

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Celebrate in Prayer & Eucharist

Church & Liturgy Preparation Ministries

- Anna Ministry – clean & press sacred linens
- Gym Mass Liturgy Committee – plans all aspects of 10:15 Mass
- Liturgical Arts & Environmental Committee – prepares liturgical space throughout year
- Parish Liturgy Committee – works with pastoral staff to plan worship services

Mass Ministries

- Altar Servers – students in grades 4-8
- Eucharistic Ministers – assist with distribution of Communion at Masses
- Lectors & Commentators – read Scriptures, petitions & announcements at Masses
- Ushers – greet & assist parishioners at Masses

Music Ministries

- Saturday 5:00 Choir
- Sunday 9:30 Choir
- Sunday 10:15 Gym Mass Music Group
- Sunday 11:30 Choir

Dedicate Ourselves to Religious Education

Religious Education and Spiritual Growth for our children

- Baptismal Preparation – meet with Preparation Team one week before Baptism
- Home School Organization (HSO) – promotes parental support for SFX School
- Liturgy of the Word for Children – volunteers present gospel centered lesson to ages 5-10 during the 9:30 Mass in the priests' sacristy
- PREP – religious education for students in grades 1-8 not attending SFX school
- PREP Advisory Board – offers direction for PREP
- St. Francis Xavier School – faith based education for preschool thru grade 8
- SFX School Board – 9 person advisory board to SFX principal and pastor

Religious Education and Spiritual Growth for our selves

- Adult Education – offers speakers and bible study throughout the year
- Emotions Anonymous – A twelve step program for those seeking emotional health
- Men's Spirituality – Meets 2nd and 4th Saturday of month at 7:30am in Francis E/W
- RCIA – education-formation process for adults interested in receiving sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist
- Retreats – sponsored by various groups throughout the year; announced in bulletin

- Spiritual Direction – staff led reflection on daily experience recognizing God's presence
- WORD – meet for weekly reflection on scripture passage from Sunday gospel

Serve and Love our Parish Family

Serving our Parish Community

- Action – Youth group for high-school ages
- Moms & Tots – playgroup for tots with parents or caregivers meets twice a month
- One Heart Club – service-oriented club for primarily 7th grade girls at SFX School
- Scouts – open to all boys and girls; includes Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts
- SFX Men's Club – social organization for all parish men dedicated to philanthropy & fun
- SFX Women's Book Club - meets at the Mallinckrodt Center to discuss selected books

Reach out to the Larger Community

Serving our Larger Community

- Annulment Support – provides information, and support for those seeking an annulment
- Bereavement Ministry – provides resources for those who have experienced loss of a loved one
- Immaculée Conception, Haiti – sharing parish in Haiti. SFX provides financial & operational assistance
- Knitting Ministry – monthly group knits prayer shawls and prays for those receiving them
- Ministry of Care – group provides ongoing support of Communion and prayer to homebound parishioners, their families, hospital bound and those in nursing homes
- Peace and Justice Ministry – group seeks to build peace in our world by working for justice through organizing programs, activities and disbursing reading material
- Respect Life – group works to promote belief that all human life is sacred through activities and encouraging assistance for unborn, handicapped & elderly
- St. Thomas of Canterbury – sharing parish in Uptown area of Chicago. SFX donates food and clothing, provides tutoring for children & adults
- St. Vincent de Paul Society – group of men and women providing emergency assistance and ongoing help to those in need; volunteers at soup kitchens & hospitals

Interested in more information on these organizations? Please call the Parish Office at 847-256-4250