

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
1st Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021



**BLESSED ARE THOSE
WHO HAVE REGARD
FOR THE LOWLY
AND THE POOR.**

**THE LORD WILL
DELIVER THEM.**



Week at a Glance

Monday, February 22	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Mary Cannon	The Cannon Family
Tuesday, February 23	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio & Teresa Franzese	
Wednesday, February 24	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Keeley Johnson	Jerry & Nancy Johnson
Thursday, February 25	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, February 26	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Steve Wendt	The Duerm Family
Saturday, February 27	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	William Purcell, Jr. Rosemary Vargas	The Bock Family The SFX Staff
Sunday, February 27 2nd Sunday of Lent	Mass Mass Mass	9:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Maureen Malone Bernard Urycki People of the Parish	The Spain Family The Urycki Family

President's Schedule for February 20-21, 2021-Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

9:00 am Fr. Tkachuk

11:00 am Fr. Killeen

5:00 pm Fr. Milek

Please Pray For...

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

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.

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 sfxing@sfxlg.org. We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

Born Into Eternal Life



Please remember in your prayers,
those who have died, as well as their families:

Richard Zeiler
Husband of Pat

Andrew (Drew) Newman
Son of Andy and Nancy
Brother of Kyle and Zach

Margaret Howe
Sister of Frederic and William

Readings For The Week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
 Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
 Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-19

Pastor's Notes

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert....
Mark 1:12

Each Lent begins with an account of Jesus spending forty days in the desert. Mark makes it clear in his gospel that Jesus did not do this on his own, but rather in response to the intense prompting of the Holy Spirit. God sent him into a time and space in which there would be few distractions and little comfort, save the love and protection of God. Mark does not provide a detailed account of the three temptations recorded by Matthew and Luke. He simply tells us that Jesus was "tempted by Satan" while "angels ministered to him" "among wild beasts." The desert experience of Jesus was a time when he came to deeply experience the love of God amid trial and temptation. It was a time in which he became grounded in his mission to proclaim the kingdom of God, calling all to repentance and belief in God's love and mercy.

Each Lent invites us into a new desert experience in the pattern of Jesus' own experience. We are not called to devise some torturous, demanding path for ourselves that we either fail to follow or feel some sense of accomplishment if we make it to the end. We are invited to *listen to the invitation of the Spirit*, which may or may not be a push to go where we would not choose to go. It is a *call to fast for a time* from that which distracts us so that we might place ourselves consciously in the presence of God. It is a *call to prayer*, devoting some time each day to quiet meditation, morning Mass, the rosary, or some other practice that quiets our hearts. It is a *call to give alms* by freely sharing some of what we have kept for ourselves with someone in greater need. The Spirit might call us to reconcile with God or a friend for some harm we have caused; or to make peace with someone who has harmed us and against whom we are holding a grudge. In the desert, we can expect, in some form or other, the aid of angels, the presence of wild beasts, and the temptations of Satan. But through it all, we will be offered the deep,

abiding love of God and the promise that God will *always* walk the journey with us.

We enter this Lent with the presence of a virus that has created its own desert experience as it continues to limit our relationships and activities. We enter this Lent with economic insecurities and less confidence in many things that we used to take for granted. We enter this Lent invited to know more deeply God's loving presence in our lives and in our world. We enter this Lent with faith and hope that the inevitable crosses of life will be transformed by God's love into resurrection and redemption.

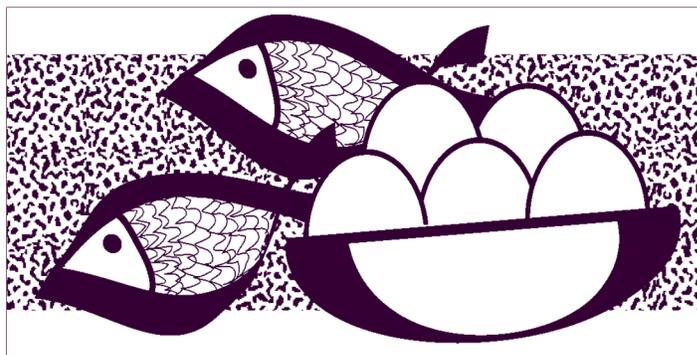
Maggie McMahon, our pastoral associate, has coordinated a series of offerings to guide us on the Lenten journey. You will find them elsewhere in this bulletin. Please call the parish office for more information on any one of them. In the final weeks of Lent, Fr. Rich and I will offer extra times for the celebration of individual Reconciliation. Since communal celebrations are not allowed within the COVID protocols, we will be offering a virtual prayer service that will be available on the website for your reflection.

May the desert lead us into love, life, and healing in Jesus.

Stay warm and be safe!

Peace,

Fr. Bill



Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #6

Susie Lehuta, Susan Lindsay, Sue Martin and Susan Nedza

Artists often depict the story of Noah and his ark as being one of contrasts-the ominous darkness of the storm, foreboding clouds, and savage waves and the imagine of placid water, blue skies and a distant rainbow. But what happened in the boat? We are left to imagine the fear, suffering and uncertainty the humans felt during the voyage-trapped with the wild beasts and birds and unsure about when the nightmare would end. It would have required great faith to believe that they would one day see the light again! Our experience of the pandemic has been similar-filled with darkness, fear, and uncertainty about the world into which we will emerge. As Catholics, we are a people of hope, a people who anticipate the good news of the resurrection. The poet, Amanda Gorman, has painted an image of what will await us in the light of Easter morning.

“When day comes we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid the new dawn blooms
as we free it for there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it if only we're brave enough to be it.”

PASTOR EVALUATION

Every priest of the Archdiocese is asked to engage in a periodic evaluation of his ministry. This evaluation has taken various forms over the years, always inviting parishioners to participate in some manner. The current evaluation tool of the Archdiocese, the Catholic Leadership 360 Review, is directed by an independent, national group. As part of this process, I have been asked to submit the names of at least 15 parishioners whom I believe can provide an honest and accurate evaluation of me and my ministry as priest and pastor. In addition, any parishioner who wants to participate in this process is invited to go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/englishsurvey-2020-2021> or use the Quicklink on the parish website to find the parish-wide survey. Surveys must be submitted no later than February 23. At the end of the process in late April or early May, I will provide you with the insights that I gained from this process and my development plan for the remaining years until I retire.

Peace,
Fr. Bill

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) 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.



COME, FOLLOW ME...
**and bring hope to
the world**

Please Make Your Gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal
Come, follow me...and bring hope to the world.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world." This is especially important during these trying and challenging times. Many in our parishes are affected financially by the pandemic, and we encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

This year, our goal is \$122,897. You can give online by **CLICKING HERE** OR using these "Text-to-Give" instructions:

1. Using a mobile device, open your text message application.
2. Enter the phone number **345345** in the To: section.
3. Type the keyword "**ACA2021**" (not case sensitive) in the message of your text application.
4. Hit the send button.
5. A text reply to your phone will give you a hyperlink to a secure online giving form.

Many families in our parish have received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

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 (beginning Thurs, 2/18) – 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 (after 2/14): 9:00 – 10:00 am

Unity Hall, via Ogden vestibule

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

Location TBD

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.

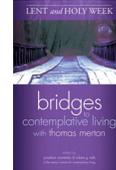


Greetings!

As we near Ash Wednesday (February 17) and a second Season of Lent amidst the constraints of Covid-19, the need to connect is more important than ever. To that end St. John of the Cross cordially invites you to consider one or more of the following *virtual* Lenten Offerings.

(Click on the link for more information)

[Bridges for Lent and Holy Week](#) (Thursday Evening 7:00 pm)



[Bible Basics Study of Leviticus](#) (Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm)

[Lenten Soup for the Soul](#) (Thursday at 12:00 pm)



CRS Rice Bowl Collection



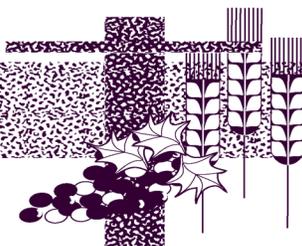
Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have 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. 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 at the rectory or in a church collection box.



St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2021

The Pastoral Parish Council which meets every first Monday of the month will now have the minutes of the meeting published in the bulletin. If you have any questions related to St. Francis Xavier please feel free to contact us at ppc@sfxlg.org

Attendees:

Fr. Bill Tkachuk, Curt Aronson, Beth DiMarco, Laura Duelm, Chris Grech, Mike Hattie, Barbara Kalnes, Marko Magajne, Tom Marthaler, Bernadette McMahon, Antonio Pangan, Carolyn Simone

1. Prayer

- a. Parish mission statement (all attendees)
- b. Prayer for guidance of the Holy Spirit (Fr. Bill)

2. Formation

- a. Reflection on Gospel Reading from Mark 1:40-45 (all attendees)

3. Discussion / Action Items

- a. Review minutes of the prior meeting from 1/11/2021 (approved)
 - i. To be published to parish website

SFX PPC email system ppc@sfxlg.org

- ii. No new messages
- b. SFX Trivia Night this Friday (2/12/2021)
 - i. PPC members will participate as a team
- c. Pastor Evaluation
 - i. Details of process described in church bulletin
 - ii. Some members of PPC will be asked to participate in a confidential evaluation
- d. SFX Budget Update
 - i. Details provided in church bulletin – results are in line with revised projections
- e. SFX Food Pantry
 - i. Number of families served has increased substantially during COVID-19, while parish donations have also increased

4. New Business

- a. Discussion of document from Archdiocese on Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines
 - i. PPC Chair Curt Aronson will assign a section to each PPC member for review and follow up with committee at an upcoming meeting
- b. FORMED (Website - The Catholic Faith. On Demand.)
 - i. Will be an important resource for the Parish Lenten Program
 - ii. Being used for adult formation programs
 - iii. All parish access. Some guided programs but also available for small group and individual needs
- c. Meeting minutes. Tom Marthaler assigned for February and March meetings.
- d. Welcome Committee
 - i. Held prayer service for new parish members. It was a great success. Was offered both in-person and livestream.

5. Closing Prayer

6. Next Meeting – March 8, 2021



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.sfxlg.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](#)



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>

2020 Contribution Statements

A listing of your 2020 donations along with a letter from Fr. Bill Tkachuk was emailed to all parishioners on January 29, 2021. The email comes from notifications@ondemandmail.com and has the subject line of "Contribution Statement from St. Francis Xavier Parish". Please contact Parish Accountant Jane Bandyk at jbandyk@sfxlg.org or call 708-352-0168 with any questions.

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

From Your SFX Parish Counselor

There's a fine line between stress and anxiety. Both are emotional responses, but stress is typically caused by an external trigger. The trigger can be short-term, such as a work deadline or a fight with a loved one or long-term, such as poverty, discrimination and chronic illness. People under stress experience mental and physical symptoms, such as irritability, anger, fatigue, muscle pain, digestive troubles and difficulty sleeping.

Anxiety, on the other hand, is defined by persistent, excessive worries that don't go away even in the absence of a stressor. Anxiety leads to a nearly identical set of symptoms as stress: insomnia, difficulty concentrating, fatigue, muscle tension and irritability.

Both mild stress and mild anxiety respond well to similar coping mechanisms. Physical activity, a nutritious and varied diet, and good sleep hygiene are a good starting point, but there are other coping mechanisms available.

- The American Psychological Association

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

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online.

Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisg-SrOeVM>.

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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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.

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, 3/7, 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



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: 7:00AM to 7:00PM daily. To learn more, contact Caron at 40daysdq@gmail.com. To sign up for prayer times go to <http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove>.

St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

This year brings many challenges to volunteering and giving back to others in our St. Francis Xavier Community. 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.

March

Sue Devers of Beds is coordinating dinners for homeless people staying in local motels and individuals living in the resident building on Ogden Avenue. They are in need of families to prepare and deliver meals on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in March and beyond. This would be a great volunteer opportunity for families to do in their homes. Please reach out to Sue Devers at Beds (dever@beds-plus.org).

April

We are partnering with the Salt Creek Watershed Network to clean up garbage at Salt Creek Forest Preserve on April 24th. All supplies will be provided. Please join us if interested, and contact Elizabeth at elizabeth.fanta@yahoo.com. This is a tentative event due to COVID. More details to follow.

October through May

Some of you may already be aware that the guests of the BEDS program are not staying at St. Francis Xavier due to COVID-19 concerns. The guests are staying at various locations, so for now, please drop all dessert donations on Monday mornings before noon at the BEDS Plus facility on the corner of East Avenue and Ogden Avenue but please contact Theresa Sullivan at thsully28@yahoo.com to sign up.



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

Breaking Open the Word (series) starting on Tuesday, February 23. The series will be held on Tuesdays from, 9:00-10:15 am with Facilitator: Pat Bergen, CSJ. Each week in Lent, bring Sunday's scriptures into dialogue with our own lives.

Pause-Dive Deep-Live: Lenten Invitations (three sessions) starting on Thursday, February 25. The series will be held on Thursdays, from 9:30-10:45 am with Facilitator: Kathy Sherman, CSJ. Witness the journey of Jesus, and our own, through input, music, sharing, quiet.

Intuitive Painting on Saturday, February 27 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm with Facilitator Gillian Romano. Creating art can be a form of meditation. Grow and nurture your innate wisdom. No prior experience necessary.

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.

St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

On Wednesday, February 10th, the SFX Family Ministry delivered 30 cards and goodies to seniors at Bethlehem Woods. The bags were filled with candy, notes and jokes from the families.

Bethlehem Woods residents were very appreciative especially during COVID-19 when their social interaction is limited. We would like to thank the following families: Jacobucci, Zeisloft, James, and Dimailig for their time and generosity.



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
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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.

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Family Shelter Services—24 hr. counseling 630-469-5650
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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.

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