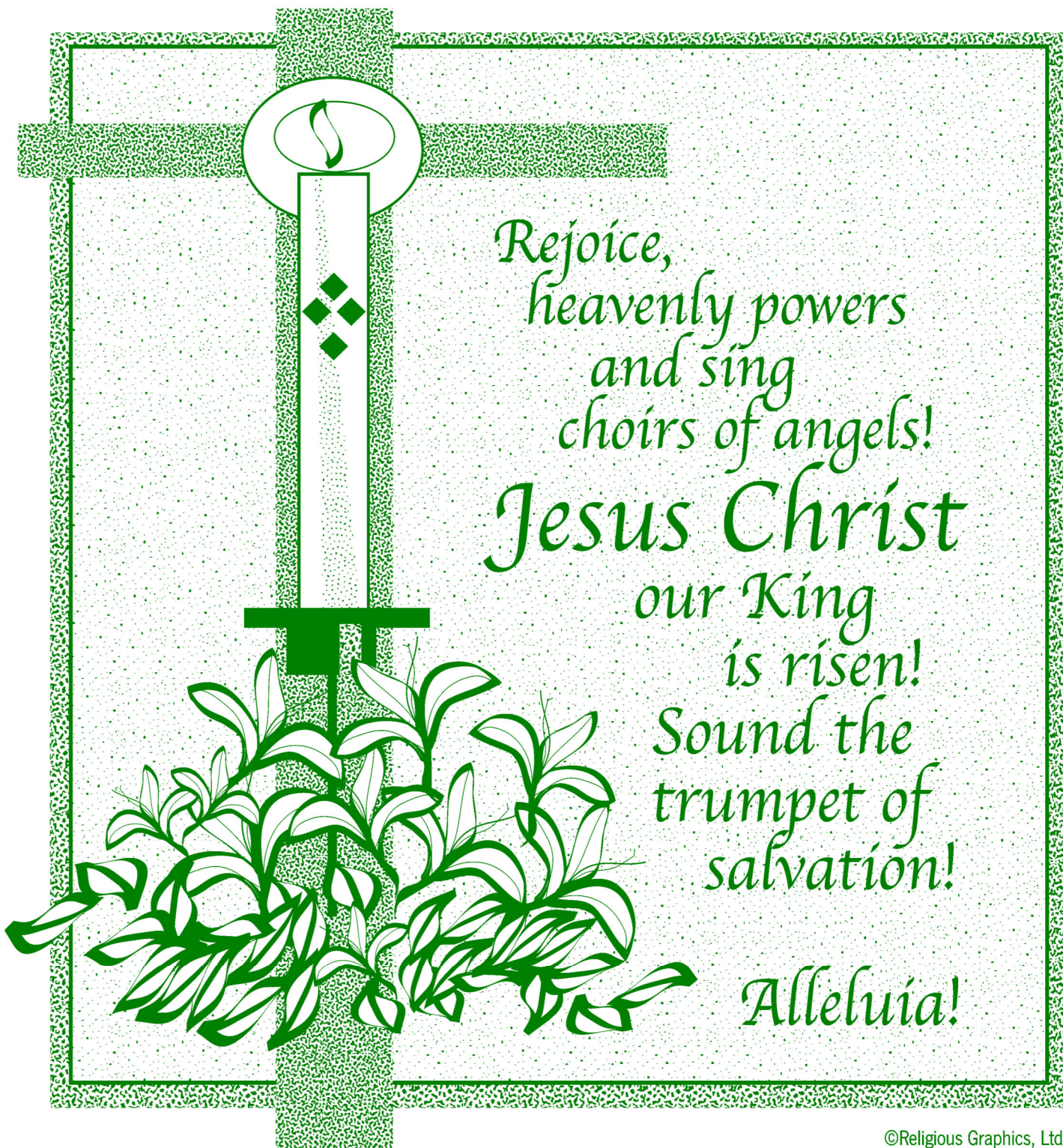


**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**April 17, 2022**



*Rejoice,  
heavenly powers  
and sing  
choirs of angels!  
Jesus Christ  
our King  
is risen!  
Sound the  
trumpet of  
salvation!  
Alleluia!*

## Week at a Glance

|  |                       |                    | Intention                                   | Requested By                          |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Monday, April 18   | Morning Mass          | 8:30 am            | Herbert & Mary Schrack<br>Special Intention |                                       |
| Tuesday, April 19  | Morning Mass          | 8:30 am            | Besse & Dick Parlon                         | Pam Oplawski                          |
| Wednesday, April 20  | Morning Mass          | 8:30 am            | Richard Sietz                               | Ellis Elder                           |
| Thursday, April 21   | Rosary<br>Adoration   | 8:15 am<br>6:00 pm |   |                                       |
| Friday, April 22   | Morning Mass          | 8:30 am            | Robert St. Peters                           | Joan Thoms                            |
| Saturday, April 23   | Mass                  | 8:30 am            | Marianne Hryndza                            | Ron Skupien                           |
|  | Reconciliation        | 9:00 am            |   |                                       |
|  | Mass                  | 5:00 pm            | Mary & Joseph Simeoni<br>Robert Kuchler     | The Simeoni Family<br>The Bier Family |
| Sunday, April 24<br>2nd Sunday of Easter<br>(Divine Mercy) | Mass                  | 7:30 am            | People of the Parish                        |                                       |
|  | Mass                  | 9:00 am            | Mike Konstant                               | The Konstant Family                   |
|  | Mass                  | 11:00 am           | Bob Kuta                                    | Nancy Cozzi                           |
|  | Confessions/Holy Hour | 2:30 pm            |   |                                       |
|  | Mass                  | 5:00 pm            | Ronald Lorenzini                            | The Nighswander Family                |

### Schedule for April 16-17, 2022~Mass Time

8:00 pm Fr. Tkachuk    7:30 am Fr. Milek    9:00 am Fr. Killeen    9:15 am Fr. Tkachuk    11:00 am Fr. Ilo    11:15 am Fr. Milek

### Please pray for . . .

|                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Paul Byron       | Janet Krueger         |
| Jay Carroll      | Art Lyons             |
| Maribeth Cervak  | Lisa Massaro          |
| Chili Challender | Patrick Morgan        |
| Tionna Dawson    | Mike Morrison         |
| Blake Donegan    | Gert Ogilvie          |
| Victoria Donile  | Jane O'Reilly         |
| Barbara Doyle    | Lorraine Ovnik        |
| Matthew Doyle    | Ryan Patyk            |
| Lily Fielding    | Donna Pekarek         |
| Jim Fitzgerald   | Baby Lucia R.         |
| Lilli Gregory    | Madison Raupp         |
| Wilson Gregory   | Anna Rose             |
| Vincenzo Guzzo   | Rita Scalcon          |
| Rose Ilo         | Sr. Marlene Schemmel  |
| Mary J.          | Santa Snieg           |
| Jane Jacobsen    | John Stopka           |
| Theresa Kandall  | Kate Frugoli Sullivan |
| Patricia Kanna   | Olivia Tarsney        |
| Mark Kiley       | Gregory Van Gorp      |
| Mary Jane Kowal  | Liz Wilk              |

To add a name to the prayer list for friends and relatives who are sick, please call the rectory at 708-352-0168.

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:

**Michael Goggin**  
Father-in-Law of Jason Widuch

**Peggy Hofstetter**  
Aunt of Missy Westerhoff

**Amanda Terese Papuga**  
Daughter of Candy & Stanley Papuga

**Albert Tassi**  
Husband of Mary  
Father of Christina, Monica & Anna

### Weddings

Lauren Dawson & Anthony Larios



Make a gift to the Sunday Offertory with this QR Code. Thank you for your support!

## Pastor's Letter

*"Why do you seek the living one among the dead?  
He is not here, but he has been raised."  
Luke 24:5*

Welcome to all who gather with us this Easter morning, whether in person or via livestream. A special welcome to those who are returning to us after the separation and isolation of the coronavirus and its many variants. It is a joy to see your faces and hear your voices in song. We are blessed to have been given the gift of one another.

**What do we seek in the empty tomb *this* Easter morning?** Or perhaps, what are the empty, seemingly lifeless places in your life, in your family, or in the way you experience the world? Easter is God's proclamation that there is nothing on this earth more powerful than the transforming power of God's love. In the seeming emptiness are voices that send us out from the empty tombs to see and hear more clearly what God is doing. We will not find resurrected life among that which speaks only of death, no matter how hard we seek. We must seek the living presence of Jesus in the signs of new life that are all around us. And if events or feelings in our hearts prevent us from recognizing these signs, we must ask Jesus to come to us through the locked doors behind which we feel trapped at times. Like the first disciples, we come together to find in communion what we may lack in isolation.

**What witness do we bring to others as we go forth from the empty tomb?** We are sent as witnesses of new life in Christ and the promise that God persists in raising life from the midst of what appears to be lifeless. We are offered the grace to bring hope to the hopeless and that shines Christ's light into the darkness. Easter cannot be some beautiful garden that we enter once a year for a moment of joy. Easter must become in us a way of living that continually opens our eyes and hearts so that our lives in turn may do the same for others.

Three women, **Nour Otremba, Lauren Dawson,** and **Yesenia Gonzalez,** lead us forth this year as, they move through death to new life in Christ at the Easter Vigil, they entered into

new life in Christ and the Spirit through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and became part of the Body of Christ through the Eucharist. Soon, over 100 high school teens will be sealed in the Spirit at Confirmation; over 100 children will join us as the Body of Christ in their First Communion. These women, youth, and children challenge us to remember and be grateful for the blessings of grace that God has bestowed upon us.

**Thank you** to the *many* ministers whose hands, hearts, and voices bring beauty, spirit, and joy to our worship. Many hours are given in preparing for these celebrations for which we strive to give our best to the holiest celebrations of our parish year. Thanks also to those who minister through our Food Pantry, to our children, and to those separated from us by illness or physical limitations. Thanks to those who step up to lead and coordinate the opportunities to share and deepen our faith during Lent and throughout the year, and those who participate and thereby enrich us all.

**Where does the Risen Lord seek to lead and send us?** How does the Spirit hope to set the world on fire through our words and actions? As with the first witnesses to Easter joy, the journey is just beginning!

**Easter Blessings to you and yours,**

*J. Bill*



**Rectory Closed**

In observance of the Easter Holiday, the rectory will be closed on Monday, April 18. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 19 at 8:30 am.



## GIVING AT SFX

Easter  
Collection

We are grateful to all those whose financial support makes the mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish possible. You can make an Easter gift by using the box near the exits or by accessing this QR code. For those joining us online, [click here](#) to donate.



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Easter 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we gather this year to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection, we cannot avoid our circumstances. Shadows of sin and death loom large over us. The pandemic, our experience of social unrest and daily violence on our streets, and, of course, the horrors of war in Ukraine and other parts of the world—all remind us how much we need the Lord's redemptive and healing power in our lives.

Our source of hope amid these challenges is anchored in all that we have witnessed in the liturgies of Holy Week. We have celebrated that the Lord Jesus entered into the fullness of our human experience. He went to the very darkest edges of that human experience. He entered into our suffering, struggle, and even our desperation, when he cried out on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" He squarely faced sin and death on the cross.

And it was precisely in the moment he fully emptied himself, placing himself totally in the hands of God, that he was raised up from the dead victorious. But, his rising from the dead is not just a matter of his personal vindication, He came back from the dead for us, to give us a share in his victory. This is what takes place in our Baptism, which is confirmed in the Holy Spirit, and sustained by the Eucharistic. He lives in us, and his victory over sin and death lives in us as well.

As Pope Francis reminds us, we need to share the victory of the resurrection with others, as Jesus did with us. We do this by being sisters and brothers to one another. As Church, we are a family of faith that walks with each other in moments of pain, struggle, and are never abandoned. My prayer for all of us in the Archdiocese of Chicago is that we will stand firm in hope, confident that the One who has gone before us in death has come back from the dead for us. May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you and those you love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

# THE FEAST OF MERCY

(Divine Mercy Sunday)



*The Feast of Mercy or Divine Mercy Sunday has been celebrated in many countries, dioceses and parishes for many years. Pope John Paul II, the Cardinals, Bishops and Priests who have read the diary of St. Faustina have come to appreciate the significance of this feast. But now, ever since the Holy See had decreed that the "Second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday," many more are seeking to go more deeply into the words of Our Lord to St. Faustina that were meant for all humanity.*

*Pope John Paul II in his homily at the canonization of Sr. Faustina on April 30, 2000 said: "Jesus shows His hands and His side. He points, that is, to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity".*

*The image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy, is to have a special place of honor on the Feast of Mercy, a visual reminder of all that Jesus did for us through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection ... and a reminder, too, of what He asks of us in return - to trust Him and be merciful to others.*

*The Eucharist is the "Fountain of Life". The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.*

**THE CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AT SFX  
ON SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022**

**2:30 PM - ROSARY PRAYER AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS**

**3:00 PM - HOLY HOUR WITH THE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
(REFLECTION ON DIVINE MERCY, DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET PRAYER,  
SILENT ADORATION, AND BENEDICTION).**

## Thank You



A heartfelt thank you to the entire parish for the second collection donations to the teen mission service trip. With your help and generosity, we have reached our fundraising goal! This allows us to have two coach buses for transportation which enables us to take 90+ teens and chaperones. We could not have done it without your support and we are grateful and humbled.



As summer plans get finalized, we anticipate movement on the list of teens attending the trip. If you are interested, please use this QR code to register for the wait list or contact [kerrisedlacek@att.net](mailto:kerrisedlacek@att.net).

Thank you!

## ATTENTION New Altar Servers Entering Seventh and Eighth GRADES For the 2022-2023 School Year

If you are interested in becoming an altar server (and I hope you are).

Please **PICK ONE** training session **EACH WEEK**

Training is required for *all servers.*

### ***Training dates:***

#### WEEK ONE

Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

2:45 – 3:45

or

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

3:45 – 4:45

#### WEEK TWO

Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

2:45 – 3:45

or

Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

3:45 – 4:45

#### WEEK THREE

Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

2:45 – 3:45

or

Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

3:45 – 4:45

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Please return with the training dates (1 from each week) by Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in September: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Week One \_\_\_\_\_ Week Two \_\_\_\_\_ Week Three \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**All scheduling communication is done through Email.**

Please call or email Mrs. Westerhoff at the rectory (708-352-0168) or [sfxinlg@sfxlg.org](mailto:sfxinlg@sfxlg.org) with any questions.



# SFX Parish Party

SERVE  
PRAY  
CELEBRATE

## SAVE THE DATE JUNE 18 ALL PARISH PARTY!

Gather for a joyful celebration of our parish community!

Parishioners will have many opportunities to participate:

- 9:00am-4:00pm: **Serve** as a part of our Annual Service Day
- 5:00pm: **Pray** together at Mass to commemorate our journey over the past two years
- 6:00pm: **Celebrate** our community of faith at our All-Parish party in the parking lot

More details to come. Can't wait to see you there!

Questions about the Party? Reach out to Maggie McMahon, Pastoral Associate [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) or Jennifer Zeisloft, Director of Stewardship and Operations [jzeisloft@sfxlg.org](mailto:jzeisloft@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168.

Questions about Service Day? Contact Mary Freeman, Director of Community Outreach [mfreeman@sfxlg.org](mailto:mfreeman@sfxlg.org) or 708-352-0168, if you have questions, ideas, or would like to lead an outreach team.

# Your Gift, God's Hands

Each month we feature how your stewardship contributes to the Parish mission. At the Easter Vigil, three women entered the Catholic Church by Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation after 8 months on the RCIA journey (*Rite of Christian Initiation*) at SFX. Two of these women—Yesenia Gonzalez and Nour Otremba— share some of their faith journeys below.



**“Mom, are you coming for communion?”** Nour’s 4-year-old asked as the church pews slowly emptied into communion lines. Over a year later, Nour recounts that this was the moment that she realized: *“I need to make a decision.”* For the first time, it felt right for her – a Muslim woman – to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic.

Nour grew up in an Arabic-Muslim household, with a mother whose self-proclaimed goal was “to ensure that [her children] believe in God and have strong values.” Nour’s mother even sent her to an all-girl’s Catholic school beginning in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. In school Nour never felt like an outsider, instead she saw so many similarities between her core values in Islam and the core values of Christianity. Those same core values eventually connected her to her husband, whom she met in college.

“We had such similar values – and our parents were both first generation immigrants,” she explains. Joining her husband’s Polish-Catholic family especially influenced Nour. Her husband’s family was “extremely warm and welcoming,” “family-oriented,” and “dedicated – they will do anything for their kids.” All in all, Nour describes them as amazing role models for raising one’s family “in a village.”

A huge part of the Otremba family culture includes the Catholic faith: “They showed me that it takes all of it – God, family, community – to make really solid, happy kids at the end of the day.”

For Nour, attending Mass was strange in the beginning – but it “slowly became more natural.” The more she attended Mass with her husband and children, the more she began to realize that it was a “really positive experience for the whole family.”

She now sees how God actively worked to open her heart to the possibility of conversion, especially during the pandemic. “Being in quarantine really makes you realize what’s important – I think a lot of people realized that family is so important – so [I started asking] what do I do to preserve that and make it the best it can be? And I think then my heart opened,” Nour reflects.

After noticing an invitation to join RCIA in the bulletin, Nour reached out and received assurance from the team that she didn’t have to commit right away, but could just come to check it out. “Each and every time I found more positives,” Nour recounts, “it was very refreshing, each time I felt closer to God, closer to my family. As many questions as I had, I started getting a lot of answers and a lot of clarity.” The RCIA process helped her work through other life experiences and challenges and has helped her feel even more united with her husband. “Having God at the center of your marriage is so critical!” she exclaims.

“I want to thank [the RCIA team], it’s amazing to see how dedicated they are... this is something that they love! They are a huge source of the reason I am moving forward on this path,” Nour continues, “the whole group is just excellent, I feel like we’ve formed our own little family.”

When asked about how she will feel after entering the Church at the Easter Vigil, she says “I’ve already started to feel it... content? Is it clarity? Or just... more whole? At *peace!*”



**“I kept feeling like I was missing something, I felt that for a long time... and I would try to explain it to my mom: ‘I feel like there is something that I need.’”**

Yesenia spent much of her childhood with her very Catholic grandmother, but she herself was never baptized. She recounts that she “always wanted to be part of the Church, to be Catholic and actually be baptized...but it was something I was always questioning because I didn’t want to do it just because of my grandma. I wanted to choose it for me.” Even as she entered adulthood, Yesenia kept asking questions.

The first answer to her questions came in the form of her husband, Eli, who was raised Catholic himself. “Before Eli, I didn’t pray – I didn’t know how to – I had seen my grandma pray, but she was very private. I always thought it was a private thing. But Eli would pray out loud while I was in the room.” Yesenia remembers the beauty of the way Eli would pray with the intention of her listening in, “but it was for us... he was praying for us! It was very moving.”



This experience not only taught Yesenia how to pray, but also helped her “realize that this man is close to God.” She thought, “he has a relationship with God, and I wanted to be a part of that – and have my own relationship [with God] too!” Suddenly such a relationship seemed possible.

Her journey came to a decision point when she and Eli were struggling to conceive a child. “During that time I especially needed someone, and that someone was God. I wasn’t sure how to pray, but I would have conversations with God... It felt like we were never going to get pregnant. Having those talks with God, [I felt] like someone was listening. [I felt like] this is what I was missing... and this is what I need in my life.”

When they finally arrived at St. Francis Xavier – three months pregnant with their daughter, Luna – Yesenia knew she had found something special. After attending Mass at SFX, she thought: “This is it!” As she took the step to reach out about RCIA, she remembers feeling nervous that the Church would not want her. After her first conversation with a team member, she realized: “Wow! They actually want me to be a part of the RCIA program!”

“I didn’t know what to expect, but it has been a beautiful journey. I’m just excited to finally get baptized... the fact that I’m going to do it is amazing!” Yesenia beams.

STEWARDSHIP



Devote Time with God

Share Talent

Give Treasure

## Your Gift, God’s Hands

Offertory Report  
July 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022

|                           |    |           |
|---------------------------|----|-----------|
| Total Offertory Received: | \$ | 1,324,386 |
| Easter Budget Target:     | \$ | 73,000    |
| Annual Budgeted Offertory | \$ | 1,747,399 |

God bless you for supporting our Parish ministries!

# He is Risen! Alleluia!



## CONGRATULATIONS

to our RCIA participants:

**Lauren Dawson**  
**Yesenia Gonzalez**  
**Nour Otremba**

on receiving the sacraments of  
Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation  
at the Easter Vigil this weekend!

**Congratulations** also to our SJC candidate, Michael Vojta,  
on his full reception into the Catholic Church!

**Thank you** to the RCIA team who walked alongside them throughout this faith journey.

SFX Team: Curt Aronson, Susan Lindsay, Diane Walsh

SJC Team: Fran Connelly, Catie Poronsky, Charlie Thomas, Steve Weigand!

*Are you interested in becoming Catholic or joining the RCIA team? Email [mmcmahon@sfxlg.org](mailto:mmcmahon@sfxlg.org) to get involved.*



### 2nd Annual *Building Inclusive Community* Conference

9AM-1PM on Saturday, April 30  
*Lyons Township High School, South Campus.*  
Co-sponsored by *CommUNITY diversity group.*

### What are local public schools doing about the “Achievement Gap”?

7PM on Thursday, April 21 via Zoom  
[Click to register](#) or visit  
[www.lagrangerealwv.org](http://www.lagrangerealwv.org)



### SAVE THE DATE May 1, 2022, 5pm Mass To Celebrate HS Seniors

Hi Class of 2022!

A tradition at SFX Parish has been to celebrate the high school seniors at a Sunday evening liturgy. We hope seniors and their families can gather together on **Sunday, May 1st at 5pm** in the Church.

Following mass, please gather at God's Garage for pizza.

Optional: If you'd like, wear a t-shirt with your college name, place of employment or GAP year interest.

We will take a picture of all seniors right AFTER mass.

***God has more in store for you  
than you can even imagine.***  
*Ephesians 3:20*



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**Blood  
Drive**

St. Francis Catholic Church-Gym  
145 North Waiola (Ogden & Waiola) LaGrange  
Friday, April 22 from 12:00-4:00 pm

Hosted by the: Knights of Columbus,  
LaGrange Local Council 6483 Blood Drive

Give blood & help us reach our 22-donation target to help supply 83 local hospitals. To make an appointment, visit [www.versiti.org](http://www.versiti.org) or call 1-800-7TO-GIVE or scan the QR Code with your smart phone's camera below.

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

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





Let's party like it's 1999  
at the  
St. Francis Xavier  
Back to the 90s Auction!

When: April 30, 2022, 6:30pm

Where: Outdoors under the big white tent  
at the St. Francis Xavier School Parking Lot

Silent and Live Auction  
Live 90's Band  
Photobooth  
Sweet Mandy B's Cupcake Fundraiser  
Food, Drinks, and Fun!

Tickets on sale now at [www.sfxauction.com](http://www.sfxauction.com)



Calling All Falcons!  
The Alumni Pre-Party  
at the SFX Auction is back!

April 30, 2022, 5:30-7:30pm

- Meet up with old classmates
- Walk down memory lane at the SFX gym
- Toast to good times
- Participate in an auction prize competition
- Half-price tickets for alumni\* - includes admission to the pre-party and main event

Get your tickets at [www.sfxauction.com](http://www.sfxauction.com) and spread the word!

\* Half-price alumni tickets are reserved for alumni, age 21+, who do not currently have kids enrolled at SFX school.

Alleluia  
Alleluia  
Alleluia

## School of Religious Education News



### **Your Gift and Talent is Needed!**

Are you ready to share your faith with the youth of our parish?! WE NEED YOU! You don't need training as a teacher, you just need a love for Jesus! Catechesis will be offered both online and in person this year by grade level bi-monthly, so I am looking for many volunteers to step forward to join in this new journey. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a catechist or catechist assistant for the 2022-2023 school year at [eguidice@sfxlg.org](mailto:eguidice@sfxlg.org).

**Register  
Today!**

### **Register Now for K – 8 Religious Education, Don't Delay!**

The School of Religious Education is now accepting registration for the 2022-2023 school year.

*Families who register by April 23<sup>rd</sup>  
will be entered into a raffle for free tuition.  
The drawing will take place at our last class  
in person event on April 24<sup>th</sup>.  
You must be present at the event to win!*

The 2022-2023 program will offer families two options.

We will offer an in person bi-monthly grade level program held on Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings and we will offer a virtual asynchronous grade level program with lessons being released bi-monthly on Sundays.

Students enrolled in the in person or online program will receive their own book to take home to work on.

Visit our website for complete information on registration and tuition: <https://sfxlg.socs.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/Religious%20Education%7CAbout%3E%3ERegistration20Information%20for%202022-2023>.

## Religious Education End of Year Fundraiser with Stan's Donuts



The Stan's Pink Donut Van will be at SFX on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:45-2:45 pm. This will be the Religious Education's big fundraiser of the year. All proceeds will support the return to our in person program next school year! We are asking parishioners for your support. Stan's is taking pre-orders for the donuts. *Please consider placing your order now and you can pick up on the day of the event. You can set the exact time of pick up for the 24<sup>th</sup>.*

**Use the QR code below and it will take you directly to the order form.**

Stan's Donuts has also created a Facebook event. So if you are placing an order and will be stopping by on the 24<sup>th</sup> to pick it up please make sure to RSVP to the event on Facebook. Click here for the event page: [Event Link](#)

**Pre-order cut off is 48 hours before event**



**Scan the QR code to place your pre-order!**

## **Interfaith Career Network**

### **Executing the Pivot**

Looking to undertake a career change but challenged in how to begin? Be sure to join us on Thursday, April 21 from 7-9 pm for some creative ideas. Pivoting mid-career to a different profession, while potentially rewarding, can be difficult to execute. Join us as Nicole Magats, recruiter and career coach, walks us through how to successfully stand out when trying to pivot careers. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 Wolf Road, in Western Springs.

Visit [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org) for additional resources.



## 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
- **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
- **Private Jerry Delgado, U.S. Army**—friend of Liz Wilk
- **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
- **Airman Jeffrey Niemiec, USAF**—nephew of Nancy & Harry Devereux
- **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
- **1st Lieutenant Mitchell Ciszewski, USMC**—son of Bob & Pat Ciszewski
- **1st Lieutenant Michael Sullivan, U.S. Army**—son of Gene & Mary Pat Sullivan
- **Col. Jessica Nichol, USAF**—daughter-in-law of Tom & Lucile Nichol
- **Capt. Jack Albertini, USMC**—son of Bob & Susan Albertini

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# St. Francis Xavier Personnel

## Pastoral Ministry

Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Deacon  
Deacon  
Pastoral Associate  
Director of Community Outreach  
Retired Weekend Sacramental Minister  
Retired Weekday Sacramental Minister  
Weekend Sacramental Minister

Rev. William Tkachuk  
Rev. Richard Milek  
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Mr. Phil Gianatasio  
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Parish School Secretary  
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Director of Religious Education  
Religious Education Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Sharon Garcia  
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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

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Ms. Jane Bandyk  
Mrs. Maureen Pipal  
Mrs. Melissa Westerhoff  
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St. Francis Xavier Day School .....708-352-2175  
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Main Religious Education e-Mail.....sfxreligious@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 by appointment only. Staff members will now be answering phones Monday through Friday from 8:30 am-5:00 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, Friday and Saturday 8:30 am

## Rosary at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:15 am

**Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament every 3rd Thursday 6:00-7:00 pm

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning.....9:00-10:00 am  
The Reconciliation room is located off the walkway behind the tabernacle prayer area.

## 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

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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. Donation drop off Mondays 9:00 am-Noon at South door of rectory.

## 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.**

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, Georgina Lopez, from the Claret Center (Georgina is also bilingual in English and Spanish. She can be reached by phone 323-487-2359 or email [glopez.claret@gmail.com](mailto:glopez.claret@gmail.com)).

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