

St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

The St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry Group is excited to share the following service opportunities for the 2016/2017 school year! SFX families are invited to participate in these service events. The idea behind the Family Ministry is to give families a chance to have fun and work together while serving others in need. Please help us make a difference.

October

On October 22nd, from 1:30-3:30 we will visit “**Greg’s Place living at Plymouth Place Senior Living located 315 N. Lagrange Road in LaGrange Park.** We are going to help the residents decorate their doors with festive fall/Halloween decorations. We will supply all the decorations. If you want to join us please let Theresa Sullivan know at thsull28@yahoo.com. This event is open to all ages but we ask that parents be present for children under the age of ten.

November

A parish-wide Thanksgiving Pie Drive, benefitting our SFX Food Pantry, will take place at masses the weekend of November 19th. The food pantry is trying to reach a goal of 150 non-refrigerated pies for Thanksgiving. We are looking for 10 families **to help deliver** pies to **home bound** seniors and **spend 30 minutes visiting and socializing with them.** Please let us know if you are interested in helping us and email Michelle Wright michelleandrich@hotmail.com to RSVP to the event.

December

Join us for Christmas Caroling at Helping Hand Center’s residential homes for adults with disabilities. On Sunday, December 11 from 1-3 pm we will be traveling to various group homes in the Lagrange area to sing and share some hot chocolate and cookies with the residents. **We will supply the song sheets and treats, you just need to bring your best singing voices and holiday cheer. Interested? Contact Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net.**

February

After a long day at the hospital, many families are in need of a home-cooked meal. We are inviting volunteers to **plan a menu, purchase the ingredients, and prepare a meal at one of two Ronald McDonald Houses, at either the Advocate Oak Lawn or the Central DuPage Ronald McDonald house.** Join us on **February 11th** for a great and exciting event. Please reach out to Therese Sullivan to let her know if you can attend, thsully28@yahoo.com.

March

On Saturday, March 4, 2016 we will meet at **Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)** in Aurora for a great service project. We have reserved 55 spots from **11:30 am-1:30 p.m.** At FMSC, the two-hour session begins with an orientation and then meals are packed by hand for the world's hungriest children. Some moments of prayer and reflection end the session. This service opportunity, unlike most of the others, has a minimum age requirement of 5 years old and

there is a 1-1 adult to child ratio for children in grades K-2. Contact Ana Dimailig for sign up apd3@core.com.

April

We are partnering **with the Salt Creek Watershed Network** to clean garbage at Salt Creek forest preserve **on Earth day, April 22, 2017. All supplies will be provided.** Please join us and contact Elizabeth at elizabeth.fanta@yahoo.com, if you are interested.

October through May

Every Monday evening October 2016 through May 2017, two SFX Family Ministry volunteers provide dessert for BEDS Plus clients. Families drop off homemade or store bought baked goods at Joyce Hall by 7pm. While spots are full through the end of December, please reach out if your family is interested in being a back-up or to be notified when 2017 opportunities open up. Email Rebecca Daly: at rebeccadaly@rebkdaly.com; phone or text [773-699-4802](tel:773-699-4802).