

SFX SERVICE 2020

we pray, we learn, we serve

Covid Can't Stop Service!

St Francis Xavier has a rich tradition of serving others. Our Service Program has been in action for 13 years! This year our Service Program may look a little different, but service will continue to be at the heart of our SFX community.

Grade level service themes and lessons will be implemented in the classrooms. **We will celebrate Service Day 2020 on Friday, December 4th** as a school community.

The SFX service team is asking **EVERY STUDENT TO PERFORM AT LEAST ONE ACT OF SERVICE** BiG or sMaLL between today and December 3rd. Opportunities that correlate to grade level themes can be found below.

Take Action!

No act is too small! In these unprecedented times need is all around us! Falcons..... GO SET THE WORLD ON FIRE!

Donate \$1 to our brick wall in honor of **VETERAN'S DAY**, proceeds will go to Honor Flight Chicago. **Donations accepted at school THIS WEEK!**

Kindergarten families: Visit the Christmas tree donated by the Kindergarten class at **Brookfield Zoo**. Put your child's ornament on our tree (number 564, located on the West Mall). Visit Brutus the lion our class voted to adopt!

THANKS FOR GIVING MEAL PACKING EVENT!

Partner with Kids Around the World and pack meals in the safety of your own home. Kids Around the World serves children in desperate need all over the world, particularly in countries experiencing severe food insecurity. Click the link to make a donation then sign up to pack 6 or 12 boxes at your in-home meal packing stations. Packing will take place the weekend of 11/20. *(Click here to sign up or for more details)*

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY *(Click here)*

Warehouse volunteers (age 11-60 years). Please provide SFX Agency #A00419 when you volunteer so we receive \$5/person/hour towards future purchases.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Rides for seniors and, grocery shopping, and library services and creating and delivering floral arrangements. Contact Janet Garreau at jgarreauicp@gmail.com to volunteer.

Make a meal with your family for **BEDS** or donate shelf-stable meals. *(Click here)*

MEALS ON WHEELS (Community Nutrition Network and Senior Services Association) Provide meals and resources to older adults. Must be 18+ years (younger children can help in the kitchen or volunteer with a parent), complete an on-line application and background check. Contact Linda Reiter at 312-207-5290 or LReiter@cnnssa.org

SFX MASS GREETERS

Volunteers (age 14+ years) needed to greet and seat people or wipe down seating after each service. Contact Maureen Pipal at mpipal@sfxlg.org for information. Basic training provided.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL *(Click here)*

Clothes, shoes and monetary donations. Drop Box in SFX lot.

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE *(Click here)*
SAVE THE DATE November 24th SFX Gymnasium.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY FOR DETAINED IMMIGRANTS *(Click here)*

Pray with a group every Friday morning 7:15-8am to uphold the dignity and rights of immigrants. The prayer vigil is currently virtual. To receive a link please email hello@icdichicago.org.

Go shopping with your family and donate to the **SFX FOOD PANTRY**. *(Needs are listed here)*

SFX FAMILY MINISTRY CARDS OF HOPE PROJECT Dec 1-11, 2020. Write cards to people affected by cancer. Contact Rachel Peterson at petersonrtw@sbcglobal.net for information.

GRADE LEVEL THEMES:

PS4 Care of Living Things

K Caring for God's Creation

1 Caring for Older Friends

2 Rights and Responsibilities

3 Poverty and Homelessness

4 Hunger Awareness

5 Honoring Veterans and Active Duty Service Members

6 Ability Awareness

7 Human and Civil Rights

8 Social Justice

Volunteer at **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

Volunteers must be at least 8 years old. This activity is especially encouraged for 4th & 7th grade since this is where they would have gone for Service Day. *(Click here)*

SECRET SANTA Adopt a child for the holidays! The Secret Santa program serves 800+ kids who are enrolled through **PILLARS**. Contact Alison Kelly at akelly312@ameritech.net for a child's wish list and drop off location. **All gifts must be returned by Nov 30.**

Write a letter to a family member, friend or neighbor who is a **VETERAN**. Or, send a digital message to an active duty soldier at Veterans United. *(Click here)*

For a full list of our parish service opportunities... *click here!*

DO YOU HAVE A NEIGHBOR WHO COULD USE A HAND? A GRAND-PARENT? AN OLDER FRIEND?

Rake their leaves.

Sweep their front porch.

Pick up their medicine or a few groceries.

Bake them some cookies or a sweet treat.

Drop off a card or flowers to bring them some cheer.

Call or write an out of town family member a card or letter.

Draw or paint a picture for a friend to brighten their day.

*One act of service...
No act is too small!*

Service Day T-Shirts

What would service day be without the shirt?? Service Day 2020 T-shirts will be sent home with oldest/only students on **Thursday, December 3rd**. Any parent wishing to order a shirt for themselves please *click here*.

Collections

Our SFX Community will continue to collect items for people in need. The following items will be collected **November 16-20**. Please drop items at the address indicated

BOOKS...Books will be donated to the Cradles to Crayons organization. Books (for babies to age 12) should be in good condition, no text books
Drop off at 220 S Madison, LaGrange

COLD WEATHER GEAR (Coats, gloves, hats, scarves, boots)
Warm outerwear will be donated to Cradles to Crayons. Items should be clean and in good condition.
New or gently used Winter Coats (newborn to adult medium)
New or gently used Winter Boots (Size 5 infant/toddler to adult 10)
New or gently used Hats, Glove and Scarves
Drop at 601 S Kensington, La Grange

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR VETERANS

Items will be donated to Hines VA Hospital
Deodorant
Body wash
Toothpaste
Alcohol free after shave
Drop at 219 8th Ave., La Grange



Bring Francis Along!!

Get your dry erase markers ready! Laminated copies of Francis the Falcon will be coming home to each family. Bring Francis the Falcon along for the ride! Wear your SFX gear and show your Falcon pride! Write the name of who you are serving on Francis' sign. Take a picture of you, your family and Francis serving others. Show us how you are setting the world on fire!

PICTURES...PICTURES... PICTURES

Share your acts of service!!
Download pictures to this Service Dropbox. *(Click here)*
Please remember to wear a mask and socially distance unless in the same household.

