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Buckley



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Nathan
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St. Francis Xavier School



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Teacher



Mrs. Mekeel
Teacher



Mrs. Smigelski
Teacher



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Asst. Principal



Rev. Tkachuk
Pastor



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Principal



Mrs. Tegtmeyer
Teacher



Miss Wolfe
Teacher



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Dudek



Margaret
Duff



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Dunlap



Madelyn
Farnan



Braden
Ferguson



Moira
Finucane



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Fix



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Garcia



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Gonzalez



Briac
Griffin



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Grimes



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Havenaar



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Hayes



Miles
Hayford



Annmarie
Holmes



Abigail
Justak



Lilly
Kent



Andrew
Kopczynski



Helen
Labrador



Frank
LaMantia



Katherine
Layden



Colin
Leader



Colette
Lewis



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Liston



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Marino



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McCarty



John
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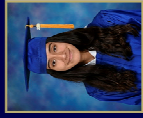
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Isabella
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Schodrof



Kelsey
Smith



Conor
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David
Waight



Ryan
Wheeler

Class of 2019

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, June 3	7:45 am 9:00 am	People of the Parish Frank R. Cunnea, Sr.	Mary F. Russell
Tuesday, June 4	7:45 am 9:00 am	Mary C. McGivern Michael Waldron	The Carroll Family The Shanley Family
Wednesday, June 5	7:45 am 9:00 am	Virginia Picken James Heinlein	The Kanzer Family Marlene Heinlein
Thursday, June 6	7:45 am 9:00 am	Word & Communion Service Herbert & Mary Schrack Donald Cushing	The Schrack Family The Cushing Family
Friday, June 7	7:45 am 9:00 pm	Mercedes McDonnell Word & Communion Service	The McDonnell Family
Saturday, June 8	9:00 am 9:30 am 3:00 pm 4:15 pm 5:00 pm	Mary Simeoni Sacrament of Reconciliation Wedding~Katherine Reynolds & Jeffrey Rieck Sacrament of Reconciliation Helen Farnan	Tom & Jamie Cushing Family The Metzger Family
Sunday, June 9 Pentecost	7:30 am 9:00 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm	People of the Parish Don Blaha People of the Parish Bill Havey Bea Nelligan	The Setzke Family Dolores Lewis The Reilly & Cushing Families

Please Pray For...

James Boardman	Bill McDermott
Jack Boyd	Fern Michopoulos
Jay Carroll	Emmett Miller
Peter Coughlan	Patrick Morgan
Anthony Dina	Mike Morrison
Blake Donegan	Noah Olson
Pat Eaton	Arnold Oppenheim
Harriet Edwards	Jane O'Reilly
Lily Fielding	Ryan Patyk
Baby Collins Fitzpatrick	Donna Pekarek
Gladys Franco	Carissa Pessetti
Lilli Gregory	Norma Petrancosta
Wilson Gregory	James Pridmore
Patricia Hassler	Anastasia Quercia
Loretta Haxel	Baby Madison Raupp
Sr. Marci Hermesdorf	Anna Rose
Linda Hillsman	Marilyn Rutkowski
Rose Ilo	Matthew Schiek
Mary J.	Carol Smolen
Jane Jacobson	Greyson Stanley
Chuck Joern	Sarah Stanley
Theresa Kandall	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Rose Kazan	John Thoms
Mike Kelly	Anne Titzer
Benny Kilman	Terry Twist
Jerry Kolman	Michael Ungari
Rita Kott	Amanda Valerugo
Virginia Kottaridis	Gregory Van Gorp
Lou Ellen Krueger	Julie Wilson
Susan Lyons	

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.



Weddings

Katherine Reynolds & Jeffrey Rieck



Pastor's Notes

"You will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth."
Acts of the Apostles 1:8

Saint Luke's sequel to his gospel tells the story of the early church as it extends from Jerusalem through Antioch to Rome. The Roman empire had extended its power and influence into what was known to the first disciples as "the ends of the earth." On the day of his Ascension into heaven, they could not comprehend the vast mission Jesus was giving them. This would develop through the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, the missionary journeys of St. Paul, and the persecution of the early Christians in Jerusalem and throughout the Roman world.

We enter the last week of the Easter Season with this reminder of *our mission in Christ*. *It is not enough* to believe that Jesus is the Son of God, risen from the dead. *It is not enough* to have been baptized and confirmed, or to attend Mass faithfully each week. These things are important; they name us and shape us and strengthen us as disciples of Christ. Yet the most important thing is that *Jesus sends us as witness to the ends of the earth*, known as such by our actions even more than by our words. *This is our mission and purpose* in Christ.

We pray for this grace as we enter the time of summer. We ask that those who encounter us in parks and campgrounds, at amusement parks and ballgames, during backyard barbecues and block parties, will glimpse the presence of Christ in the way we are with others. We hope that anyone who identifies us Catholic, or as a member of the Catholic Christian community of St. Francis Xavier Parish, will do so with positive thoughts of who we are and what we are about.

In short, we pray for the presence and indwelling of the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to be all that we have been created to be as beloved children of God. This week before Pentecost offers us an opportunity to reflect on where, in our lives, we seek the strength and comfort of the Spirit. What is my "growing edge" as a disciple? What one shift in attitude or action will make God more present to those around me? What is my mission, my *witness to the ends of the earth* this summer?

This Tuesday evening, we celebrate the young women and men of the St. Francis Xavier Elementary School Class of 2019. We thank the parents who have made their years at St. Francis Xavier possible, including twenty-six parish families who celebrate the graduation of their youngest child at St. Francis Xavier School. We thank the teachers and staff that have taught and guided them. The members of the class of 2019 who planned the Mass that will precede their graduation ceremony chose to give thanks for their elementary school years not by looking back, but by focusing on their mission to *go make a difference* in the next chapter of their lives. This fall they

enter the second and final year of preparation for Confirmation through our Quest youth program. I look forward to their broader involvement in parish life, ministry, and service. In small groups led by parish adults, they will reflect on the challenges of living our faith in the larger world of high school. Our faith community needs their active witness through regular *prayer*, lifelong *learning*, and loving *service*. They need the same from us. May we encourage them by word and witness to set the world on fire.

Easter Peace,

F. Bill

Scripture Reflections

How ironic it was, it seemed to me, when on April 27th 1974 I was ordained a Deacon. On that day I had to promise celibacy for the rest of my life. I found it ironic, because it was my birthday and on the very day my mother gave birth to me, I had to promise that I would not give birth to anyone else. I thought that God was having a little fun on my behalf.

Now, as I face retirement in a few weeks, I have been given the weekend of June 2nd to write my last scripture reflection. What is the feast for the day, why the Ascension, the very time when Jesus is telling his disciples, good-bye. I have been with you for a while, but now I am leaving you. Really, God, I sense that you are smiling again.

There is a prayer at the end of a funeral Mass that says the following. "There is sadness in our parting, but one day we shall see him/her again and enjoy their friendship and love." There is a sadness when there is an end of anything, whether it is a graduation, a championship, retirement, or a death. But in each case, there is a promise of something new and exciting. It can be unsettling and scary, but it can also be an opportunity of new life and fulfillment.

In the Gospel, today, St. Luke writes, "They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy." I think that St. Luke has buried some of the feelings Jesus' disciples had at that time. Certainly they were not facing his passion and death this time, but even with the joy and comfort of the resurrection fresh in their minds, some sadness and pain had to be theirs.

Ultimately, what brings this joy that St. Luke writes about is the coming of the Spirit and the realization that in prayer and in Eucharist Christ was still present with them. He had not left them orphaned but was alive to them in a new and exciting way. They truly were blessed.

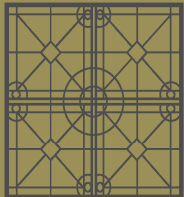
F. Bill Killian

Commemorative Anniversary Book

We are thrilled to introduce the St. Francis Xavier Parish 125th Anniversary book. This commemorative edition contains a history of life at St. Francis Xavier from 1890 to 2015. In its vibrant, colorful pages, hundreds of parishioners and parish leaders share their memories and stories of our parish.

The book is organized into three segments: Past (showing our early history), Present (highlights from 1990 to 2015) and our Investment in the Future (our Capital Campaign and Capital Projects, with approximately 1,000 parish families listed over ten pages who pledged their time, talent, and/or treasure).

The gift of stewardship of hundreds of SFX parishioners is what makes these pages full of warmth and love. Please don't miss this special opportunity to take home a piece of our shared history that will be treasured for generations. The book is \$40 and can be purchased by visiting the parish website (www.sfxlg.org) or using the order form below. Orders end June 22, 2019, and books should be back from the printer by end of August. Distribution of the books will take place in Unity Hall, and you will be notified when your copy is ready.

<div>ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH</div> <div>125 YEARS</div> <div></div> <div>1890-2015</div>	<h3>COMMEMORATIVE BOOK ORDER FORM</h3> <p><i>Due June 22, 2019</i></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p># of Books: _____ @ \$40 Total: _____</p> <p>Paying by check: Please return this form along with payment to St. Francis Xavier Parish to the Rectory.</p> <p>Credit Card: Please visit www.sfxlg.org click on the Commemorative Book Quick Link.</p> <p>Email all Questions to: sfxinlg@sfxlg.org</p> <hr/> <p>For office only: Date Received _____ Cash/Check _____</p> <p>Check # _____ Amount Paid \$ _____</p>
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DAY SCHOOL

Family and School Association

The St. Francis Xavier Family and School Association, better known as FSA, provides the supportive link between the families and the school. We are composed of the board members, 40 different committees and hundreds of volunteers. All day school families are members of FSA.

The FSA supports many committees throughout the SFX school community from enrichment programs that enhance curriculum to socials that occur after school hours for students and families to come together and have fun. All of our committees are run by parent volunteers.

Coffee Ovens, past president of FSA, shared the following: "I joined FSA to help bridge the gap between school, parish and families with the many moving parts that comprise such a vibrant community. I especially wanted to help the Xavier community and guide them in getting involved through service. Sending your children to a school with 500 kids ages 3-14, which is also part of a very large parish community, can feel overwhelming. FSA fosters the idea that getting involved can be the key to making connections and friendships that can last a lifetime."

Several highlights during my time on the FSA Board (2015-2017) include welcoming a new principal and saying goodbye to our friend Fr. John Hoffman as he retired. During this transition time, the continuity of FSA programs up the backbone of the school community alongside our leaders, whether new or old. Another fun highlight was expanding the choir and staff appreciation program to a monthly event.

A memorable moment... One of the monthly teacher appreciation events was Coffee Cart. We rolled a cart from classroom to classroom with flavored coffees, fruit and treats. Sometimes a small, fun treat can really make someone's day!

Another favorite memory... While we are fortunate to have Fr. Karkuk as our new pastor, we were sad to see Fr. John Hoffman leave in 2017. FSA wanted to send Fr. John off with some memories of what he meant to us, especially of all the joy he gave us over the years. FSA compiled a book of all the drawings and essays at St. Francis School or at home into a book dedicated to Fr. Hoffman which was presented to him on the last day of school.

Having been part of the FSA Board allowed me to see the many moving parts that help make up St. Francis Xavier School. It is a community of involved, caring families and support systems that truly help nurture the children as strong and loving individuals."

Honoring the Present



CAMPAIGN AND PROJECTS

The campaign and projects can be the talents of a multitude of us. God bless the volunteers who participate.

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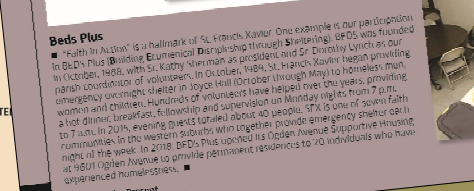
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Investing in the Future

HUMAN CONCERNS

All Parish Service Day

We give thanks for the generosity of St. Francis Xavier parishioners at our first Annual All Parish Service Day. Started in 2015 as part of the parish's 125th Anniversary, this event connects parishioners of all ages with one another to live the Gospel message of discipleship by partnering with social service organizations in our community and throughout Chicago.



Honoring the Present
Parish Manager, Capital Project Manager, Chair, Present

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Investing in the Future

PARISH LIFE



Enlighten Team

The Enlighten Team is led by first minister on May 7, 2016, under the direction of Joanne Kopic, a project manager by profession.

The Mission of the Enlighten Team is to (1) enhance communication within the parish, (2) highlight parish activities, (3) strengthen parishioner involvement in parish ministries and organizations and (4) preserve parish history. One of the specific goals of the Enlighten team is documenting the history of the parish from 1990-present.

Over the past two years, the Enlighten Team has succeeded in accomplishing our primary goals. The parish website and Facebook page are stronger. Highlights in the parish, along with parish history and favorite memories, form parish history and favorite memories. Also, Enlighten Team members created the Memory Boxes, where parishioners can easily communicate their interest of ways to share their gifts.



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Honoring the Present

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Baptismal Banners

Members of the ministry make all the baptismal banners for parish baptisms, creating beautiful keepsakes for families.



—Lisa Foster

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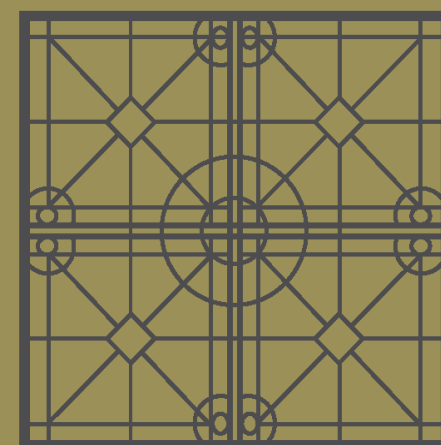
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Honoring the Present

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125 YEARS



1890-2015



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Small 4"x 8" **\$175 each**

Large 8" x 8" **\$300 each**

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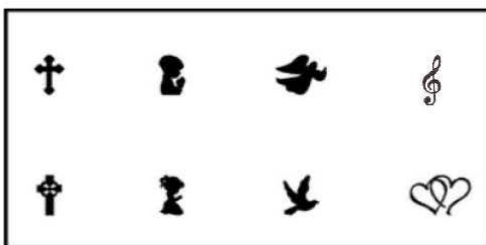
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Day School



Religious Education

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Collection For Retired Priests



Next weekend, we will take up a special collection for the Retired Priests. There are over 200 Retired Archdiocesan Priests. They represent 30% of all the priests serving in the Archdiocese. Normal retirement age is 70 for Chicago priests. Sixty-five priests still live in a rectory and assist the parish on a regular basis. Close to 140 retired priests celebrate Sunday Mass weekly, perform marriages and baptisms; and visit the sick in hospitals. Without these dedicated men, many parishes would not be able to offer the full range of Masses and sacraments that are currently available.

This collection is solely for the retired priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The retired priests of the Archdiocese receive no funds from the Religious Retirement Collection taken up in December. Those funds go for religious nuns and brothers and religious order priests.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is committed to caring for our retired priests, but we need your assistance and the generosity of every parish community.

Our Berghaus Pipe Organ

I am pleased to announce that we are a couple of steps closer to completing the original vision of our beautiful pipe organ built in 2003 by Berghaus Pipe Organ, Bellwood, IL. The installation of the full plan for our pipe organ was cut short due to boiler problems in 2003. Some of the allocated funds for the organ had to be moved to fix the boiler, leaving the installation of the organ incomplete.

Thanks to the support of a parishioner's generous monetary gift, we now have the prepared *Rauschpfeife III* and *Clarion* stops completed and installed. My sincere gratitude and thanks to that parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous.

Full completion of the installation plan would involve adding two final elements: *Chimes* and the *Trompette Royale*. This beautiful instrument will continue to enhance our worship for years to come. Thank you!

God's blessings,

Allen Sterwalt
Director of Music

Taizé Prayer

St. Francis Xavier
and
Grace Lutheran

*All are invited to our
Taizé Evening Prayer
Friday, June 14
7:30 pm
at
Grace Lutheran*



Taizé Prayer is contemplative and most importantly communal, combining simple repetitive melodies that are sung by all, prayerful silence, scripture reading and intercessory prayer. This prayer can promote a kind to inner unity of person, allowing the spirit to be more open and attentive to what is essential. It is our hope that you will join us, especially at this time when our world is much in need of prayer.

Why Buy Fair Trade Coffee??

The coffee sold at St. Francis Xavier is purchased from *Equal Exchange Fairly Traded*. There is a lot behind this coffee. "We work closely with our farmer partners, year after year, to better understand each other's needs. The result is a trusting relationship and delicious coffee."

Beth Ann Caspersen, Quality Control Manager

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- Promotes the common good
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- Empowers disadvantaged people
- Connects us with the people who create the things we buy
- Cultivates global solidarity

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Effort is made to see that these coffee farmers are given a fair wage!!!



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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH SCHOOL

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School Advisory Board Member Bios



Reagan Hogerty~My wife, Katie, and I have been parishioners of St. Francis Xavier since moving to LaGrange in 2013. Three of our children, Jack (4th), Patrick (1st), and Mary Grace (Pre-K 4), have attended SFX since preschool and our youngest, Michael, is only 2 years old but he'll be attending soon enough! Not being from the area, we were very blessed to become part of the St. Francis family. From the moment we enrolled at the school, we immediately felt welcomed by the SFX community and knew we were in a special place. I grew up in Fort Collins, Colorado, where I was fortunate to have been given a Catholic education. I moved to the Midwest to attend the University of Notre Dame and have been with the same investment firm since graduating college. Similar to all of us at St. Francis, family is everything to me. And if the basis of building

a strong family is a strong faith in God centered around a faith-based education, then I want to do anything I can to further it. In our short time at SFX, we've met so many great families that care so much about the school and the foundation we're building for our children. They give their time, talents and treasure with a constant eye as to how we can continue to make it a better place. And if I can be a small part of that through the School Advisory Board then I'm honored to do so.



Laura Jacobs~My husband, Jason, and I have been parishioners of St. Francis Xavier since 2010. Our three sons, Joseph (2nd), James (1st) and Thomas (1st) were baptized at SFX and have been proud Falcons since Kindergarten. I grew up just down the street in Westchester, went to Divine Infant for grade school and Immaculate Heart of Mary High School. I attended University of Illinois at Chicago for my undergraduate degree, where I double majored in Biochemistry and English Literature, and studied abroad in Japan. I completed graduate studies at the Rosalind Franklin School of Medicine and received my Master's Degree from DePaul University. I am currently serving the Alzheimer's Association as Director, Medical Science Marketing and Communications, mentor at the technology incubator 1871, and teach an online science writing course for the Rochester Institute of Technology. We are very fortunate to have choices in how and

where we worship and learn in our community. Many people are questioning their faith, the Church, and what it means to be Catholic. Ever since my first SFX Service Day, I strongly believe the SFX teachers, parents and students are the change agents the Catholic Church needs in order to meet the needs of today's world. We will "go forth and set the world on fire" because what sets SFX apart is our unrelenting focus on service, prayer, and academic excellence. It is an honor and a privilege to serve on the School Advisory Board, and I look forward to sharing the good news of SFX.



Katie Kanzer~My husband, Matt, and I moved to LaGrange Park in 2009 and immediately felt at home at St. Francis Xavier. Our oldest son, Michael (rising 7th grade) started PS3 at the East Campus, soon to be followed by Kevin (rising 4th grade) and, Bridget (rising 2nd grade). We met dedicated and nurturing teachers. And, we were welcomed into a generous, and caring community of families that is beyond compare. Matt and I made a commitment to the kids' education at SFX; while working part-time as a pediatric speech pathologist, my "job" is to volunteer at the school. I have volunteered with the Service program, yearbook, Junior Great Books, Catholic Identity Committee, Parent Rosary; in addition, I co-chaired special events, the 2018 Auction, 2019 Service Day, and the parish CWC Luncheon. Matt has been a volunteer coach for basketball, track and field, and cross-country. We both volunteer with various roles in the

parish, including the Baptismal Preparation Ministry and Eucharistic Adoration. SFX is our home away from home. I grew up in Crete, IL, attended St. Liborius grade school, Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights, and earned my undergraduate and graduate degrees at Marquette University. I am passionate about Catholic education: not only a robust academic education, but a vibrant Catholic faith-based education based on tradition, prayer, and service. I wholeheartedly believe that Catholic schools demand "all-hands-on-deck" and strive to contribute however I can. I am honored to serve on the School Advisory Board with smart, and talented people. We are blessed to provide our kids with the opportunity to attend SFX. Here, our kids are thriving in their faith, academic, and social development. I want to help ensure that SFX will remain a vibrant Catholic school for all our children for years to come.



Tina Orlando~My husband Joe and I have lived in the community since 2011. We have been parishioners of St. Francis Xavier and our children attend the day school. We have a son Christian in the 4th grade and a daughter Lena in the 3rd. We have enjoyed our journey through St. Francis thus far and have made many friends that have been so welcoming and supportive since the children started Preschool. Growing up on the North side of Chicago, I attended St. John Bosco, then moved to the suburbs and attended East Leyden High School. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing and recently a Master's in Executive Leadership in Nursing from Benedictine University. I've dedicated my career to service as a nurse with a background in emergency medicine and management. I've lead projects that involve throughput, education and quality, and

I have experience in strategic planning and operational management. When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my family and volunteering at the school. I am involved in the service program, I've coordinated the volunteers for Vision and Hearing, I'm the den leader for my son's scout troop and recently became one of the chairs for the SFX Book Fair. What I like about SFX is all the opportunities that parents can get involved in. As a parent, you want nothing but the best for your child. I feel that serving on the board of the school my children attend will provide continued motivation for that same desire. I'm a realistic individual and understand not everything will be perfect, but with my background and drive, I feel that I will bring a fresh set of eyes and ideas to the table that will continue to move our school in the right direction.



Bill Sifferman~My wife Emily and I moved from Chicago to the suburbs in 2007 and joined St. Francis Xavier Parish shortly thereafter. I grew up in the area, so for me it was coming home. Over the past twelve years, we have grown as a family and have witnessed the growth and evolution of St. Francis as a parish and as a school. Emily and I have three children, a seventh grader, fifth grader and second grader, all enrolled in the day school. We feel blessed for being part of the St. Francis community and have been involved in various activities and fundraisers over the years. I wanted to join the School Advisory Board as another way to contribute something back to the school. It is an exciting time for catholic parishes and schools as they navigate shifting demographics and finances, and balance the concerns of various constituents. As a School Advisory Board member, I hope and pray that I can help continue St. Francis' growth

and development. I look forward to meeting more families, hearing your thoughts on our school, and working toward shared goals.

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