

June 6 was scheduled to be our 6th ANNUAL ALL PARISH SERVICE DAY but as we've learned these past 11 weeks, COVID-19 has messed with all our plans. Still, we are reminded this PENTECOST, that HOLY SPIRIT moments surround us. How else to explain how people of faith take disappointment, loss, fear, frustration, stress and anxiety and continue to REACH OUT and offer ways to help others in need?

It was never about ONE day of service for parishioners of St Francis Xavier but this year, more than ever, we are reminded of how God works in us and, through the GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, propels us to keep being LIGHT even through the darkness of a pandemic.

THANK YOU FOR THESE HOLY SPIRIT MOMENTS ...

BEDS (Click here to volunteer)

Meals for people who are living in motels, at St. Barbara's Shelter, and at BEDS residences.

BERNIE'S BOOK BANK

New or gently used books (infant-6th grade) can be dropped off on the front porch of 234 S. Leitch, LaGrange until June 3rd.

CAR PARADES

A sign of the times... showing up to celebrate the special moments of peoples' lives and show appreciation for others... at a safe distance.

COMPANIONS JOURNYING TOGETHER (Click here for directions)

Notes for women, men and children who are in prison. Notes can be dropped off on Mondays 9am-Noon at the south rectory door.

CONGREGATION OF ST JOSEPH GARDEN

The teen mission trip was cancelled so they sought other ways to be of service. Sr Mary Southard, CSJ was delighted to have their help weeding and planting.

CONNECTED COMMUNITIES PROJECT (Click here for information)

Fun cards, care packages, flower seed growing kits, and more. Annabelle Porter and her family have started this project to reach out to their elderly neighbors.

FOOD PANTRY (Click here for information)

Monetary and food donations. Special thanks to the small crew of on-site and behind-the-scenes volunteers. The pantry supports local residents, BEDS, LADSE, LTHS Transitions and Township of Lyons families who need assistance.

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY (Click here to volunteer)

Volunteers (age 11-60 years old). Provide SFX Agency #A00419 when you volunteer so we receive labor credits for future purchases.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Rides and grocery shopping services for Seniors. Please contact Janet Garreau at jgarreauicp@gmail.com to volunteer.

MASK MAKERS

Who knew this was a thing? Thanks to Barb Budak, Fran Freeman, Francesca, Samantha & Alexandra Fuller, Cathy Gross, Janie Hull, and Cathy (first name only) for sharing their sewing talents. Masks can be dropped off on Mondays 9am-Noon at the south rectory door.

RELIGIOUS ED BOOK DRIVE

Beginner reader books donated by Religious Ed 4th graders for food pantry families.

ROSARY (Click here)

Believe in the power of prayer! USCCB posted directions on how to pray the Rosary and daily reflections for vulnerable populations.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (Click here to donate)

Clothes, shoes and monetary donations.

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE *June 12th 11am-5pm SFX Gym*(Click here to register)

If you need an additional nudge, Fr. Bill pointed out that our blood drive lands on the weekend when we liturgically celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

WOMENS CARE CENTER

Donated baby items as part of the Area Respect Life Mother's Day collection.

If you are aware of a need for volunteers, please contact Mary Freeman mfreeman@sfxlg.org