

St. Francis Xavier Family Ministry

This year brings many challenges to volunteering and giving back to others in our St. Francis Xavier Community. We have met and decided that we will find the best way to minister to people who need our help. We came up with a few opportunities and hope you can join us. 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.

February

On Wednesday February 10, 2021. SFX is going to deliver letters to the seniors at Bethlehem Woods. We need people to write notes and jokes for the seniors. We can ask our younger members of the parish to draw pictures and contribute a candy bar, or lotion. There are 27 seniors in assisted living and have no contact due to Co-vid and then there are 180 seniors who have limited contact. If families would please reach to Ana at apd3@core.com with questions and please feel to contribute items. The collection will be the week of February 1st.

March

Sue Devers Beds is coordinating dinners for homeless people staying in local motels and individuals living in the resident building on Ogden Ave. They are in need of families to prepare and deliver meals on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays in March and beyond. This would be a great volunteer opportunity for families to do in their homes. Please reach out to Sue Devers at Beds. (dever@beds-plus.org)

April

We are partnering with the Salt Creek Watershed Network to clean garbage at Salt Creek forest preserve in April 24th, 2021. All supplies will be provided. Please join us and contact Elizabeth at elizabeth.fanta@yahoo.com, if you are interested. This is a tentative event due to Co-vid. More details to follow.

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