

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**April 4, 2021**



ALLELUIA  
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Why seek the dead  
among the living?

He is not here.

He is risen  
and lives!



## Week at a Glance

Monday, April 5	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Bernard Urycki	Marge McGrath
Tuesday, April 6	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Carol Grimes	Pat & Arlene Doyle
Wednesday, April 7	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Ken Kostal	George & Mary Lou Braasch
Thursday, April 8	Rosary	8:15 am		
Friday, April 9	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Mary Louise Dolin	The McKee Family
Saturday, April 10	Reconciliation	9:00 am		
	Mass	5:00 pm	Dolores Gnat Terry Coyle	Her Husband The Davis Family
Sunday, April 11 2nd Sunday of Easter	Mass	9:00 am	Bob O'Malley Brian Stephenson	Alice Vida Clare & Ernie Froemel
	Mass	11:00 am	Anne, Jerome & Kathy Titzer	Donna Titzer
	Mass	5:00 pm	Kathryn McInerney	Janice Sukaitis

The 8:00 am, 9:00 am and 12:00 pm Easter Sunday Masses will be livestreamed on our Face book page and accessible through our website sfxlg.org (no Facebook account needed).



**Adoration will be held this  
Thursday, April 15 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	Donna Pekarek
John Bovard	Peter Johns	Carolyn Peters
Nick Bowman	Jerry Johnson	James Pridmore
Jay Carroll	Theresa Kandall	Baby Lucia R.
Chili Challender	Wayne Kardatzke	Fran Rassi
Marek Chyczewski	Rose Kazan	Madison Raupp
Kevin Corrigan	Mark Kiley	Anna Rose
Carol Coughlan	Robert Kozak	Peter Sannasardo
Mary Culin	Jim Martin	Rita Scalcon
Anthony Dina	Enrique Martinez	Matthew Schiek
Blake Donegan	Lisa Massaro	Larry Skippet
Matt Doyle	Mary McMahan	Greyson Stanley
Wendy Einspar	Patrick Morgan	James Stapel
Lily Fielding	Mike Morrison	Marc Such
Will Fleming	Baby Amy Nesterowicz	Sarah Such
Leo Gannon	Carolyn Nesterowicz	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Mary Grand	Bernice Niemiec	Jodee Tuttle
Lilli Gregory	Gert Ogilvie	Michael Ungari
Wilson Gregory	Joan O'Halloran	Gregory Van Gorp
Frank Hoos	Arnold Oppenheim	Helena Walden
Rose Ilo	Jane O'Reilly	Marian Ward
Mary J.	Shawwna Palazzolo	Maribeth Watkins
Jane Jacobsen	Ryan Patyk	Liz Wilk
		Scott Young

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 April 4, 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or  
1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:17  
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/  
Jn 20:19-31

## Pastor's Notes

*Peter went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, rolled up in a separate place.*

*Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.*

John 20:8

***Sorrow and guilt cannot perceive what the eyes and mind cannot confirm; love sees from the heart and believes without need for proof.*** This is the core of John's account of Easter morning. Mary Magdalene grieves the death of Jesus and the terror of recent days; she finds an empty tomb and runs to tell others. Peter is preoccupied with guilt for his betrayal of Jesus; he enters the empty tomb and fears his failure to protect even the lifeless body of Jesus. Only John, who stood at the foot of the Cross with the Mother of Jesus, enters the empty tomb with hope; he peers into the emptiness and sees Resurrection, even though none of them yet understand what that means.

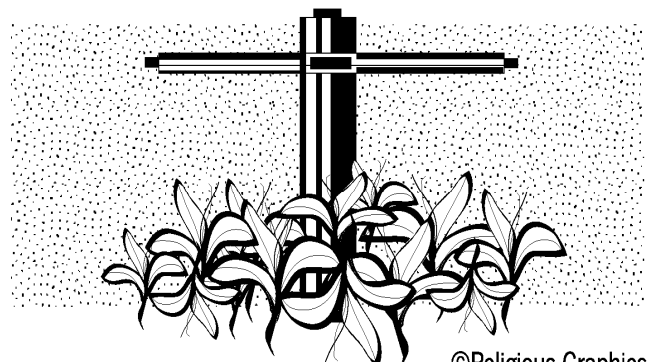
Last Easter, we celebrated Easter through a recorded Mass in an empty church. This year our home of worship is open to a limited number of people who made a reservation in advance or who can join us via livestream. We may at first confront the emptiness around us: the required distances in what is usually a crowded church. We may see only what is missing. Yet we are invited to *look again through our heart and the eyes of faith*. *Jesus lives* in all the gaps in the pews; in the airwaves that reach out to homes; and in our efforts to connect with those who are isolated and lack an internet connection. *Jesus lives* in the hands and hearts of volunteers who weekly provided bags of food to those in our community in need. *Jesus lives* in the hope that vaccinations and masks soon will restore more normal connections with one another. The tomb is empty because *Jesus lives* among those who take up his mission to care for others and make good use of the gifts God has given us.

**Welcome** to all who are making your return to us after a year away. **Welcome** to those joining family or friends for this Easter celebration. **Welcome** to those who join us from near and far via the internet. **Welcome** to those joining us for the first time, or after a longer time away for whatever reason. **Thank you** to all who have generously shared your time, talent, and treasure to keep us vibrant in our mission to pray together, to continue to deepen our faith, and to serve those in need. May we never take for granted the blessings God continues to bestow on us.

At the **Easter Vigil**, our faith community grew a bit. We baptized **Amy Whitsitt** and her children Ellie and Jack; we welcomed into the Catholic Church Amy's husband, **Garrett Whitsitt**, and **Catherine Murphy** and **Robert Goshorn**. We then fully initiated all four adults into the Catholic Church through Confirmation and Eucharist. We are blessed by their decision to become one with us in Christ. Next Sunday at the 9:00AM Mass we welcome one more adult into the Catholic Church. **Clarice Olson** is a resident at Bethlehem Woods who was never formally baptized into any faith and who expressed a long-held desire to become a member of the Catholic Church. She is an inspiration to us all. The Spirit is indeed alive and at work among us!

**Easter Blessings,**

*F. Bill*



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## Sunday, April 4

### Easter Sunday

Church	8:00 am	Fr. Rich Milek
Joyce Hall Livestream (Communion distributed)	8:00 am	
Gym	9:00 am	Fr. Bill Killeen
Church	10:00 am	Fr. Bill Tkachuk
Joyce Hall Livestream (Communion distributed)	10:00 am	
Gym	11:00 am	Fr. Rich Milek
Church	12:00 pm	Fr. Stan Ilo
Joyce Hall Livestream (Communion distributed)	12:00 pm	

*Please note that the Easter Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 pm are livestreamed on our Face book page and accessible through our website [sfxlg.org](http://sfxlg.org) (no Facebook account needed).*

Alleluia, Alleluia  The Lord is risen!

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## Easter Offertory

Our Easter Offertory budget is \$80,000. The collections received at this time of the year support the beautiful Holy Week and Easter liturgies as well as the many programs and outreach efforts we offer to those in need. Please be as generous as you are able, and know we remain prudent with your funds. Last year (when we were unable to host any live Easter Masses), SFX received \$68,157 in Easter offertory.

How to give:

- Envelopes are included in the Easter letter you should have received from Father Bill.
- Visit our website ([www.sfxlg.org](http://www.sfxlg.org)) and click DONATE under the Quicklinks section.
- Text EASTER to (708) 340-6630 and follow the return text's instructions.



**God bless you!**





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Easter 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we walk on our life journeys in this world, we may often feel overwhelmed. Struggle and suffering can mark our lives because of health issues, job insecurity, family concerns, or the painful loss of a loved one. The world itself, in Saint Paul's words, "has been groaning" (Roman 8:22), as it struggles with wars, violence, ecological degradation, economic injustice, and natural disasters. And as we are keenly aware this past year, the Church herself has struggled mightily with the shameful legacy of abuse and its mismanagement.

It seems that the landscape of our lives is entirely shaped by struggle and suffering. And that might seem to be the sum and substance of it all, but, in faith, we know that it is not. Our celebration of the Lord's resurrection in this Easter season opens our eyes beyond this desperate landscape to a new and hope-filled horizon. There is more to the story than our struggle and suffering. In the Resurrection of Jesus, we can begin to see a new life ahead of us that God offers to us.

As we go forth in this Easter season, I am reminded of the great Psalm 118 that the Church so often prays:

*I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,  
but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
and has been my savior.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. (vv.13-15)*

May this Easter season renew within you and your loved ones the conviction that God is your helper and an abiding awareness of your victory in the Risen Lord Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blase Cupic".

Archbishop of Chicago



**In observance of the Easter Holiday,  
the rectory phones will be answered by the service  
from noon on Friday, April 2 through Monday, April 5.  
A staff person will be answering phones beginning  
Tuesday, April 6 at 8:30 am.**

### **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.

### **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.

### **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>.

# Faith Formation

Educational, formational, and spiritual growth opportunities for all parishioners

# HE IS RISEN!

# ALLELUIA!

## CONGRATULATIONS

on receiving your Sacraments of Initiation:

Robert Goshorn  
Catherine Murphy  
Amy Whitsitt  
Garrett Whitsitt

SFX is proud to announce that Bo, Cathy, Amy, and Garrett will all be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil! Amy and Garrett's children, Ellie and Jack, will also be baptized with Amy at the Vigil.

A huge thanks to the RCIA team and all our elect – it has been such a gift to journey with you all toward this moment!

## Families with Young Children

Are you interested in any of the following events with other families of young kids?

- Brews & Babies outdoor social gathering
- Zoo dates
- Park meet-ups
- "Baby & Me" Catholic Gymboree

Or do you just want to be kept "in the loop"?

[Click here](#) (or email [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org)) to join the listserv!

## C.S. Lewis Book Club

On **Wednesday evenings**, beginning **April 21**, we will meet to discuss *The Screwtape Letters* –

"a classic masterpiece of religious satire that entertains readers with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters* is the most engaging account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written."

[Click here](#) for more information or to register! Email [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) with questions.

## Have you signed up for *FORMED*?

Diving into the beauty of the Faith has never been easier: at home, on the go, or from any internet connected device. Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies... there is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church.

[Click here](#) for info on how to sign up.

## The Sanctuary Course for Catholics: *Exploring the Intersection of Faith & Mental Health*

Join a group of fellow Catholics as we hear from real people and experts about their experience of faith and mental health. This group can meet virtually or in-person (socially distant, with masks) depending on the interests of those joining us.

Email [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) if you are interested!

## MEN OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

It's the year of St. Joseph – is the Spirit moving you to enter more deeply into your faith this year?

Email [Patrick.mcmahon65@gmail.com](mailto:Patrick.mcmahon65@gmail.com) to join a community of Catholic men seeking to love God and their families well.

## 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/Fisg-SrOcVM>.*

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Lolan P. Adan, MAPC~Parish Counselor

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## Outreach From Catholic Charities

**Blossoms of Hope – April 25:** Blossoms of Hope Virtual Event will be held on Sunday, April 25 to support the Catholic Charities Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS) Program. All are welcome and attendance is free of charge. The event will include keynote speakers, an exciting raffle and silent auction, and the opportunity to remember and honor loved ones lost to suicide and those who survive them. For more information, please contact Kaaron Johnson at [kajohnson@catholiccharities.net](mailto:kajohnson@catholiccharities.net).





## Area Respect Life Ministry

*Parishioners from St. Cletus, St. Francis Xavier and St. John of the Cross meet several times during the year to discuss ways we can partner together and advocate for a world that joyfully sees God in every human person in all stages and in all conditions.*

**Next Meeting via Zoom: Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm.** Contact Kendall at [kgrant@stcletusparish.com](mailto:kgrant@stcletusparish.com) for link to meeting. See below for Letter from the IL Bishops about state legislation.

### March 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the diocesan bishops of Illinois, write today out of great concern. Bills have been introduced before the Illinois General Assembly to repeal Illinois' Parental Notice of Abortion Act. They are **House Bill 1797** and **Senate Bill 2190**. The enactment of this legislation would lead to tragic and irreversible outcomes.

The Parental Notice of Abortion Act simply requires that when a minor girl seeks to have an abortion, a parent or guardian is notified 48 hours before the procedure. The obvious hope of the law is that parents, by their deep love and moral obligation, will act to protect, support and guide their children. In every other facet of life, we are taught—and we teach—that parental involvement is key to the child's best interest. Repealing the Act is nothing less than an invasion into the sacred space of family life by the state, with no provision to support the minor emotionally, humanely or materially at a critical moment in her life.

It is unfortunately true that not all young people come from loving homes. In these cases, when the threat of abuse or neglect outweighs the rights of parents, the current law allows a young girl the opportunity to declare in writing that there is abuse, or she can seek an emergency hearing before a judge to explain her situation. We acknowledge that this can be emotionally difficult; however, such difficulty must be weighed against the harm done when our laws effectively undermine family life by separating children from the care of parents who love them the most. The state should do everything to support families, not destabilize them.

The existing Parental Notice of Abortion Act provides important safeguards against the evils of sexual abuse and human trafficking. If a minor girl can be taken by any adult man to an abortion clinic, in the hopes of erasing the evidence of his abuse, what protection exists outside of the girl's parent or

guardian being informed? Why would we want to create such a dangerous environment?

Simply put, the Parental Notice of Abortion Act works. According to statistics gathered by the Illinois Department of Public Health, since the law's final enactment by the Illinois Supreme Court in 2013, abortions performed on minors in Illinois have decreased over 30 percent. The lives saved by this law are real and present among us.

These are the reasons every state in the Midwest and 37 states overall have laws requiring some form of parental involvement in the decision of a minor to have an abortion. Illinois has been among those states for 8 years and no obvious problems or detriments have been publicly exposed. The repeal of Parental Notice of Abortion is a tragic solution in search of a problem.

So what can you do? As Catholics of good will, we call on you to engage your elected officials—state representatives, state senators and the Governor—and urge them to oppose House Bill 1797 and Senate Bill 2190.

Possible methods of contact include phone calls, letters, emails, and Zoom meetings between legislators and you, their concerned constituents. For all of these efforts, you will need to be able to identify your legislators and secure the appropriate contact information.

Here is how:

Visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois' website—[www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org)—scroll nearly to the bottom of the homepage, click on "Find Your Legislator" and input the asked-for information. Doing this will identify one's state elected officials, and simply clicking on their names will provide the contact information.

In our concern for all human life, and particularly for the struggles of young girls in these difficult circumstances and their unborn children, we ask you to participate in this effort. Together we are strong, and we can make a difference. Thank you.

Sincerely,

His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago  
Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C., Bishop of Peoria  
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield  
Most Reverend David J. Malloy, Bishop of Rockford  
Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, Bishop of Joliet  
Most Reverend Michael G. McGovern, Bishop of Belleville

## 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.

### April

We are partnering with the Salt Creek Watershed Network to clean up garbage at Salt Creek Forest Preserve on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. All supplies will be provided. Please join us if interested, and contact Elizabeth at [elizabeth.fanta@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:thsully28@yahoo.com) to sign up.

## 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.

## Taller de José Builder's Day Celebration



Taller de José invites you to join us for our virtual Builder's Day Celebration on Saturday, April 17!

This year, Taller de José will be presenting the Companion Award to Joan Stopka, a long-time volunteer at Taller de José and St. Francis Xavier parishioner.

We'd love to have you join us (virtually) on Saturday, April 17 to celebrate Joan and thank her for her 10+ years of volunteer service at Taller de José. With three different options to participate in the event, there's sure to be something for everyone. Please visit our website [www.tallerdejose.org](http://www.tallerdejose.org) for more information.

Mission: Taller de José accompanies individuals, serving as a bridge to connect them to the health, legal, and social services needed to achieve their goals. As a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph Mission Network, we create more connected communities.

## 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.



Raise a slice  
FOR A  
**GOOD  
CAUSE**

## **SFX PARISH RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM**

### **DATE**

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**

### **LOCATIONS**

#### **Lou Malnati's Western Springs**

4:00pm - 10:00pm  
4700 Gilbert Ave  
(708) 246-3400

#### **Lou Malnati's Oak Park**

11:00am - 10:00pm  
1038 Lake St  
(708) 358-0800

**SUPPORT THE  
SFX PARISH  
RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM  
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### **FOR QUESTIONS**

Please contact Terri Simeoni  
708-352-4555  
tsimeoni@sfxlg.org

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**Make sure to mention the flyer or fundraiser during your order.**

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## **PLEASE NOTE**

- Must mention fundraiser at time of order to ensure credit towards fundraiser
- Please check receipt for "fundraiser" item, if you do not see "fundraiser" on your receipt, please see or call a manager. For online orders, it will appear when you enter the promo code
- For questions or concerns please email [fundraising@loumalnatis.com](mailto:fundraising@loumalnatis.com)



**WHAT**  
**SFX CWC**  
**SPRING EVENT**

**WHERE**  
**La Grange**

**WHEN**  
**Saturday, May 8th**

Psalm 46:5 “God Is Within Her She Will Not Fall”

Please join us this year for our annual CWC hosted event! This year, it's been renamed the Ladies Day Out Spring Event in lieu of our traditional Pre-Lenten Event. We created an event to offer women a way to *Relax and Revive* after the past year! We are hoping to bond the women of SFX, while also keeping everyone safe through a combination of Yoga, a Bingo-inspired shopping event, and our famous Raffle. This event will take place on Saturday, May 8th. We hope you can join us!!!

<http://sfxspringevent.org/>

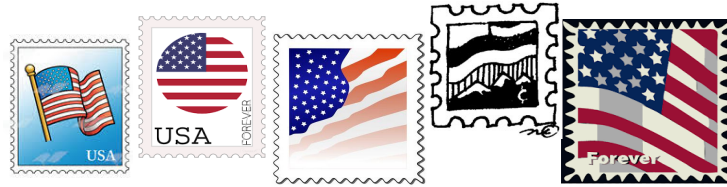
Please also consider becoming an Angel Donor this year! “Angels” help defray the costs of the event through their generous donations and allow us to raise as much money as possible to support the operations of our parish and its ministries. Please use the link below to become an SFX Angel Donor today! Your support is greatly appreciated!

<https://sfxspringevent.org/become-an-angel>

**Spring Event Registration Coming Soon!**



## 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!

## Interfaith Community Partners



Did you know? ICP volunteers can drive older adults (60+) to get their COVID vaccines if they have no other way to get there. Please think about your older adult neighbors who may need help during this difficult time and share ICP's office phone number: 708-354-9328.

Interfaith Community Partners is a non-profit organization that works together with volunteers to provide escorted transportation for people 60 and better to get to places like physician appointments and therapies. We do not charge our clients and ask for suggested donations, when able.

Interfaith Community Partners also offers Library Home Delivery Service. We need volunteer drivers! We'll train you via Zoom. We'll work around your busy life. Background check required. Find out more about Interfaith Community Partners!

## 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, please text or email Mike Hattie at 708-207-2780 or [www.council6483@gmail.com](mailto:www.council6483@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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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. No Give Back!**

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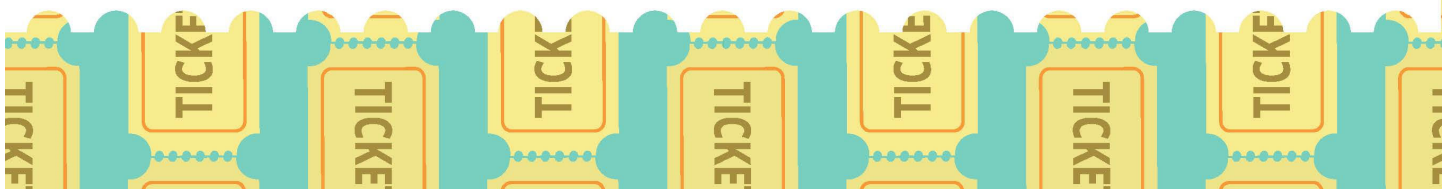
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### See the latest happenings at the day school:

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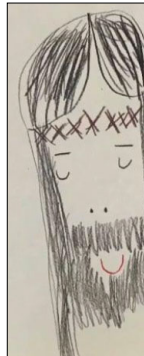
On behalf of the Food Pantry at St. Francis Xavier Parish, LaGrange, IL, and the Positive School Committee, we thank you for your overwhelming support on Essential Items Day!  
<https://vimeo.com/516377296>

On St. Paddy's Day, a lucky leprechaun won \$1,000 in our early bird drawing. Watch the video below to find out who. Don't forget to enter the drawing for our grand prize of \$15,000!!!  
<http://www.sfxraffle.com>

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Video Link <https://vimeo.com/527955124>

The second graders did a fun Lenten Activity. They had to follow the teacher's directions perfectly for this project. They were given a piece of construction paper and told to take out a brown, a red, and a black colored pencil. They were given instructions and had to really follow them step by step. The children had no idea what they were about to create but they were so excited to do the activity! As the directions progressed, children started making guesses of what this was going to end up becoming. They guessed a rainbow, a building, our school, Mary, etc. Once the teacher gave one of the final prompts, the children all let out a breath and said "This is Jesus!". This was a fun activity for all and it helped us to remember that Jesus is always with us!



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.

**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.

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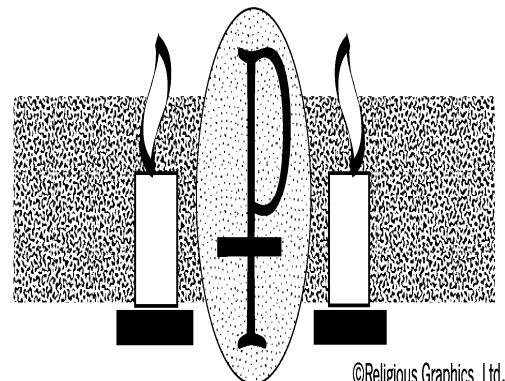
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**Please inform us of those serving Overseas in the Military...  
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Email the [bulletineditor@sfxlg.org](mailto:bulletineditor@sfxlg.org).**

## 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*  
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*Religious Education Administrative Assistant*

*Mrs. Sharon Garcia*  
*Mrs. Janice Carr*  
*Mrs. Mary Hoffman*  
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### Parish Office Staff

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

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### Food Pantry/Community Outreach

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### **Contact Information**

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 School of Religious Education .....708-352-4555  
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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**

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