Schedule for March 13-14, 2021-Mass Time

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



*Adoration will be held this  
Thursday, March 18 from 6:00-7:00 pm.  
Please reserve your spot on our website at [www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org).*

### 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	Vera Severino
Anthony Dina	Lisa Massaro	Larry Skippet
Blake Donegan	Mary McMahan	Greyson Stanley
Matt Doyle	Patrick Morgan	James Stapel
Wendy Einspar	Mike Morrison	Kate Frugoli
Lily Fielding	Baby Amy Nesterowicz	Sullivan
Will Fleming	Carolyn Nesterowicz	Jodee Tuttle
Leo Gannon	Bernice Niemiec	Michael Ungari
Mary Grand	Gert Ogilvie	Gregory Van Gorp
Lilli Gregory	Joan O'Halloran	Helena Walden
Wilson Gregory	Arnold Oppenheim	Marian Ward
Frank Hoos	Jane O'Reilly	Maribeth Watkins
Rose Ilo	Shawna Palazzolo	Liz Wilk
Mary J.	Ryan Patyk	Scott Young
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.

### Readings For The Week of March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/  
Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21  
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54  
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16  
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30  
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47  
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13,  
16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53  
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

## Pastor's Notes

*"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light,  
so that their works may be clearly seen as done in God."*  
John 3:21

We reflected on today's gospel at Monday's Parish Pastoral Council meeting; one person noted the harshness of Jesus' message to those who walk in darkness. After all, don't we all walk in darkness when we allow sin to rule our thoughts, words, and actions? Yet what Jesus says is that "the light came into the world, but people *preferred* darkness to light." Jesus is not addressing the sinner who turns to God for forgiveness. Rather, he is speaking about those who choose the path of darkness because they want to hide their evil deeds to look good; they are unwilling to humble themselves and step into the light of God's love. "For God so loved that world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Over the past two weeks, our children in second and fourth grades have studied and celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation: through communal celebration with individual absolution in second grade; and through individual confession in fourth grade. I encouraged them all to memorize these words: "When I sin, **God forgives me right away no matter what.**" I told them that as they grew older, they might forget or begin to doubt these words, especially if they have done something difficult to admit. But Jesus reminds us that *God already has forgiven me*. God does not wait for me to admit my sin, apologize, and ask forgiveness. I do these things *to open my heart to God's forgiveness*, which cannot flow through me until I acknowledge my need for it and am willing to *step into the light*. The role of the priest is not to scold or judge but to remind me of God's loving mercy.

This week, we offer two extra opportunities for individual Reconciliation: Thursday 5PM – 7PM; and Friday, after

morning Mass, 9AM – 10AM. Enter the church through the Spring Avenue door, where you will be asked to sign in with your name and a phone number or email address. Then go to either of the two Unity Hall doors, where Fr. Rich and I will be waiting. We will not see the sign-up sheet, so you can sit behind a screen if you prefer to remain anonymous. You have the option to view a virtual Reconciliation Service on the parish website before arriving. Use the **Lenten Opportunities** link on the main page.

Some decisions have been made regarding the Holy Week and Easter celebrations within the current COVID protocols. **Palms will be available** as you enter church for the **Palm Sunday Masses** (we will provide an alternate time and place for those unable to attend Mass). After the **Holy Thursday Service** at 7PM, the church will remain open for private prayer until 9PM. Services on **Good Friday** will be at 3PM and 7PM; all will use a simple bow to venerate the Cross this year. The **Easter Vigil** has been simplified for time concerns; yet we *will* baptize one adult and two children, receive three adults into the Catholic Church, and confirm all four adults. **Easter Sunday** Masses will begin on the hour every hour from 8AM through Noon in either the church (with livestream and Communion to Joyce Hall) or the gym. Registration opens this Monday, March 15.

To the Irish among us, **Happy St. Patrick's Day**. To the Polish, Italians, Russians, and those from other countries that honor the stepfather of Jesus, a **Blessed St. Joseph's Day**, especially in this year that Pope Francis has dedicated to St. Joseph.

Lenten Healing and Peace,

*F. Bill*

### Reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #3

David Sherman, Charlie Brewick, Barb Kalnes, Gertrude Nalumansi and George Rutkowski

If we feel demoralized at this point in our Lenten journey, we are invited by today's readings to find again the source of new energy and encouragement. In the midst of the deepest darkness the true Light shines! Israel finds that God's designs will not be frustrated by their selfishness - the conqueror of the Babylonians sends them back to rebuild the temple. Paul announces to those who are in danger of losing their way the astounding truth at the center of our faith - God's free gift of new life in Christ: our redeemed humanity is God's 'work of art', we each have our part to play in the realization of God's great designs.

The words spoken to Nicodemus, by Jesus - the Light of the World - that all our darkness is dispelled! These words are perhaps the most quoted of the Gospels. Let us not take them for granted, but take them to heart and rejoice in the new life they bring: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his own Son, so that everyone who believes in him ... may have eternal life'. A world weighed down by the darkness and selfishness must know, Jesus says, that he came from the Father, not 'to condemn' but to bring reconciliation and life.



## 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.

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 alarms.



## 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](mailto:sfxinlg@sfxlg.org). We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

## 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 Pipal ([mpipal@sfxlg.org](mailto:mpipal@sfxlg.org)) who will forward your name to one of our volunteer coordinators. Basic training is provided.

## 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.

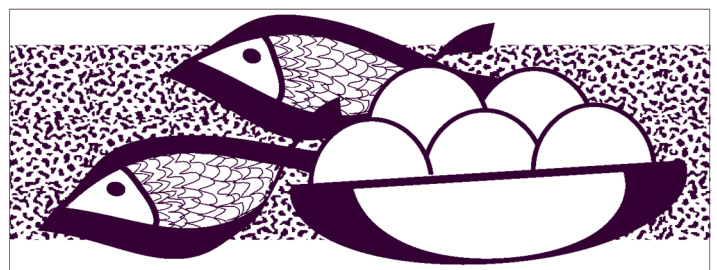
Since 1975, people of all ages have participated in CRS Rice Bowl, putting their faith into action during the Lenten season.

For more information visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.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.

## 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.



# Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

# Lent 2021

Feb 17 (Ash Wed)  
- Mar 31

<b>HAPPY LAETARE SUNDAY!</b>	We are halfway through Lent... have you been able to receive the <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> yet? <a href="#">Click here to watch our Virtual Reconciliation Service!</a> <a href="#">Click here for an examination of conscience.</a> See Reconciliation opportunities below.
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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

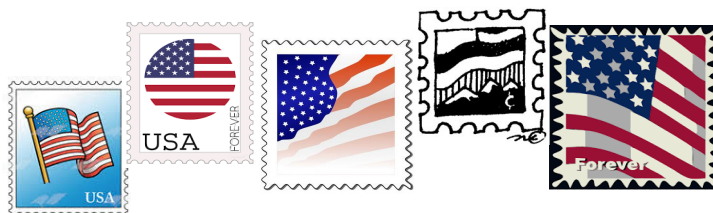
*Unity Hall, via Unity Hall vestibule between church & school.*

*Lift will be available for use.*

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

## Prison Ministry

This year's Mother's Day collection for prisoners is a need for stamps. If you would like to make a stamp donation, please place the stamps in an envelope marked "Companions Journeying Together," then drop the stamps off in the rectory mail slot. Thank you and God bless you!



## 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.

## From Your SFX Parish Counselor

COVID-19 has taken away many of our in-person interactions. Office chitchat by the coffee maker. Happy hour with friends. Holiday celebrations. Friends, co-workers, extended family — since the pandemic began, many of us have seen them only virtually. In many ways, it's like we're all stuck on our own desert island — closed off from the outside world yet sometimes desperately wishing to vote our "fellow inhabitants" off. - **By Laurie Meyers, "Far away, so close: Negotiating relationships during COVID-19"**

Consider reaching out to me at (442) 264-7589 or [lolanadan@gmail.com](mailto:lolanadan@gmail.com).

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online. Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisq-SrOcvM>.

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Lolan P. Adan, MAPC~Parish Counselor

St. Francis Xavier Parish, 124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525  
The Claret Center, 5536 South Everett, Chicago, IL 60637

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## Interfaith Career Network

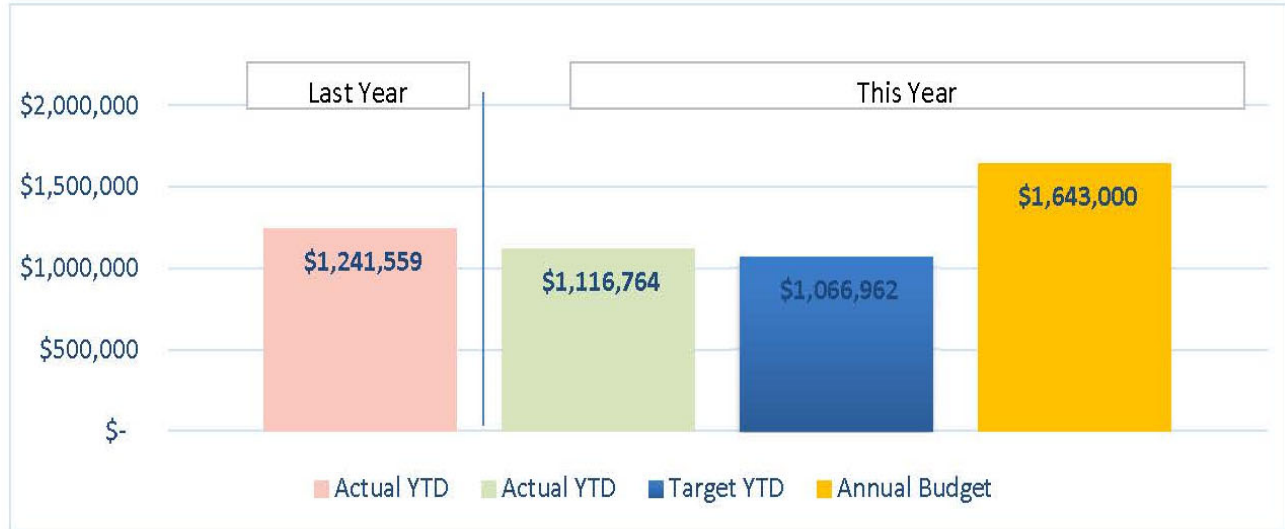
### Proven Tips for Successful Job Searches

Join us on Thursday, March 18 from 7:00-8:30 pm via Zoom. Our speaker, Tim Koch will provide helpful tips for landing your next position, applicable across many levels and industries...including the often overlooked not-for-profit sector. Tim has extensive experience in hiring while primarily handling operational responsibilities. During his career he has worked in consulting for a Fortune 100 company and most recently for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Along with his business acumen and hiring manager perspective, Tim also has been a long time volunteer in the job search community sharing these constantly updated tips. Join us for his valuable insight.

Everyone is welcome. The link to this Zoom meeting can be found on our website at:  
<http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org/calendar>.



# Our Finances as of February 28, 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*	=	February Totals
February 2021	\$ 69,637		\$ 26,038		\$ 25,472		\$ 121,147
February 2020	\$ 64,409		\$ 50,446		\$ 21,058		\$ 135,912

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

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

## 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](http://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.



# 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](mailto:ktom@sbcglobal.net) Tina Orlando [tfrancis21@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## We encourage all to follow SFX School on social media



SFX School Instagram: [@sfxlg\\_school](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg_school)

Facebook SFX School site:  
<https://www.facebook.com/SFX.LG/>

Facebook SFX Alumni site:  
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/ART/595d889cdee3e>

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

### See the latest happenings at the day school:

A very very nice congratulatory message to the SFX community from Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. <https://vimeo.com/465845503>

Socially distanced Rosary: <https://vimeo.com/465845340>

"Father Christmas" (Fr. Rich) makes a surprise appearance: <https://vimeo.com/489897966>

CandyGram to Falcon Families <https://vimeo.com/488728809>

#BetterTogether - 2020 - A Year in Review at SFX Parish School" <https://vimeo.com/492240023>

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

## Welcome

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

Jessica Miller  
Scott Mitchell & Kathryn Germani  
Ryan & Katy Locklund  
Emma Ryan  
Deborah Czubik  
James & Julia Mertz  
Joseph & Maria Kossman  
Terrance Zubieta



## Baptisms

We celebrate and welcome the newest members of our faith family, who were baptized:



### ***Sydney Patricia Schuette***

Daughter of Mark & Erin (McMahon) Schuette

### ***Nina Rose Liva***

Daughter of Edward & Aakruti (Shah) Liva, Jr.

### ***Maggie Kennedy Peth***

Daughter of Mike & Hanna (Maier) Peth, Jr.

## Follow the Parish on Social Media!

Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!



@sfxlg\_parish



St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL

# SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St. Francis Xavier School. Come in to the Chipotle at **40 N La Grange Rd** in La Grange on **Tuesday, March 16th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Francis Xavier School.

## NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code KM6G3ND before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

## 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@sfxlq.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlq.org) or 708-352-0168.



Please register for programs at The Well Spirituality Center online: [www.csjthewell.org](http://www.csjthewell.org) or call 708-482-5048. All programs are on Zoom during this time of Covid-19.

**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](mailto:40daysdg@gmail.com).

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**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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

## St. Francis Xavier Personnel

### Pastoral Ministry

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### Food Pantry/Community Outreach

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### **Contact Information**

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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 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 morning .....9:00-10:00 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](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).

### **Domestic Violence Resources**

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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](mailto: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](mailto:lolanadan@gmail.com).

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