

# UNITY HALL WINDOWS SYMBOLS AND MEANING

MAY WE PRESENT....The story behind the beautiful stained glass windows in Unity Hall!



WE PRAY

WE LEARN

WE SERVE

I am thrilled to present to you the symbolism behind Unity Hall's stained glass windows. When we were looking for an artisan, we found Colorsmith Stained Glass Studio. Colorsmith is located nearby (Riverside), and has substantial experience with the art of stained glass. One of the owners has a close relationship with St. Francis Xavier. David Condon's family, (the Charles Patrick and Eleanor C. Condon family), were parishioners from 1960 until the late 1970's, when they moved from the area. All ten children were SFX students, with David graduating in 1964. David and his wife, Gail, were responsible for the design, fabrication, and installation of the Unity Hall stained glass windows and ceiling.

A committee of SFX staff and volunteers helped guide the process, in honor of the Congregation of St. Joseph, to whom the Hall is dedicated. We know you will enjoy the upcoming pages of symbols and their meanings! You may want to play a game with your family...see who can identify the most icons/images BEFORE checking out the next few pages (i.e., the Answer Key)!

That All May be One,  
Jennifer Zeisloft  
Business Manager

# UNITY HALL SKYLIGHT

Heavenly Light of the Christian Faith and Unity Throughout the World



## CORNER MEDALLIONS - THE EVANGELISTS



Matthew the Evangelist, author of the first gospel, is symbolized by a winged man, or angel. Matthew's gospel starts with Joseph's genealogy from Abraham; it represents Jesus' Incarnation, and so Christ's human nature. This signifies that Christians should use their reason for salvation.



Mark the Evangelist, author of the second gospel, is symbolized by a winged lion—a figure of courage and monarchy. The lion also represents Jesus' resurrection and Christ as king. This signifies that Christians should be courageous on the path of salvation.



Luke the Evangelist, author of the third gospel (and the Acts of the Apostles), is symbolized by a winged ox or bull—a figure of the sacrifice, service and strength. It represents Jesus' sacrifice in His Passion and Crucifixion, and signifies Christian sacrifice in following Christ.



John the Evangelist, author of the fourth gospel, is symbolized by an eagle, a figure of the sky, believed to be able to look straight into the sun. It represents the Ascension, Christ's divinity, and signifies Christians looking on eternally unflinchingly as they journey towards union with God.

# SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH SYMBOLS OF THE UNITY HALL WINDOWS

The symbols and icons in the Unity Hall Windows are intended to reflect who we are as a parish today; what we do, and how we pray, learn and serve. The icons represent our sacraments, our ministries and our mission.



Prayer



Learning



Service



Funeral Ministry



Wedding



Bereavement



Building & Grounds



Eucharist and Prayer



Faith Formation



Confirmation



Choir



Community Partners



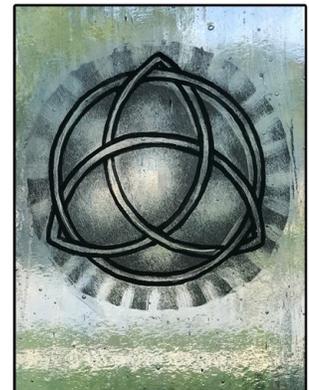
Community Outreach



SPRED



Music Ministry



The Holy Trinity

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Knights of Columbus



Society of St. Vincent de Paul



Peace & Justice



BEDS



Food Pantry



Habitat For Humanity



Art & Environment



Sisters of St. Joseph



Pastoral Council



Scouting



Kairos



125 Year Anniversary



CRHP Prayer



Kitchen Angels



Baptism



Ministers of Care