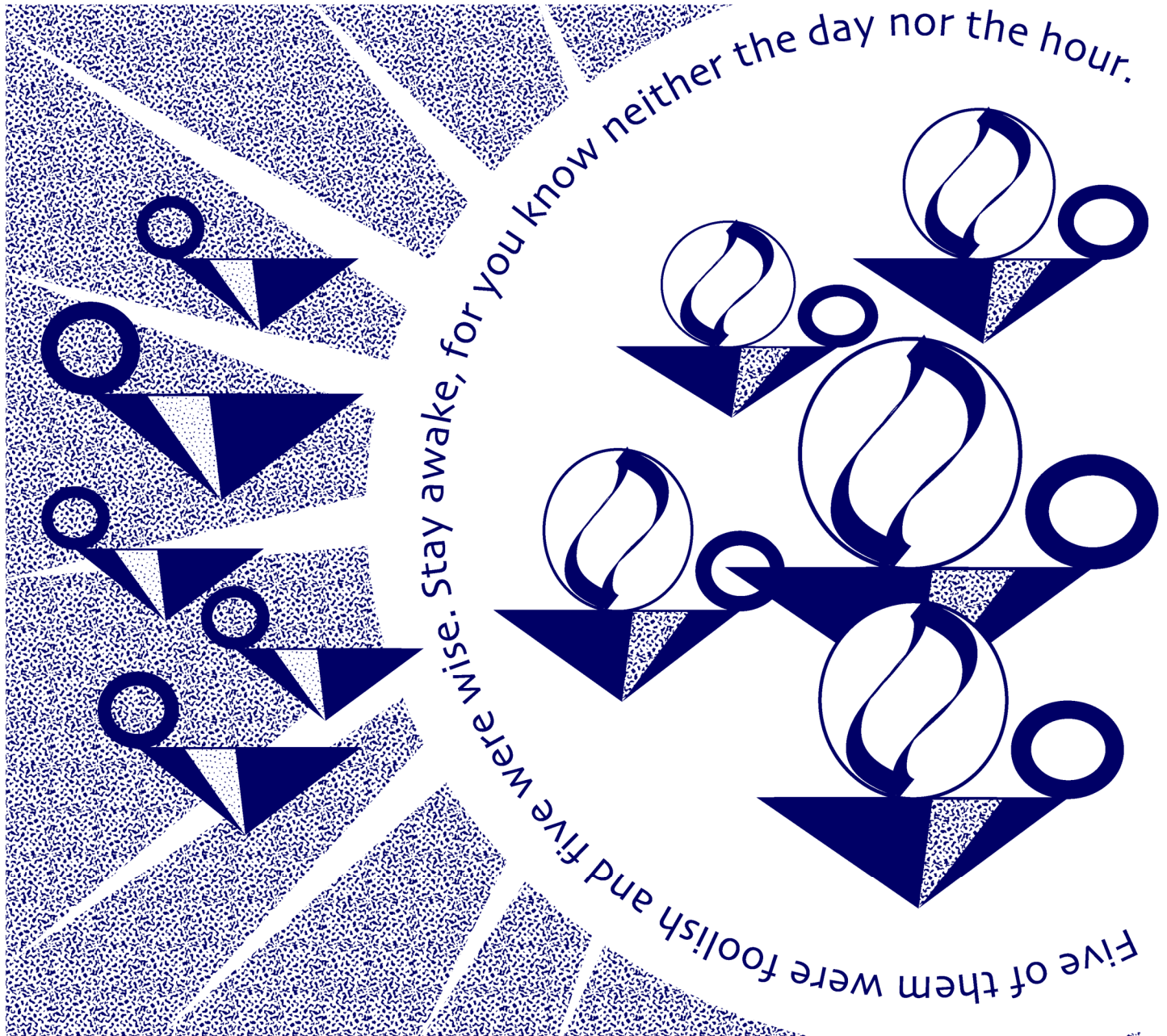


SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2020



Week at a Glance

Monday, November 9	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Mercedes McDonnell
Tuesday, November 10	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Rosemarie Agnello, Norma Petrancosta
Wednesday, November 11	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Francis E. Napleton
Thursday, November 12	Rosary Private Prayer	8:15 am 8:30 am & 9:00 am	
Friday, November 13	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Raymond Hassler
Saturday, November 14	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Jack McCrory, Mary T. Discipio
Sunday, November 15	Mass	9:00 am	Eileen Weilandt
33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Mass	11:00 am	Dan Murphy
	Mass	5:00 pm	Frank & Helen Rizzo

Please Pray For...

Diane Bereckis	Patrick Morgan
Sue Beyer	Mike Morrison
John Bovard	Baby Amy Nesterowicz
Jack Boyd	Carolyn Nesterowicz
Sally Burson	Bernice Niemiec
Jay Carroll	Gert Ogilvie
Chili Challender	Arnold Oppenheim
Mary Culin	Jane O'Reilly
Americo DiGianfillippo	Shawwna Palazzolo
Baby Catherine DiMarco	Ryan Patyk
Anthony Dina	Donna Pekarek
Blake Donegan	Carolyn Peters
Matt Doyle	Jessica Phillips
Lynda Einspar	James Pridmore
Lily Fielding	Baby Lucia R.
Will Fleming	Madison Raupp
Lilli Gregory	Anna Rose
Wilson Gregory	Rita Scalcon
Patricia Hassler	Matthew Schiek
Frank Hoos	Greyson Stanley
Rose Ilo	Brian Stephenson
Mary J.	Kate Frugoli Sullivan
Jane Jacobsen	Michael Ungari
Peter Johns	Gregory Van Gorp
Theresa Kandall	Helena Walden
Mark Kiley	Marian Ward
Jim Martin	Maribeth Watkins
Enrique Martinez	Liz Wilk
Lisa Massaro	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.

MASS INTENTIONS

We continue to accept requests for Mass intentions at a future date. Please call the office on weekdays from 8:30 am-4:30 pm or you can email Missy Westerhoff directly at sfxing@sfxlg.org. We can send the Mass card via regular post as you direct.

Born Into Eternal Life



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

Don August
Son-in-Law of Trudy Riordan

Readings For The Week of November 8, 2020

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Pastor's Notes

Wisdom is readily perceived by those who love her and found by those who seek her.

Wisdom 6:12

I write this on Election Day with no way of knowing who or whether someone will have been declared the winner of the Presidential election when you read this. Whatever the outcome of the election, I pray that now we all are *seeking the wisdom* to come together as one nation of many diverse people and striving to heal the divisions and conflicts of this election year. Such actions are crucial to our democracy and are central to who and how we are called to be as disciples of Jesus.

This weekend at the Saturday 5PM Mass, we commission the members of **the new Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**. This PPC will serve within the revised structure approved by the parish last autumn. (A description of this structure is included in this bulletin.) Their official commissioning had been scheduled for last Pentecost but was postponed due to COVID-19. Their guidance and feedback in our parish response to COVID has been helpful in recent months. These women and men come from various points in life and various perspectives within our parish family. Some may be known to you; others will be new to you. They are older, younger, single, married, with children of various ages, and empty nesters. Their purpose is to bring their diverse voices together to advise me and the parish staff on how best to respond to the physical, formational, and spiritual needs of St. Francis Xavier Parish. Over the next few weeks, the bulletin will include a picture and a brief biography of several members; these also will be posted on the PPC page on the parish website. They welcome your comments and suggestions about what is good about our parish, about the major challenges facing us,

and about how we can best grow as a community of faith. I thank them for their willingness to serve the parish in this way. I hope you will get to know at least a few of them well.

Over the past few weeks, COVID-19 became a more personal part of our parish community. We celebrated the funeral of one of our young adults. Members of the parish staff and school community have had to quarantine due to possible exposure, including Fr. Rich (whose doctor has asked him to extend his quarantine for a bit longer). And at the beginning of the week, we learned of our first COVID-19 positive cases within our parish elementary school community. Our school administration and facilities staff continue to ensure that all safety protocols and sanitizing procedures are maintained within the Education Building and throughout the school day. This includes how we respond to a report of a positive COVID test or possible COVID symptoms. I thank our school and parish faculty and staff for the care and concern they continue to show for our children and their families and for one another.

We also have tightened some of the office protocols to minimize the possibility of spread among employees and volunteers. This includes a two-week quarantine for anyone who travels out of state. As a gesture of concern for your fellow parishioners, I am asking everyone to observe the same two-week quarantine after out-of-state travel before returning to services in the church. God has given us the wisdom to care for one another during this time. May we accept, use, and be grateful for the gift.

Autumn Peace,

J. Bill

Parishioner Volunteers Needed

Our ability to celebrate Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and weekday and Sunday Masses depends on the ability of the parish to provide ministers to offer a welcoming and healthy environment. We have been blessed by scores of parishioners who share their time and spirit to keep us moving forward. To establish a regular rotation of volunteers, we seek additional people, especially to greet and seat people, or to wipe down the seating areas after each service. We welcome anyone of high school age or older who is in good health. A few volunteer comments:

*"I am happy I have a safe way to help out during this time.
The volunteer work is easy, totally flexible and I like being able
to attend Mass as part of the experience."*

Please contact Maureen Pipal (mpipal@sfxlq.org) who will forward your name to one of our volunteer coordinators. Basic training is provided.

Scout Troop 33 Wreath Sale



This year we are offering online ordering and payment to minimize contact and allow the Scouts to safely sell the wreaths. All proceeds will go to support SFX Scout Troop 33 events.

The wreaths will be delivered by our Scouts on Saturday, November 21st, and only local orders will be accepted. The deadline for orders is November 9th.

Online orders may be placed at:

<http://go.wreathsaleapp.com/troop33/sfxparish>

OPLATKI

Due to COVID, we are sorry we will be unable to distribute Oplatki from the rectory offices.



Please call or visit Watra Church Goods at 4201 South Archer Avenue in Chicago 773-247-2425 to get your Oplatki this year.

To see how we are Celebrating Sacraments and Services, and to view our Tips for Worshipers, please click on the links below:

[Celebration of Sacraments](#)

[Tips for Worshipers](#)

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.



The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a key advisory group to the pastor. The PPC can take various forms, based on how best to gather the “voice” of the parish, live the mission of the parish, and encourage the investment of parish resources in a way that best serves that mission. In the fall of 2019, parishioners approved a new structure for our Parish Pastoral Council. Members of the renewed PPC have been discerned and are being commissioned at the Saturday 5PM Mass this weekend.

SFX PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL RENEWED STRUCTURE

Mission Statement

The St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) supports and animates the parish mission as an advisory group to the parish pastor and pastoral staff.

Purpose

The PPC supports, enlivens, and advances the mission of the parish, and serves as a consultative group to the parish pastor and pastoral staff.

The PPC is a sounding-board for the pastor and offers input and advice on various issues that relate to the life and wellbeing of the parish. Issues may be brought to the PPC by the pastor, members of the PPC, or other parishioners. The PPC is drawn from a cross-section of the parish and provides the pastor with a collective wisdom from which he can draw in the exercise of his pastoral leadership of the parish.

Structure and Membership

The PPC is comprised of parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Parish. The PPC can fluctuate between ten and fourteen members, based on what best serves the parish at a given point in time. The PPC meets with the pastor at least nine times each year. Individuals from parish groups or ministries may be invited by the pastor or the PPC to share their insights and perspectives in certain conversations; likewise, a parishioner may ask to be placed on the PPC agenda. In addition, the PPC periodically holds open parish Town Hall meetings to seek parishioner input and feedback. The PPC may form subcommittees to promote progress on larger issues. Approved minutes of PPC meetings are published on the parish website.

Responsibilities and Expectations

PPC members do not represent a specific ministry, constituency, or group within the parish; each member represents the parish overall. The PPC seeks to respect diverse perspectives among PPC members and works toward consensus on issues that require a decision or recommendation. PPC members are expected to be present at all PPC meetings and at all meetings hosted by the PPC (e.g., Town Halls). Members of PPC also make it a priority to attend key parish activities and fundraising events.

Terms of Service and Selection of Members

PPC members serve a two-year term. Each spring the Pastor invites the PPC, parish staff, and all parishioners to suggest candidates. In consultation with the pastoral staff and PPC, the pastor designates new PPC members from among the candidates. If for any reason a member of the PPC cannot complete a term, the pastor consults with the PPC and designates a replacement for the remainder of that member's term.

The pastor and the members of the PPC select a Chairperson from among its members. The Chair serves a two-year term. The Pastor and members of the PPC also designate a vice-chairperson to serve in the absence of the Chair, and a secretary to prepare minutes of all PPC meetings. These officers each also serve a two-year term.

Rotation of Members – Staggered Terms

The PPC will attempt to replace no more than one half its members every two years to provide for continuity for the PPC. Members can ask to serve for a second consecutive term; the Pastor will consult with PPC members to determine what is best for the PPC moving forward. After leaving the PPC, a member must wait at least five years before returning to the PPC. but may return to the Council after an interval of at least five years.



**Come for
Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction**

November 19, 2020 at 6:00-7:00pm

Please make your reservation at www.sfxlg.org.

WHAT: As Catholics, we proclaim the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, not only during the Mass but in the preserved Hosts. **“Jesus remains in the Blessed Sacrament to give us the privilege of approaching him personally as so many people were able to do two-thousand years ago in Galilee and Judea”** (Fr. F. Racine). During Eucharistic Adoration, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for individual, silent adoration.

HOW: Adorers are invited to meditate on Scripture or read devotional books, pray the rosary or another devotion. You may also choose to just simply sit and ‘be’ with Jesus. If you are interested, prayer, and reflection suggestions are available as starting points.

WHO: Jesus waits for us, each one of us, in the Eucharist. He waits when you are joyful, thankful, frustrated, or tired. All are welcome, including children. He specifically calls children to Himself, “Let the children come to me.”

WHY: Since Apostolic times, Catholics rightly have gathered to celebrate Mass in community as Jesus instructed. Adoration provides an opportunity for an intimate relationship with Jesus through individual worship, prayer, and listening. Adoration is the “face-to-face that leads to the “heart-to-heart” with Jesus.

WHEN: The next Eucharistic Adoration will be **Thursday, November 19**. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 6:00-7:00 pm. Fr. Rich Milek will offer Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the hour. Come when you are able for as long as your schedule allows. If you have any questions, please contact Katie @ k.f.kanzer@gmail.com.

**“Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacles expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with desire to come into your heart.”
St. Therese of Lisieux”**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Will we have to keep the windows open during the winter to provide clean air?

The short answer, no.

St. Francis Xavier Church has a regularly maintained HVAC system and has recently installed leading-edge indoor air quality technology to help reduce germs! The technology being used are Respricare Plasma Oxidizers. This is the same air-treatment method hospitals use to effectively reduce harmful airborne contaminants and surface pollutants. It is a remarkable and effective “entire church” air treatment system.

We will open windows when weather permits and/or partially open the windows when the church is unoccupied. This adds to the indoor air quality of our well-ventilated beloved church.

Are air purifiers with ionizers safe?

Ionic air purifiers (ionizers) clean the air by emitting negative ions, which are harmless to humans. This technology is different from ozone generators, which can have less desirable results.

Our Facilities Team continues to do everything possible to make returning to church comfortable and safe for those who choose to attend services.

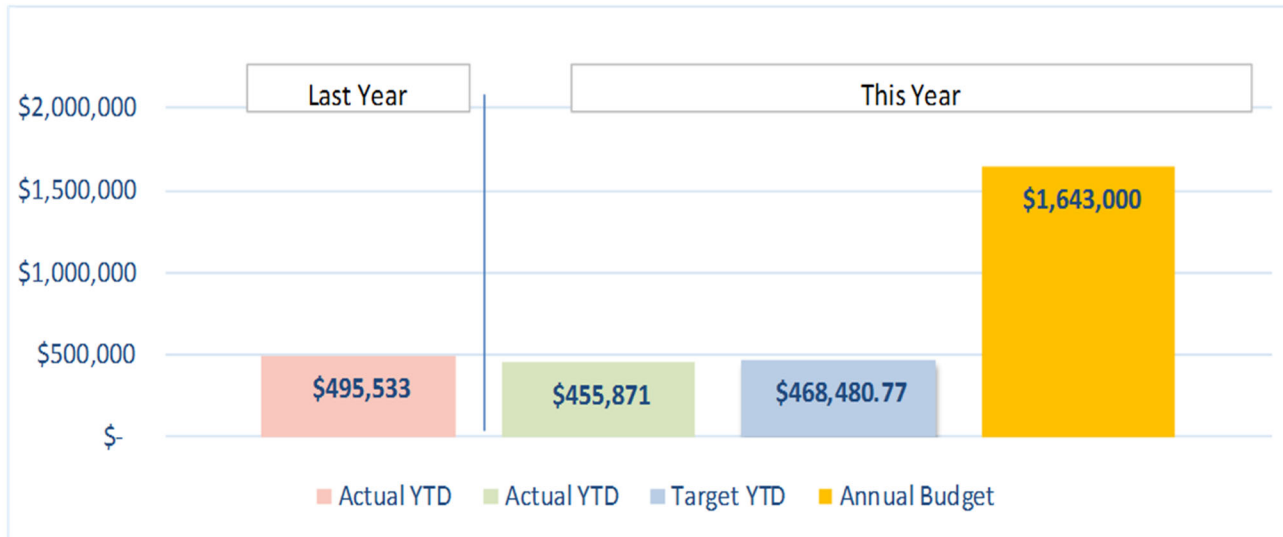
The
WORD
of the
LORD



Renews
and gives
life to
my soul



Our Finances for October 31, 2020



Sunday Offertory	EFT/Credit Card	+	Basket	+	Other Offertory*	=	October Totals
October 2020	\$ 67,682		\$ 31,643		\$ 6,088		\$105,413
October 2019	\$ 63,735		\$ 49,384		\$ 13,482		\$126,601

* Includes donations from stock, donor-advised funds, Holy Day contributions, and other miscellaneous gifts

God bless you for your generosity to St. Francis Xavier Parish!



Priests' Health and Retirement Collection

Priests have dedicated their lives to ministry, serving our needs as Catholics from the moment we are baptized until we receive last rites before entering eternal life. Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA provides for the health and well-being of 479 active and 250 retired archdiocesan priests.

Today, with healthcare and retirement costs rising, there is an urgent need for your support. Your generosity to the Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA ensures our priests can continue their meaningful work in our parishes by providing funds for: Health insurance, Medication, Wellness costs, Nursing care, Independent retirement living residences, and Priests' retirement funds.

The archdiocese is committed to caring for our priests, but we need your assistance. Your generosity will not only ensure the health and well-being of our priests, but also support their ability to continue meaningful work in our parishes and communities.

You can make a gift online on the St. Francis Xavier website at Givecentral.org/location/218/category/1931/event/28045. Or you may send your contribution to: Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA, 1400 South Wolf Road, Building 3, Floor 2, Hillside, IL 60162 or call 708-449-8026.

Your generous contribution is greatly appreciated. Know that you are remembered in the prayers of the priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago.



Join us once a week during the first three weeks of Advent for a small group study experience that will enhance your experience of the season of Advent. Through structured small group discussion, prayer, and reflection, we will walk through the iconic and essential beauty of the opening 18 verses of John's Gospel. Start your Advent and liturgical year off right with this faith enriching journey.

In order to make this happen, **we need volunteers to lead these groups!** Please consider it. We will equip you with all the content and guidance you need - your only job is to gather the group and keep the group on topic.

You can form your own group and contact Maggie by Nov 20 for materials OR if you would like to be placed in a group, [please click here and fill out the interest form!](#) Visit our website (www.sfxlg.org) for more information (click "Faith Formation" and "Scripture Studies.")

Questions? Contact Maggie at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org

All Saints' Day Virtual Celebration

In case you missed our virtual celebration, it is on the parish website (www.sfxlg.org) under "Faith Formation" and "Events" for your viewing! You may also [click here](#) to view the videos. Thanks to all who contributed to this project, especially Claire Jakubisin for her beautiful singing and Fr. Stan Ilo for his reflection on St. Augustine.



Elizabeth Ministry St. Francis Xavier Parish

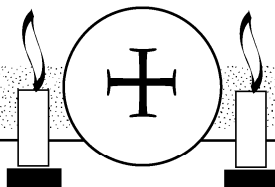
"They were neighbors in the 1950s. They shared so many things. They spent hours of time in and out of each other's houses. They shared lots of laughs, supported each other through tears, and knew each other's fears. They were more than neighbors – they were very close friends.

In 1952, Madge and Grace had special news to share. They were both pregnant. Together they went through morning sickness and watched their waists disappear. The depth of their bonding reached a new level. My early childhood years are filled with many memories of the two of them sharing life. I can still see our two backyards, separated by a white picket fence. They would both hang wash on the line at the same time, chatting and laughing... Then there would be the times when they would lean on that white picket fence and talk in hushed voices. The seriousness of their postures would keep us at a distance... They'd exchange a gentle touch or a comforting glance, and we knew whatever it was, it was going to be all right." – Jeannie Hannemann, Elizabeth Ministry Founder

Much has changed since Madge and Grace hung the wash together in the 1950s, but one thing hasn't: **Modern women still need female companionship, a community with which to walk the path of life – through the joys, the trials, and the sorrows of our childbearing years and beyond.**

Elizabeth Ministry seeks to provide that. If you are interested in participating in this community, email mmcmahon@sfxlg.org

Body of Christ



AMEN!

**Senior Women's Group
presents
"Happiness in the time of COVID"
St. Francis Xavier Church
November 12 at 10:30 am**

In compliance with the Archdiocese of Chicago's COVID-19 plan, we will be able to host our first get-together at our parish church. Masks must be worn and social distancing will be practiced.

Our presenter is Martie Lukanich, PsyD, a Licensed Clinical Psychologist with over 35 years of experience in the field of mental health and parent education, a wife and mother of 6 sons, and a fellow parishioner.

Our topic will be "Mental happiness: How to stay emotionally healthy and happy in light of the coronavirus." Martie will offer practical, easy to understand (humorous) wisdom, insight, and encouragement. Please plan on attending to pick up a few tips on your mental health and see a few old friends; Be prepared to leave with a smile on your face and hope in your heart.

Please register to attend at this link, also found on the parish webpage:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044DAAA72EA2F94-senior>

If you are unable to register online, please feel free to contact the Rectory 708-352-0168. We ask that you enter the church through the Spring Avenue entrance.

**St. Francis Xavier
Family Ministry**

This year brings many challenges to volunteering and giving back to others in our St. Francis Xavier Community. We came up with three opportunities and hope you can join us. We are excited to share the following service opportunities! SFX families are invited to participate in these service events. 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.

December~We wanted to work with an organization that would bring cheer during the holiday season. We will work with Cards of Hope, an organization that mails cards to people affected by cancer. Please contact Rachel at peteronrtw@sbcglobal.net and she will provide you with the information on how to help. We will be participating in this event from December 1st through December 16th.

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, please contact Theresa at thsully28@yahoo.com to sign up.

We hope to have more opportunities in the new calendar year and will keep you updated.



Thank You

Thank you for your support of the Catholic Charities' Mission in the amount of \$3,275.

Your support and the caring hearts of your parishioners provide the precious gift of hope to individuals and families whose life has been touched by poverty or crisis.

Especially during these uncertain times, your gift ensures that their most basic human needs continue to be met by providing food, housing, shelter, counseling and other essential services that support them with respect and dignity.

With never-ending appreciation for your compassion, I pray that you may be blessed with the same strength and comfort you are giving to others.

Sincerely,
Angel Gutierrez, Vice President of Institutional Advancement

Calling All Saint Francis Xavier School Alumni

Stay connected with your school classmates by creating an alumnus profile today!

SFX is collecting a database of all alumni over the last 80 years and we need your help!

Go to: <https://forms.gle/HwtKX8iUdbB27tQV7>

This Database Will:

- Connect SFX alumni past and present
- Inform alumni of current state of SFX school and vision for the future
- Celebrate our teachers and their teaching accomplishments
- Celebrate current student and alumni accomplishments
- Provide an opportunity to share photos, athletic records and more
- Keep you updated on notable school events and projects

Questions? Please contact sfxgrad@gmail.com for more information.

Religious Education Registration

Religious Education Registration Packets can be found on the website at sfxlg.org.

If you have any questions, please email Terri Simeoni at tsimeoni@sfxlg.org.

Follow the Parish on Social Media!

Did you know the Parish has Instagram and Facebook accounts? Follow us to stay up to date with SFX happenings, a weekly scripture reflection, and more!



@sfxlg_parish



St. Francis Xavier Parish LaGrange, IL

We encourage all to follow
SFX School on social media



SFX School Instagram:
[@sfxlg_school](https://www.instagram.com/sfxlg_school)

Facebook SFX School site:
<https://www.facebook.com/SFX.LG/>

Facebook SFX Alumni site:
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/ART/595d889cdee3e>

SFX School Website:
<https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/School>

See the latest happenings at the day school:

[SFX School Reopening Plan](#)

[Welcome Back Grades 3-8](#)

[First Day of School for Kindergarten, Grade 1 & Grade 2](#)

[First Day of School for PS3 and PK4](#)

2020 SFX Golf Outing video:
<https://vimeo.com/460599105>
120 golfers enjoyed a BEAUTIFUL day!

A very very nice congratulatory message to the SFX community from Dr. Jim Rigg, Superintendent of Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools. <https://vimeo.com/465845503>

Socially distanced Rosary: <https://vimeo.com/465845340>

MY SOUL
IS THIRSTING
FOR THE LORD

Interfaith Career Network

How to Successfully Navigate a Career Switch

Join ICN on ZOOM, Thursday, November 19 from 7:00-8:30 pm for a panel discussion on what it means to *successfully* switch industries in your career. This conversation is for you if you are currently:

- Job seeking and need support in how to articulate your skill set within an industry that you have not worked in.
- Looking to have an impact in the public sector after a career in the private sector.

A job seeker looking to network with new leaders...and more!

Annie Davis-Korelc will moderate this discussion followed by an opportunity for Q & A with the panelists. Annie taught high school in the suburbs of Chicago before becoming Program Manager (developing and implementing professional development for adult learners) at Education Pioneers. This meeting is open to everyone and there is no cost to attend.

Copy this link into your browser to see the full description of the discussion & panelists:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EeJ4siJLW9C6GwYaNUkrKEiZQQdcmCYtrMPNIBi46SE/edit>

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84230537602?pwd=QnV0NGs0bGd3UW0wZTB6R0hHL0VzQT09>

Meeting ID: 842 3053 7602

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ICN offers job support through various programs. For further information, visit us at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.



Due to the Coronavirus, The Well's Fall programs are all on Zoom. We have some wonderful programs lined up. Here are just a few highlights from September:

Reiki Circle on Tuesday, November 10 and Tuesday, December 8 from 10:00-11:00 am. How better to break through the bounds of the Pandemic than by experiencing long-distance Reiki, the "universal life force"? Connected via Zoom, CSJ Sisters Janet Bolger and Chris March, Certified Reiki Practitioners, will help participants activate the healing energy they were born with, and to feel more calm and relaxed, optimistic and empowered. Free will offering, suggested range \$5-25 per session.

Advent at Home Retreat on Monday, November 30 at 7:00 pm through Monday, December 14 at 8:00 pm. How is God adventing in your life, in the life of the world, in Planet Earth this year? Are you noticing the new Advent of God? In a retreat designed for busy people, participants commit to pray for one half-hour a day and meet with a spiritual director 5 times for 30 minutes over the two-week retreat. The retreat starts with an opening reflection and ends with a closing session. Cost: \$100. With Pat Bergen, CSJ, among others.

Please see our website at www.csjthewell.org/offerings/ to find out about these programs and many more.

From Your SFX Parish Counselor

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting everyone differently. Some are coping with the loss of a job. Some are risking their lives caring for those who are sick. And others find themselves deeply contemplating existential questions of mortality and the meaning of life. **-The American Psychological Association**

Wanna learn more about self-care?

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

At this time, our counseling sessions will be virtual/online. Video format: <https://youtu.be/Fisg-SrOcVM>.

Lolan P. Adan, MAPC~Parish Counselor

St. Francis Xavier Parish, 124 North Spring Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525

The Claret Center, 5536 South Everett, Chicago, IL 60637

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Peace and Justice

On October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis released a new encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship*. This social encyclical explores building a culture of peace and dialogue in order to work together to care for each other as a human family, especially as we recover from the pandemic.



The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns has created a **6-page study guide for *Fratelli Tutti***. In this study guide, we offer key points and quotes from each chapter of *Fratelli Tutti*, along with reflection questions and the two prayers that Pope Francis includes at the end of the encyclical.

We hope this guide enables individuals and small groups to learn Pope Francis' teachings and use them to build peace and solidarity in your relationships, community, and world.

The study guide can be found at: <https://www.sfxlg.org/vnews/display.v/SEC/Parish%7C Faith%20Formation%3E%3EResources>

Discussion group to come in 2021! Enjoy Brothers & Sisters All!

Chapter 1: Dark Clouds Over a Closed World

"A worldwide tragedy like the Covid-19 pandemic momentarily revived the sense that we are a global community, all in the same boat, where one person's problems are the problems of all. Once more we realized that no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together (32)."

Pope Francis gives a thorough description of the darkness he sees in the world today. First, political systems are regressing and the profit-based economic model "does not hesitate to exploit, discard and even kill human beings."

Second, there is a culture of indifference. By employing a strategy of ridicule, suspicion, and relentless criticism, one group can dominate and exclude another, creating a permanent state of disagreement, confrontation and even violence. The loneliness, fear and insecurity experienced by those who feel excluded are easy targets for "mafias" (i.e. gangs). Also, human rights are not universally respected, especially for women.

This culture of indifference especially affects the unborn, disabled, and elderly. Though connected globally, we do not see our brothers and sisters as our neighbors. This is most apparent in the absence of dignity for migrants at our borders and for many people impacted by the pandemic.

Pope Francis wants to strengthen the idea of social friendship and social peace in the face of an all-pervasive social violence, which he sees running through the economy, politics, and even through social media.

Reflection Questions:

How has the pandemic impacted you?
Have you experienced a revived sense of community?

Chapter 2: A Stranger on the Road

"Each day we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders (69)."

The challenges named in the previous chapter highlight the need to reconsider our priorities on a personal, communal, and global level, before it is too late.

We can only succeed when we come together in love as sisters and brothers, with care like that shown by the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37).

The Good Samaritan is a parable about a Jewish traveler who is stripped, beaten, and left wounded alongside the road. First a Jewish priest and then a Levite come by, but both avoid the man. Finally, a Samaritan happens upon the traveler. Samaritans and Jews despised each other, but the Samaritan helps the injured man. Jesus is described as telling the parable in response to the question from a lawyer, "And who is my neighbor?" The neighbor is the one who shows mercy to the injured man—the Good Samaritan.

The parable is a lesson not solely about charity, but also a transformative encounter of mercy. The pope provides a detailed description of each character in the story so the reader can ask "Who am I, who are we, in this story?"

So, who is my neighbor? Francis concludes this chapter by calling for catechesis and preaching that "speak more directly and clearly about the social meaning of existence, the fraternal dimension of spirituality, our conviction of the inalienable dignity of each person and our reasons for loving and accepting all our brothers and sisters."

Reflection Questions:

Have you ever experienced such an "encounter of mercy"?



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 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.

Private Prayer at St. Francis Xavier Church

Thursday 8:30-9:30 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.

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

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