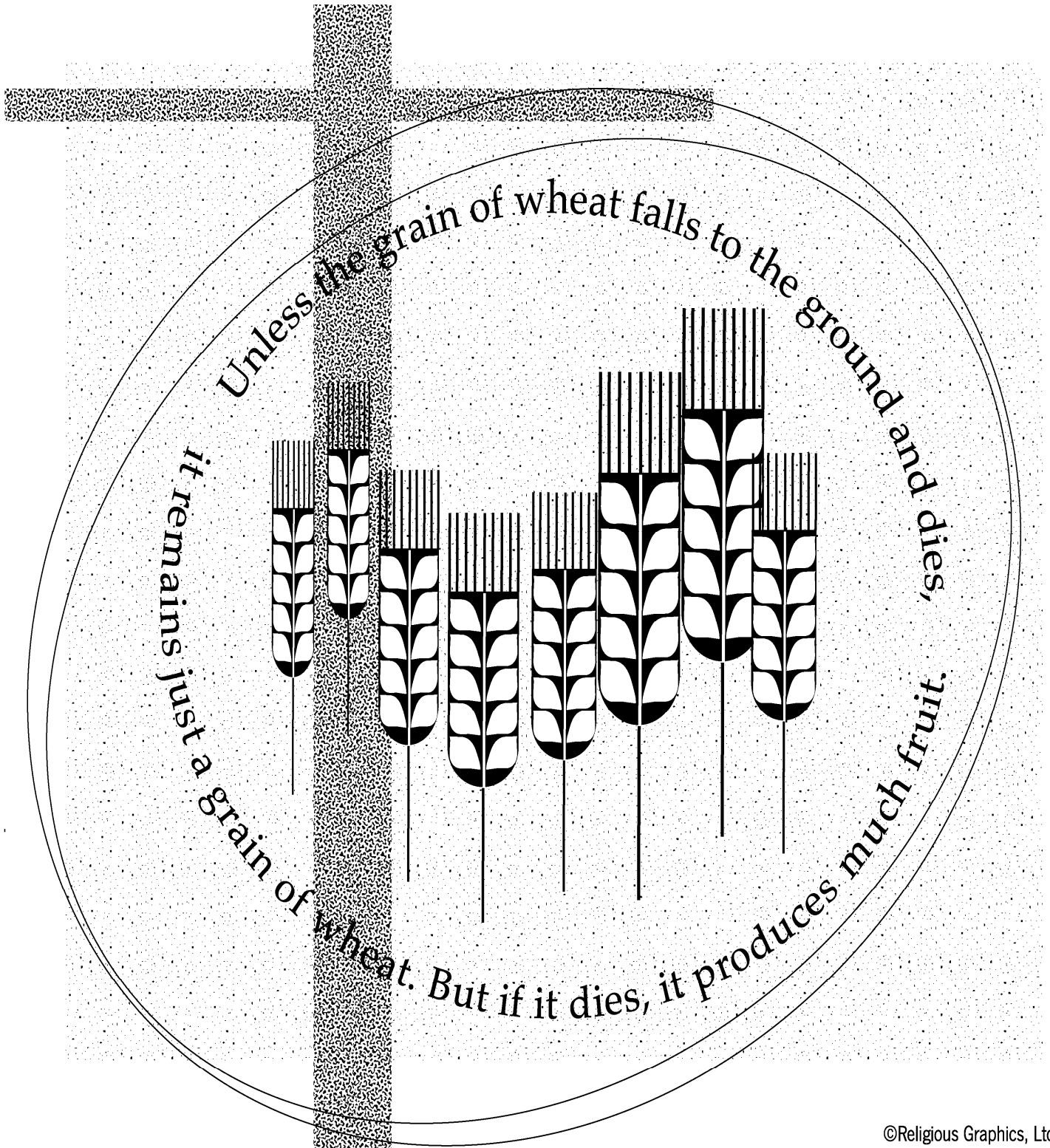


**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**  
**March 21, 2021**



## Week at a Glance

Monday, March 22	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Carol Grimes	Maureen & Mike Naset
Tuesday, March 23	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Alberto Silva	Sarah & Alex Zavala
Wednesday, March 24	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Brian Stephenson Richard Vlcek	The Jaslowski Family The Vlcek Family
Thursday, March 25	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, March 26	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Brian Stephenson	The Milligan Family
Saturday, March 27	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
Sunday, March 28	Mass	9:00 am	No Intentions	
Palm Sunday	Mass	11:00 am	No Intentions	

## Presider's Schedule for March 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	Peter Johns	Carolyn Peters
John Bovard	Jerry Johnson	James Pridmore
Nick Bowman	Theresa Kandall	Baby Lucia R.
Jay Carroll	Wayne Kardatzke	Fran Rassi
Chili Challender	Rose Kazan	Madison Raupp
Marek Chyczewski	Mark Kiley	Anna Rose
Carol Coughlan	Robert Kozak	Rita Scalcon
Mary Culin	Jim Martin	Matthew Schiek
Anthony Dina	Enrique Martinez	Larry Skippet
Blake Donegan	Lisa Massaro	Greyson Stanley
Matt Doyle	Mary McMahon	James Stapel
Wendy Einspar	Patrick Morgan	Marc Such
Lily Fielding	Mike Morrison	Sarah Such
Will Fleming	Baby Amy Nesterowicz	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Leo Gannon	Carolyn Nesterowicz	Jodee Tuttle
Mary Grand	Bernice Niemiec	Michael Ungari
Lilli Gregory	Gert Ogilvie	Gregory Van Gorp
Wilson Gregory	Joan O'Halloran	Helena Walden
Frank Hoos	Arnold Oppenheim	Marian Ward
Rose Ilo	Jane O'Reilly	Maribeth Watkins
Mary J.	Shawna Palazzolo	Liz Wilk
Jane Jacobsen	Ryan Patyk	Scott Young
Michael Janus	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:

***Glen Coyle***  
Nephew of Genny Hanna

***Phyllis Kuta***  
Mother of Kathy Broderick

***Vera Severino***

### Readings For The Week of March 21, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 Monday:  
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ex 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession)/  
Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

## Pastor's Notes

*"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies,  
it remains just a grain of wheat."*

John 12:24

Jesus uses this image to teach his disciples about his approaching passion and death. He, the Beloved Son of God, has come into the world as God's presence in their midst to proclaim the coming of God's kingdom into our midst. Yet his mission will not be complete until he surrenders himself to death for our sake, trusting that the Father will raise him from death to new life. His glory will come; but not in the way his disciples expect. Life will be born from death; what appears to be the end will be rather the revelation of God's glory.

This same mission extends to those who would follow him. We are called to keep a loose hold on the things of this world. To the extent that we work to acquire and maintain wealth, status, or complete control over any part of our lives, we risk being unwilling to surrender these things in service of God's kingdom. To the extent that we hold loosely to that which is ours and consider all as gift, we become willing to place these things in God's service and our mission in Christ to reach out to those most in need. Our Lenten practice of giving alms invites us to be aware of what we have been given and seek ways in which we are being invited to share our treasure, in whatever form it takes, with those more in need than ourselves. In that separation from, that "dying" to, what lies in our grasp, we open our hearts to the fullness of who we may become in Christ.

How will I "give alms" in these final days of this Lent? There are direct links to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society and Operation Rice Bowl on the main page of the parish website. The Stewardship tab on the parish page provides a link to several worthy groups that would benefit

from your assistance. Perhaps your almsgiving will take the form of time given to visit a neighbor or relative who has been isolated by COVID-19, or an act of kindness toward a family member, friend, or stranger. May we all grow in trust that in our giving of ourselves in Christ, we are coming to new and eternal life in him.

Next Saturday, from 9:00AM until Noon, we offer one final opportunity for the **individual celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation** before Easter. Fr. Rich and I will both be in Unity Hall, which you can enter via the Unity Hall vestibule between the church and education building. I also encourage you to participate in the virtual communal service of reconciliation that you can access via the parish website. May these final days of Lent be a time of opening our hearts to God's healing love and mercy.

The reservation system for all Masses and services from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday opened last Monday. We are not able to increase our seating capacity above 20%, so we have scheduled **five Masses for Easter Sunday**, including overflow seating in Joyce Hall for the three Masses that will be celebrated in church. Please make a **reservation for your immediate family only and for only one of the Easter Masses**. Please call the office if you find that you will not need all the seats you reserved. As more of our seniors become fully vaccinated, more parishioners want to attend each week. At Christmas, we had a significant number of "no shows" that limited the number of people who were able to attend. Your cooperation in helping us to seat as many individuals as possible is appreciated.

Lenten Healing and Peace,

*J. Bill*

### Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Liturgy Planning Team #4

Shirley Augustyn, Marci Hermesdorf, Diane Walsh

During Lent, we focus more intently on what it means to live faithfully as followers of Jesus. As we approach the end of Lent, this Sunday's Gospel helps us to understand what it means to follow Jesus all the way to his sacrifice on the cross.

The Gospel prepares us to journey with Jesus during Holy Week, reminding us that Jesus stayed focused on his purpose and gave glory to His Father by accepting suffering and death for our salvation.

Jesus teaches his disciples and us that those who want to follow him must serve others by putting their needs before their own. When we do this, we too give glory to God, our Father.



## St. Vincent de Paul Collection

On March 14, our second collection took place 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:sfxing@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.

## 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

We are over halfway through Lent... have you been able to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** yet?

[Click here to watch our Virtual Reconciliation Service!](#)

[Click here](#) for an examination of conscience.

See Reconciliation opportunities below.

**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:

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)

# BLOOD DRIVE

Hope springs  
eternal

DONATE  
BLOOD

**Wednesday**  
**April**

**7**

**3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Helpful tip:**  
Make sure to eat a healthy  
meal and drink plenty of  
water before donating.

For eligibility questions, please  
call 1-800-7TO-GIVE

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, LA GRANGE LOCAL COUNCIL 6483 BLOOD DRIVE**

St. Francis Catholic Church,  
145 N. Waiola, (Ogden & Waiola)  
La Grange, IL 60525

Appointments greatly appreciated; walk-ins  
welcome as the schedule and social distancing allow.

To schedule, go to [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL), load the  
Versiti Donor app, or call (800) 7TO-GIVE.

**EVERY ATTENDEE MUST WEAR A MASK AND  
EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!**

**ALL DONATIONS NOW TESTED FOR THE COVID-19  
ANTIBODIES. |**





**WE GIVE THANKS** for all the Blessings the Food Pantry Ministry has received since mid-March 2020 when shelter-in place took effect and we moved outdoors to provide a drive-thru service for our clients.

**HEARTFELT THANKS** to everyone who drops off food donations every Monday. The variety provides wonderful choices and helps meet the dietary needs of our clients.

**BOXES OF CEREAL: 4908**  
Please keep them coming!



**NEEDS:** Cans of fruit, pasta, tomato sauce, rice, peanut butter, coffee & tea.



**DONATION DROP OFF**  
**Mondays 9am-Noon**  
**south door of Rectory.**  
*We kindly request NO EXPIRED Food*

**SINCERE THANKS** to all our volunteers who pack weekly bags, sort and stock food, and distribute to our clients in ALL KINDS of weather.



**TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS: 1653**



**TOTAL BAGS PACKED & DISTRIBUTED:**  
**6469** or an average of **127** bags/week



**SPECIAL THANKS for monetary donations.** We received over **\$170,000!** The outpouring of financial support was beyond anything we could have hoped for and ensures that our Pantry is financially secure to provide long-term recovery from COVID-19 food insecurity. These donations have purchased meat, produce, dairy, personal hygiene products, holiday meal items and special dietary needs for our clients.



**DONATIONS CAN BE MADE VIA:**  
(1) Parish Give Central - [Click Here](#)  
(2) text **PANTRY** to **708-340-6630**  
(3) Checks made payable to  
**SFX Food Pantry**  
Drop off or mail to the Rectory





# 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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# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

WE PRAY • WE LEARN • WE SERVE



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>

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPRING FOOD FOR FAMILIES DRIVE

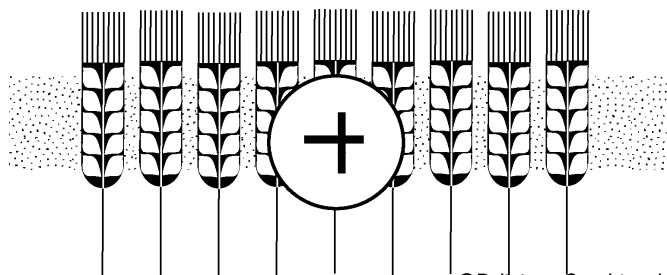
Are you and your youth interested in doing community service this spring? Volunteers are needed for the Spring **Food for Families** Drive in April.

- Donations benefit the St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry and Chicago Food Depository.
- Attach paper flyers to doorknobs of local homes as previous food drives.
- Volunteers can choose their own day and time in the month of April.
- Flyers and rubber bands are provided by the Knights of Columbus.
- Volunteers can choose a street in LaGrange or LaGrange Park.

This good cause, twice each year in April and October, is a partnership of the KofC, SFX Food Pantry, Chicago Food Depository, and LaGrange and LaGrange Park friends and neighbors like you.

To volunteer or for more information text or email Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or [council6483@gmail.com](mailto:council6483@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



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## 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!



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St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL



**St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 8, 2021**

The Pastoral Parish Council which meets every first Monday of the month will 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 [ppc2sfxlg.org](mailto:ppc2sfxlg.org)

Attendees:

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

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 John 3:14-21 (all attendees)
3. Discussion / Action Items
  - a. Review minutes of the prior meeting from 2/8/2021 (approved)
    - i. To be published to parish website
  - b. SFX PPC email system [ppc@sfxlg.org](mailto:ppc@sfxlg.org)
    - i. No new messages
  - c. SFX Trivia Night
    - i. PPC members participated as a team and finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place. Prize money won was returned to the school.
  - d. SFX COVID-19 safety measures for mass
    - i. Favorable comments have been received from mass attendees regarding current plan.
  - e. SFX – Mass Schedule
    - i. Staff is discussing the possibility of continuing the Sunday 5pm mass over the summer or maybe switching to another time such as 7:30 a.m.
4. New Business
  - a. Discussion of document from Archdiocese on Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines
    - i. PPC committee member Jody Wise led the discussion on the following topics with input from others
      - Introduction – Why Do We Need This Now?
      - Historical Context – Why Even Have A Council?
      - Purpose and Function of PPC – What Does the Council Actually Do?
      - Models of PPC - Which Models Work Best for My Parish?
      - Methods of PPC Operation – How Does the Council Work?
      - The PPC Meeting – How Do You Run A Productive Meeting?
      - Selection of Members – How Do You Choose Effective Council Members?
      - The PPC and the Parish – How Does The Council Relate To The Rest Of The Parish?
      - First Time PPC Formation – How Do you Begin Forming A Strong Parish Pastoral Council?
      - Conclusion – What Now?
    - ii. Follow up discussion on PPC guidelines will occur at next meeting
  - b. Meeting minutes. Tom Marthaler assigned for all meetings thru June.
5. Closing Prayer
6. Next Meeting – April 12, 2021

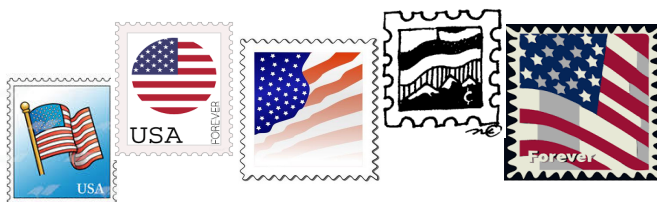
## The Archdiocese of Chicago Is Hiring

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.

## 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!



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.

**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.

**Crystal Bowls** join us on April 8 from 7:00-8:00 pm with Facilitator, Jalima Cuesta. For a guided meditation, breathing techniques, and playing of various crystal bowls brings a sense of calm and peace to participants.

## 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 [40daysdq@gmail.com](mailto:40daysdq@gmail.com).

To sign up for prayer times go to <http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove>.

## Interfaith Career Network

### Follow-Up Proactively with Employers During Your Job Search

Join us on Thursday, April 15 from 7:00-8:30 pm via Zoom. A job search is a process. Whether you are unemployed or employed seeking another opportunity, it is still a process. One of the most important parts of successfully making it through a search is staying organized. This lively, interactive and informative presentation will offer insight, tools, resources and suggestions to help start, reinvigorate and succeed in your search. Our dynamic speaker, Steve Rosenblum, will also share his proven 3x3 follow up formula along with many of his learnings, experiences and best practices, while encouraging others in attendance to do the same. Steve is a dedicated Human Resources professional with over twenty years in various HR roles, including regional management, training, succession planning, diversity program leadership and talent acquisition. 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>.





## Please Pray For...all those Serving Overseas in the Military including:

- **Sgt. David Phillips**—brother of Rebecca Casiple
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- **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
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- **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
- **Lt. Daniel McGue**—grandson of Sue Ryan
- **Lt. Col. Jeremy Hutchins, USAF**—brother-in-law of Valerie & Michael Schierl
- **Commander Brian Riegler, U.S. Navy**—husband of Elizabeth and father of Kaylee, Mackenzie, Grace & Liam
- **Capt. Colt Marcyan, USMC**—nephew of Noel Cusack
- **Capt. Trent McMullen, USAF**—son-in-law of Tom & Maureen Hunt
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- **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
- **Dominic James Greco, U.S. Navy**—nephew of Rita Pantoni
- **Robert Weiler, U.S. Navy**—brother of Rebecca Dionisio
- **Major Meghan Cumpston, U.S. Army**—cousin of Lauren Schultz
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- **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
- **Capt. Richard Hoover, U.S. Army & Neil Donegan, U.S. Navy**—nephew and grandson of Lorraine Donegan
- **Capt. Matt Waite, U.S. Army**—cousin of Justin, Maggie, Winona & Bea Waite

**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

*Pastor*  
*Associate Pastor*  
*Deacon*  
*Deacon*  
*Pastoral Associate*  
*Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister*  
*Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister*  
*Weekend Sacramental Minister*

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*Rev. Richard Milek*  
*Mr. Andrew Allison*  
*Mr. Phil Gianatasio*  
*Mrs. Margaret McMahon*  
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### Education Ministry

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*Assistant Principal*  
*Administrative Assistant*  
*Parish School Secretary*  
*Advancement Director*  
*Tuition Accounts*  
*Religious Education Coordinator/Sacrament Prep*  
*Religious Education Administrative Assistant*

*Mrs. Sharon Garcia*  
*Mrs. Janice Carr*  
*Mrs. Mary Hoffman*  
*Mrs. Peggy Evans*  
*Mrs. Mary Tassi*  
*Mrs. Jennifer Zeisloft*  
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### Youth Ministry

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### Music Ministry

*Director*

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### Parish Office Staff

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*Parish Accountant*  
*Pastor's Secretary*  
*Parish Secretary*  
*Staff Secretary*  
*Facilities Manager*

*Mrs. Jennifer Zeisloft*  
*Ms. Jane Bandyk*  
*Mrs. Maureen Pipal*  
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### Food Pantry/Community Outreach

*Coordinator*

*Mrs. Mary Freeman*

mfreeman@sfxlg.org

### **Contact Information**

Parish Office 124 N. Spring .....708-352-0168  
 St. Francis Xavier Day School .....708-352-2175  
 School of Religious Education .....708-352-4555  
 S.P.R.E.D. (Special Religious Education) .....708-352-0168  
 Fax Number .....708-352-4904  
 e-Mail .....sfxinlg@sfxlg.org  
 Main Day School e-Mail.....sfxmain@sfxlg.org  
 Main Religious Education e-Mail.....sfxreligiused@sfxlg.org  
 Parish Web Site .....www.sfxlg.org

### **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**

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.

### **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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