

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2020



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2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Week at a Glance

Monday, November 16	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Terry Conwell
Tuesday, November 17	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antoinette Fabianski
Wednesday, November 18	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Antonio and Teresa Franzese
Thursday, November 19	Rosary Adoration	8:15 am 6:00-7:00 pm	
Friday, November 20	Morning Mass	8:30 am	Herbert & Mary Schrack
Saturday, November 21	Reconciliation Mass	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Jack McGovern, Robert Verhunce, Palma Frustaci
Sunday, November 22	Mass	9:00 am	Jim Potsch
Our Lord Jesus Christ	Mass	11:00 am	Lorraine Pietras, Lawrence Jaderberg, Jr.
King of the Universe	Mass	5:00 pm	Lamar Whitmore



*Adoration will be held this
Thursday, November 19 from 6:00-7:00 pm.
Please reserve your spot on our website at www.sfxlg.org.*

Please Pray For...

Diane Bereckis	Mike Morrison
Sue Beyer	Baby Amy Nesterowicz
John Bovard	Carolyn Nesterowicz
Sally Burson	Bernice Niemiec
Jay Carroll	Gert Ogilvie
Chili Challenger	Arnold Oppenheim
Mary Culin	Jane O'Reilly
Americo DiGianfillippo	Shawna 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 Scalco
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
Patrick Morgan	

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.

Presider's Schedule November 21-22, 2020 Mass Time

5:00 pm Fr. Ilo	11:00 am Fr. Tkachuk
9:00 am Fr. Milek	5:00 pm Fr. Milek

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Readings For The Week of November 15, 2020

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

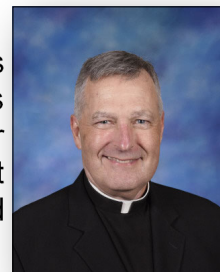


ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2019--JUNE 30, 2020

Persistent in Mission

Saturday, March 14th at 5:00PM, the doors of churches and parish offices throughout the Archdiocese closed. Archdiocesan schools had closed the previous day. We entered a time unlike anything we had known. We could not gather for Eucharist; weddings and baptisms were postponed; funeral services occurred at graveside; Reconciliation was suspended; and Anointing of the Sick was restricted by new protocols. How would we continue to live our mission as church?



Three days later, the parish Food Pantry opened as usual with a COVID-safe drive-thru system that offered pre-packaged bags of food, prepared each Monday with parish and school staff assisting our volunteers. Parish employees worked from home to keep parishioners informed and connected. Our parish elementary school staff immediately implemented e-learning so that our students did not miss a day of school. We began to record and post one Sunday Mass each week so that we could continue to celebrate Mass "together" in our home church. This included the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter as it became clear that we would not be back in church until after Pentecost Sunday.

The parish family met the challenge. Contributors who donate electronically were joined by many others who continued to contribute via envelopes mailed to the office or dropped through the mail slot. A government payroll loan enabled us to keep all our employees. **Most importantly, our mission to parishioners and the community remained vibrant.** In June, scores of parishioner volunteers came forward so that we could reopen the church for limited services in June and for weekend Masses in mid-July.

Generous special contributions have enabled us to invest in technology to livestream the Mass and to sanitize the air in church. We continue to worship each weekend, celebrate the Sacraments, and bring Communion to those unable to come to church. We celebrated the postponed graduation of the parish school Class of 2020 and postponed First Communions and Confirmations. Our dedicated school faculty and staff developed the technology and protocols to open our elementary school safely for in-person learning in August.

This report indicates some financial challenges that we face this year. Please review the letter from the Finance Council and review your financial investment in the parish.

I thank our Business Manager, Jennifer Zeisloft, our Accountant, Jane Bandyk, and the members of our parish Finance Council for their dedication and wisdom during the past year. I offer **special thanks to Mary Pat Flaherty and Don Abbs**, who step down from the Finance Council after 10 years of generous service. I am grateful that they continue to be engaged in the mission and other ministries of the parish.

We remain vibrant in mission and will continue to live our mission creatively in the face of the challenges posed by the coronavirus. **God bless all of you** whose faithful stewardship of time, talent, and treasure makes St. Francis Xavier a place of healing and hope for so many. Serving as your pastor is a great blessing. May we continue to live and celebrate the Gospel of Jesus Christ and commit to live in communion until we all can gather in unmasked Communion and fellowship once more.

Peace,

Fr. Bill

FINANCIAL REPORT

During budget preparation, the Finance Council, Business Manager, and Principal strive to present the Pastor with a budget for approval whereby income equals expenses. However, due to the limits on church attendance during the pandemic and restrictions on in-person fundraisers, **the 2020-2021 Operating Church Revenue budget projects a 6.4% decrease in Sunday collections over the previous fiscal year (budgeted operating deficit of \$148,442)**. This deficit is not sustainable in the long run; eventually, our offertory will need to return to levels above the 2018-2019 fiscal year to maintain the level of services that SFX parishioners have come to expect.

	Actual 6/30/2019	Actual 6/30/2020	Budget 6/30/2021	
OPERATING CHURCH REVENUE				
Sundays, Holy Days, Christmas & Easter	\$ 1,842,411	\$ 1,755,675	\$ 1,643,000	
Other Operating Income	87,888	65,304	57,700	
Parish Fundraising	5,831	5,268	-	
Religious Education Tuition, Fees, and Fundraising	136,548	121,547	103,035	
Total Church Revenue	\$ 2,072,678	\$ 1,947,794	\$ 1,803,735	
OPERATING CHURCH/RECTORY EXPENSES				
Salaries, FICA, Health, Retirement Share, Prof Growth	\$ 827,225	\$ 737,644	\$ 754,530	Note 1
Archdiocesan Admin, Priest Retirement	253,500	252,672	256,740	
Occupancy Expense	238,384	209,623	217,685	
Liturgical and Administrative Expense	133,382	115,666	131,347	
School Subsidy (see below)	470,652	442,875	449,301	
Religious Education Expenses	172,696	153,172	142,574	
Total Church/Rectory Expenses	\$ 2,095,839	\$ 1,911,652	\$ 1,952,177	
NET CHURCH OPERATING EXCESS (DEFICIT)	\$ (23,161)	\$ 36,142	\$ (148,442)	
DAY SCHOOL REVENUE				
Tuition, Fees and Misc. Operating Income	\$ 2,446,826	\$ 2,375,048	\$ 2,276,805	
Fundraising	271,792	169,144 *	200,000	
Total School Revenue	\$ 2,718,618	\$ 2,544,192	\$ 2,476,805	
DAY SCHOOL EXPENSES				
Salaries, FICA, Health, Retirement Share, Prof Growth	\$ 2,564,402	\$ 2,509,295	\$ 2,431,821	Note 1
Occupancy Expense	364,218	235,971 **	258,355	
Instructional, Technology, and Other Operating Expense	260,650	241,801	235,930	
Total School Expenses	\$ 3,189,270	\$ 2,987,067	\$ 2,926,106	
(DEFICIT/SUBSIDY FROM PARISH)	\$ (470,652)	\$ (442,875)	\$ (449,301)	

* decrease due to cancellation of school auction during pandemic

** reflects termination of lease with First Baptist Church

Note 1: Combined church and school budget reflect over \$90,000 in reduced fringe benefits due to suspension of retirement matching contributions for the fiscal year

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

In the spring of 2020, the parish was facing a potential significant drop in revenue when the pandemic forced our church to be closed and our school auction to be cancelled. Our parishioners responded, some by giving electronically and others by dropping off or mailing in their envelopes. Although our monthly revenue since March has not returned to previous levels, our parish is blessed that many of you remain steadfast in your financial support of the parish. Our operating results from the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 (see previous page) reflect an operating surplus of \$36,142. Even though offertory decreased by about 4.7%, the unfilled positions of associate pastor and pastoral associate during the 2019–2020 fiscal year reduced expenses during that time, resulting in the operating surplus. We wish to thank Fr. Bill, the parish staff, and the many volunteers who covered the gap in order to keep our missions alive during the search to fill these roles.

This fiscal year (July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021), the annual *collections* budget has been set at \$1,643,000. Typically, we set our collections budget to break even with expenses. However, with the restrictions in church attendance, we do not expect our collections to be at normal levels. The Payroll Protection Loan that we received on April 15 covered parish and school payroll from April through June 2020, enabling us to conserve the offertory received during that time and to allow for potential payback of the loan. As such, we determined it prudent to recommend to the pastor that the parish use our strong cash position (see next page) to cover an anticipated budgeted operating **deficit of \$148,442.**

We ask you to consider what you could do to help us erase this deficit if your finances allow. In order to keep pace with the costs of fulfilling our mission, **we ask you to consider a 2-3% increase in offertory.** The parish has looked very closely at expenses and has managed them as tightly as possible. Salaries for church employees were frozen with the exception of a small raise for faculty and school administrators in accordance with their years of service. The Archdiocese suspended matching retirement contributions for benefits-eligible employees (equating to a projected payroll savings of over \$90,000). These are just a few of the ways that the parish is reducing costs during the pandemic.

Many are looking to the parish for emotional, financial, and spiritual support. We will strive to maintain and improve our ministries, both within and outside our community. We pray that SFX is comforting and empowering your family during this difficult time.

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CASH POSITION

STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION

	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020
Unrestricted Funds				
Cash and Savings on Deposit	989,016	879,031	799,186	944,564
Current Cash Liabilities	518,300	384,364	439,461	471,293
Net Cash Position	\$ 470,716	\$ 494,667	\$ 359,725	\$ 473,272

Restricted Funds

Payroll Protection Program (PPP)	-	-	-	690,202 Note 1
Capital Campaign Fund	243,457	564,935	165,822	98,742 Note 2
Building Fund	88,933	107,640	68,938	69,362
Parish Endowment Fund	195,398	207,433	213,172	211,928
Educational Endowment Fund	713,225	765,401	777,733	783,427
Restricted Funds on Deposit	\$ 1,241,013	\$ 1,645,409	\$ 1,225,665	\$ 1,853,660
Less: PPP liability	-	-	-	(690,202) Note 1
Net Restricted Funds	\$ 1,241,013	\$ 1,645,409	\$ 1,225,665	\$ 1,163,458

Note 1: The parish applied for and received the SBA Payroll Protection Program loan in April 2020. In accordance with the CARES Act, we have applied for forgiveness of this loan. We expect to be notified on the disposition of our forgiveness application early next calendar year.

Note 2: SFX made the last contribution to St. Agatha Parish's Educational Endowment Fund in June 2020. The remaining capital campaign funds will be used on the final project required by the Village of La Grange: a fire alarm system in the church.

SUGGESTIONS FOR AN INCREASE IN YOUR PARISH INVESTMENT

Please consider the following for increasing your investment in SFX Parish ministries:

- > Locate your current weekly/monthly investment.
- > Prayerfully consider increasing your investment in SFX's mission.

CURRENT INVESTMENT	WITH WEEKLY/MONTHLY INVESTMENT INCREASE OF...		
	2.0%	4.0%	6.0%
\$ 10	\$ 10.20	\$ 10.40	\$ 10.60
\$ 25	\$ 25.50	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.50
\$ 50	\$ 51.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 53.00
\$ 100	\$ 102.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 106.00
\$ 250	\$ 255.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 265.00

STEWARDSHIP: MISSION-DRIVEN GIVING

In addition to regular offertory, SFX parishioners responded generously to the needs of our brothers and sisters locally and globally, contributing over **\$271,000** to 19 other charitable organizations despite disruptions in the last quarter of the year. Click [here](#) for how this amount was allocated across these organizations.

Parish Program Highlights

SFX provided programs such as the Day School Service Day, Religious Ed Toy Shower and Youth Ministry Giving Tree for St. Agatha Parish. The parish continued to host the overnight shelter once a week in collaboration with BEDS Plus. When operations were halted due to COVID-19, we continued to provide food assistance to BEDS clients.



When we learned of shelter-in-place on March 13, 2020 and that food distribution would continue to be an essential service, our Food Pantry Ministry responded immediately by providing an outdoor drive-thru service. Demand rose from about 75 to 125 bags of food each week with the number of volunteers limited due to social distancing guidelines. The generous and immediate response of our parishioners and community members to the increased need for food was beyond anything we could

hope for. The Food Pantry received **\$90,481** during the last fiscal year, up from \$23,450 in fiscal year 2019 with the vast majority of those donations since mid-March. These funds, as well as ongoing donations of food, allow us also to partner with BEDS Plus, LaGrange Area Department of Special Ed (LADSE) and the Township of Lyons to provide food assistance to their clients.

Other Giving Beyond the Parish

Through the efforts of the Men's and Women's Clubs and Knights of Columbus, parishioners also financially support mission-driven organizations beyond the parish.



ENROLLMENT AND SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS

SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS

All First Communions and Confirmations usually are celebrated in the spring (April - May). The statistics below reflect the impact of COVID-19, including the number of scheduled services and Sacraments that had to be postponed due to the church closure. The parish celebrated Confirmations and First Communions in August, with some First Communions occurring at our regular Sunday services.

For fiscal year ending June 30	2018	2019	2020	POSTPONED *
Baptisms	172	121	95	25
First Communions	169	130	0	132
Confirmations	177	160	0	143
Marriages	39	35	25	6
Funerals/Burials	65	40	59	6

* Services/Sacraments scheduled to take place before June 30, 2020, but postponed due to COVID-19. Most were celebrated since July 1, some have been rescheduled for next year.



September 28, 2019



October 6, 2019



September 21, 2019

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

Fiscal Year (as of October)	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	
Day School Enrollment	496	464	435	**
Religious Education Enrollment	779	717	577	**
Quest Participation	320	260	95	**
RCIA Participants	6	1	3	

** Participation/Enrollment has been limited or otherwise affected by COVID-19.

THIS CONCLUDES THE ANNUAL REPORT 2020

MEET OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Curt Aronson



Curt and his wife Carol have lived in La Grange since 1982, where they raised their three children. All of them graduated from St. Francis. We have been active members of St. Francis since 1993.

“I have enjoyed the chance to meet so many good people who have guided my path since joining St. Francis and have felt the love from all. It has been a wonderful experience reflecting on the Lord’s Word through Jesus Christ and realizing the presence of God in my life.”

Beth DiMarco



I grew up in La Grange Park and attended the SFX day school from Kindergarten through 8th grade. I have received all of my sacraments at St. Francis from my baptism in 1989 to getting married here in June of 2018. My husband, Andrew, and I just welcomed our first child, Catherine, this past September and she will be getting baptized November 22, here at St. Francis!

“The St. Francis parish has been an incredibly influential and important part of my life. I met one of my best friends as a student at the Day School and was greatly influenced by my teachers there. I am a teacher, in part, because of my experience as a student. Working with the youth ministry program at St. Francis has been such a joy for me. I have found the retreats so rewarding; seeing the spiritual growth among high school students is an incredible experience. I continue to be impressed by what the young people in our parish do and how much they grow during their high school years. I hope we can continue to grow and foster our incredible youth ministry program. “

Laura Duelm



Laura grew up in Western Springs. She attended St. John of the Cross, Lyons Township High School and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Twenty years ago, she and her husband Brent moved to La Grange. By joining St. Francis Xavier, they have found a warm community to raise their children.

“My sincere hope is to create a welcoming home for all who are a part of our parish, whether new or have been here for many years. Our family has experienced the true essence of our community and I hope that I can help others to find their place within St. Francis Xavier. It has been so much more than just a church for us.”

Chris Grech



Our family settled in La Grange and St. Francis in 2009 after relocating from Detroit. All three of our children have been through SFX as part of the Classes of 2020, 2021, and 2023.

“Our students and school community make a profound difference to so many people. The energy put forth into the service of others is a unique and defining characteristic for St. Francis. “

Please free to contact us about ideas or thoughts by email at : ppc@sfxlg.org

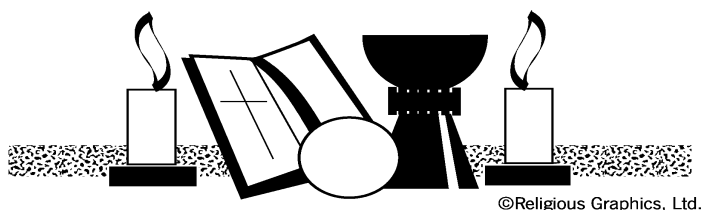
See the parish website for additional background information
about our PPC members!

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.



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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.

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](#)

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.

Personal Advent Books 2020

While “official” Advent groups will use a study of the Prologue of the Gospel of John (see Advent Study 2020!), you are welcome to purchase an Advent book from Loyola Press for personal reflection or “unofficial” faith groups. If you would like to purchase the Advent book from Loyola Press, please contact mmcmahon@sfxlg.org about how to do so! We hope to subsidize the cost of having the books mailed directly to you.

November is Black Catholic History Month!

On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. Two commemorative dates fall within this month, **Saint Augustine’s Birthday** (November 13) and **Saint Martin de Porres’ Feast Day** (November 3).

Some people forget that Christianity did not originate in Europe – and even express surprise when they learn that Black Catholic History began in the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40) with the conversion of the Ethiopian Eunuch by Philip the Deacon. Acts chronicles the conversion of the first Black African in recorded Christian history. The text also suggests that the man was a wealthy, literate, and powerful emissary of the Nubian Queen and also a faithful, practicing Jew prior to his baptism. **The Ethiopian Eunuch’s conversion even predates the conversions of Saints Paul and Cornelius.** Therefore, most significantly, many cite this conversion as the very moment when the church changed from a Hebrew and Hellenist community to **the truly Universal and Catholic Church.**

The history of the early Church is the history of Black Catholics. Black Catholics trace their faith roots back to Christian antiquity long before other nations heard the “Good News.” **Christian Africa was indeed a “leading light” in early Christendom.** Black Catholics point to three popes who were born in Africa: Saints Victor I, Melchisedech, and Gelasius I. All three shepherded the early church through tough and tumultuous times in history. **Black Catholics claim many Black Saints like:** Saints Cyprian, Zeno, Anthony of Egypt, Moses the Black, Pachomius, Maurice, Athanasius, Pudentinus, Mary of Egypt, Cyril of Alexandria, Monica of Hippo, Augustine of Hippo, Perpetua, Felicitas, and Thecla. **These mystics, monastics**

[Text adapted from National Black Catholic Congress: <https://www.nbcccongress.org/>]



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 “Parish”, “Faith Formation” and “Scripture Studies.”)

Questions? Contact Maggie at mmcmahon@sfxlg.org

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE! St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church November 24 from 2:00-7:00 pm

Appointments are encouraged! Please click https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5578577 to schedule your preferred donation time!

Who benefits from blood donation?

At Versiti Blood Center of Illinois, formerly Heartland Blood Centers, we never forget the patients who receive the blood we collect. Every unit of blood is collected from volunteer donors who meet specific criteria and have been screened according to strict guidelines. Every unit (pint) is collected, transported, tested and stored according to tightly-controlled procedures.

Examples of transfusion needs are:

- Cancer: up to 8 units/month
- Bone Marrow Transplant: up to 2 units/day
- Liver Transplant: up to 100 units
- Auto Accident: up to 50 units
- Cardiovascular Surgery: 2-25 units



For specific questions regarding your blood drive, please contact your Account Representative, Lawrence Smith, directly at LSMITH@HEARTLANDBC.ORG.

Text “CHARLIE” to 999-777 to opt into text messaging to receive information about upcoming blood drive events, promotions and blood inventory needs!

Senior Women’s Event

In case you missed the Senior Women’s Groups Presentation on “Happiness in the Time of COVID”, it is on the parish website (www.sfxlg.org) under “Parish”, “Faith Formation” and “Events” for your viewing! You may also [click here](#) to view the videos.

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%7CFaith%20Formation%3E%3EResources>

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

Chapter 3: Envisaging and Engendering an Open World

"All of us, as believers, need to recognize that love takes first place: love must never be put at risk, and the greatest danger lies in failing to love (92)."

This chapter presents the pope's teaching about love, which is essential to his approach to fraternity and social friendship. "The spiritual stature of a person's life is measured by love," he writes (92). This love must grow beyond family and nation to include strangers and all people — into a friendship where the worth of every person is acknowledged.

Fraternity grows into a universal love that promotes others when human connections are consciously cultivated through education in dialogue in order to defeat the "virus" of "radical individualism," as well as recognition of the values of reciprocity and mutual enrichment. Based on universal love and recognition of the inherent dignity of every person, we have an obligation to ensure that every person has sufficient opportunities for integral development. Francis says this requires a "re-envisioning of the social role of property" to ensure each person has what is necessary to live with dignity.

The right to private property, Pope Francis says, "can only be considered a secondary natural right" to the "universal destination of all goods," or the idea that God's gift of creation belongs to all. This principle applies to the international sphere as well, where "a territory's goods must not be denied to a needy person coming from elsewhere (124)."

Reflection Questions:

In what ways can your local community put human dignity at the center of social and economic life?

Chapter 4: A Heart Open to the Whole World

"The true worth of the different countries of our world is measured by their ability to think not simply as a country but also as part of the larger human family (141)."

In this chapter, Pope Francis explores the moral and social implications of having a "heart open to the whole world."

Pope Francis first considers immigration, explaining that until the conditions which force people to migrate are collectively addressed, nations should have a fundamental openness to welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating their "neighbor," the migrant or refugee. Immigrants bringing new cultures into society should be regarded as a gift, and cultural differences should not be erased but celebrated.

Pope Francis describes how, especially in the era of globalization, "mutual assistance between countries proves enriching for each" (137). This is true in terms of cultural exchange and the cooperation which is needed to address poverty in parts of the world. He calls for a "fraternal gratuitousness" that is not based merely on commercial exchange but on true concern for the wellbeing of those in other nations.

Francis acknowledges the "innate tension between localization and globalization," but says that each has its place. "We need to pay attention to the global so as to avoid narrowness and banality. Yet we also need to look to the local, which keeps our feet on the ground (142)." He says, "Universal fraternity and [local] social friendship are thus two inseparable and equally vital poles in every society."

Reflection Questions:

How do you feel called to cultivate a "heart open to the whole world"?



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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.

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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.

Private Prayer at Neighboring Churches

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

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