

# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2023

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### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

4:30pm - Church / Live-streamed & Broadcasted in the Parking Lot

Sunday

8:30am - Church / Broadcasted in the Parking Lot

10:00am - Parking Lot, with limited seating in the Narthex

*Weekend Masses can be viewed on the parish's YouTube channel @SFXjoliet*

*<https://www.youtube.com/@SFXjoliet>*

### Weekday Masses

Monday: 9:15am Tuesday: 9:15am Wednesday: 6:30pm

Thursday: 9:15am Friday: 9:15am

### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 6:00-6:30pm Thursday: 9:45-10:15am

### Confession

Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm Wednesday: 6:00-6:30pm

After the 9:15am Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

By Appointment

### Office Hours

Monday & Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

# *A Message from Our Pastor*



And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:  
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God,  
trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day  
in the lone East.

~ Minnie Louise Haskins ~

## *A Prayer for the New Year*

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned  
and forgotten of this Earth,  
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the Earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize  
that we are profoundly united with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.  
We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace.

Amen.

# *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

## *Reflection on the Gospel of Luke 2: 16-21*



### Reflection Questions:

- In what ways has Mary been an inspiration to you?
- What is the one attribute about Mary that you most admire?
- Has there been a time when Mary interceded for you in a positive way?

### Suggestions for Living out this Gospel:

- + Consider helping the victims of the Russian invasion of Ukraine or helping a family in need of friendship and daily necessities.
- + Take time to pray the rosary today.

### *Mary, My Mother*

Mary, my mother  
So stoic and kind  
I pray to you fiercely  
When I'm in a bind

You inspire me daily  
Such a beautiful soul  
Such caring and courage  
Such a crucial role

So chaste and so pure  
A model of womanhood  
You wisely taught us  
How to be good

We praise you and pray  
You'll hear our prayer  
Intercede for the fallen  
Save us from despair





*Please pray for ~*

Lucas Arseneau  
Mildred Balogh  
Mary Bruce  
Mike Cannon  
Larry Formella  
Pat Gierich  
Darlene Janulis  
Pamela Mazzone

Tara McDonald  
Jim O'Brien  
Mike Piwowar  
Tom Sagenbrecht  
Scott Schwartz  
Chester Sobczak  
James Talley

## *Mass Intentions*

Saturday, December 31st

4:30pm FCFE Catechists

Sunday, January 1st

8:30am Intention of the Celebrant

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, January 2nd

9:15am Helen M. Donovan

Tuesday, January 3rd

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, January 4th

6:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, January 5th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, January 6th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, January 7th

4:30pm John Roach

Sunday, January 8th

8:30am Mike Notsch

10:00am SFX Parishioners



## *Please welcome our new Parishioners at St. Francis Xavier in 2022!*

Robert & Melissa Baxter Family  
Derek & Katrina Bright Family  
Fidencio & Martha Cabral Family  
Anthony & Cheryl Campanaro Family  
Jaime & Mel Connors Family  
Lizzethe Coronado  
Jose & Edna Cruz Family  
Milissa Czerwinski  
Bob & Cathie Davidson  
Tim & Ashley Donatucci Family  
Roger & Lisa Farrell  
Anthony & Lauren Fulena Family  
Richard & Alexa Garcia Family  
Andy Gonzalez  
Francesca Guzzardi  
Briehan Hurley  
George & Stephanie Kaput Family  
Kenneth & Holly Kasper Family  
Michael & Candace Kelty Family  
Chad & Kari Kinnard Family  
Steven & Laura Klecka Family  
Raymond & Karen Klump Family  
Erik & Carol Lewis Family  
James & Erin Lightbody Family

Catherine LoPresti  
Jose & Marianne Martinez Family  
Kevin Muller  
Michael & Mary Needham Family  
Oliver & Linda Nkannebe Family  
Luke O'Brien  
Alan & Shelley O'Regan Family  
Sloane Paul Family  
Thavis & Amy Phommachanhom Family  
Lou & Elizabeth Ramadani Family  
Jean Roach  
Zachary & Monica Roberts Family  
Matthew & Kristen Sheldon Family  
Charles Shumaker  
Froylan & Diana Silva Family  
Gregory & Ann Smith Family  
Terry Tatone  
Joe Tidaback Family  
Gina Tompkins  
Israel & Jackie Tovar Family  
Sylvia Valentin  
Dennis & Joan Williams  
Michael & Michelle Wolski Family  
Grace Zepeda

### **Women's Bible Study Series: The Mothers & Daughters of the Bible Speak**

**Naomi and Ruth begin a journey together in shared grief but find deep joy and deliverance. Ruth takes a leap of faith which leads her away from her family and into the promises of God and a new family.**

**The author offers us a deeper understanding of each woman of the Bible who are relatable and inspiring plus the wisdom and insight that can transform our own lives today. As the New Year begins, come and hear this story of commitment on January 11th at St. Francis, in the church basement...**

**Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 10:00 AM**





# Nov 26/27 Mass Times Survey Results

- Mass times will not change
- Sunday 10am Mass will move to inside the Church (effective 1/1/23)

## Mask Guidelines

- Masks continue to be recommended, but not required
- Sunday 10am Mass will include a designated Mask-Only area on south side of Church (effective 1/1/23)



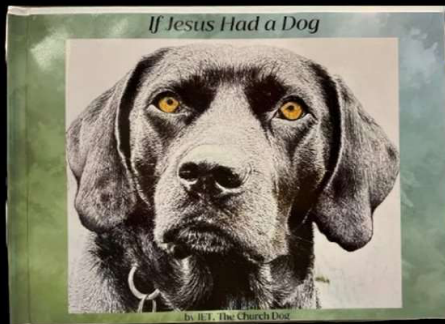
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**Turn everyday shopping into fundraising dollars**

Formerly ShopWithScrip

**Purchase gift cards while helping the parish!**  
**Stop by the RaiseRight table in the Narthex after Mass to purchase cards or to get additional info!**  
**Check out [sfxjoliet.org/raiserright](http://sfxjoliet.org/raiserright) for more info**

## Jet has a new book!



In this book JET shares with us his perspective on how we can all help to make this world a better place.

Visit [sfxjoliet.org/jetbook](http://sfxjoliet.org/jetbook) for more info!



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### Volunteers needed for name tag / hospitality Sundays.

- Last Sunday of each month
- Set up: tables, name tags, coffee & treats
- Cleanup: package leftovers, clean coffee pot, put tables away

Please confirm your interest in helping by contacting Karen Asiyambi via email: [bodunrin@comcast.net](mailto:bodunrin@comcast.net) or phone/text: 779-875-5419

## Fishers of Men

- Mens fellowship group meeting
- We meet to share our experiences, discuss Mass Readings and build friendships
- Monday nights at 7:00 pm

Note change from Wednesdays to Mondays

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# Daybreak Signup

Every fourth Friday of the month St Francis Xavier provides dinner to the Daybreak homeless shelter in Joliet.



The following items are needed:

- 4 trays of Lasagna or another Italian entree
- 3 or 4 loafs of French or Italian style bread (cut into slices)
- 2 large trays of salad & salad dressing
- Dessert for 40 people: cookies or some kind of pastries
- 3 half gallons of juice (Hi-C type juice)
- 3 gallons of Milk (whole or 2%, please)



There is a signup sheet on the St Francis Xavier website. Here is how to access it...Go to the St Francis Xavier website: [www.sfxjoliet.org](http://www.sfxjoliet.org).

Hit the Navigation drop down menu. Then, select "Getting Involved". Select "Serve at Daybreak".

Then click button saying info and volunteer for Daybreak.

You can scroll down that form and volunteer for whatever food product that is still available.

Please bring your food to the Church parking lot at 5:00 pm.

Thank you and God Bless.



## **SERRA CLUB of Dupage County**

*Fostering and Promoting Vocations  
to the Priesthood and Religious Life.*



### **Mark Your Calendar Guests are welcomed!**

RSVP by **Jan. 14th** to: [D. Thurman d21thurman@gmail.com](mailto:D.Thurman@d21thurman@gmail.com) or 630-642-2618  
Please Denote any **Special Dietary Requirements** when RSPVing to D. Thurman above.

**Speaker: Fr. Steven Borello**, Director of Vocations for the  
Diocese of Joliet



### ***DINNER MEETING DETAILS***

Thursday, January 19, 2023

### **St. Petronille Catholic Church**

420 Glenwood Avenue, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Enter Door # 2 to the right of the Church Entrance

### **Evening Program**

6:00 pm - Rosary

6:20 pm - Mass

7:00 pm - Fellowship in the Social Hall

7:20 pm - Dinner and Welcome

7:30 pm - Start of both in person & Zoom Meeting

8:00 pm - Guest speaker: **Fr. Steven Borello**


# Thank you for your gifts to the CMAA in 2022!

Your Gift to the CMAA Makes a Difference! The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs, and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

Our parish goal is \$34,900, and to date we have received \$38,285. 70% of gifts received over our goal will be returned to our parish for our use. If you have not had a chance to participate in the CMAA this year, there is still time. Please look for the mailing which will be arriving in homes shortly.

2021 CMAA Parish Rebate Received: **\$4,245.00**

*Thank you for your generosity!*



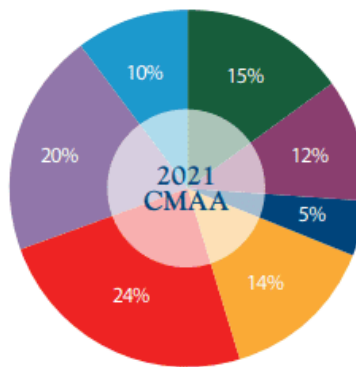
**Deo Gratias Society**

Prayerfully consider joining the Deo Gratias Society with your gift to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

When you pledge \$100 a month for 10 months to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, you are welcomed as a member of the Deo Gratias Society. Members take a leadership role in the work of the Church, becoming partners in a shared vision for the future of the Diocese of Joliet.

In addition to spiritual benefits, membership includes an annual Mass and reception with Bishop Ronald A. Hicks, and recognition in our annual publication for society members.

In 2021, gifts to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal provided support for many works of the Lord.



Educating children and adults in the faith	15%	
Ministering to people of all ages and ethnicities	12%	
Honoring the dignity of life	5%	
Serving our brothers and sisters in need	14%	
Strengthening vocations and supporting clergy	24%	
Serving and protecting parishioners	20%	
Returning funds to parishes	10%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,293,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

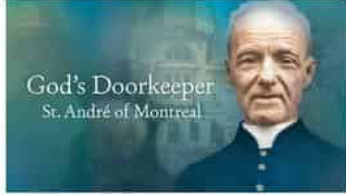
## TAX-FREE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH



If you are over the age of 70 ½ and receive IRA distributions, do you know you can make donations to St. Francis Xavier from your IRA, and the distributions are tax free to you? It is easy to do. The donation must be received by the parish directly from your financial institution, so contact your IRA trustee or financial advisor to find out about their donation process. The donation is considered a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) and is reported as non-taxable on your tax return. Upon request, the parish will provide you with a statement of your donation. If you are already giving to the parish, donate from your IRA and give yourself the gift of a tax-free distribution.

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of January 01, 2023



## God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



## How to Pray

Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!



## Mary of Nazareth

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

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Simply log in & place your order at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select St. Francis Xavier Parish in Joliet, IL as the charity to receive 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible items. The parish will receive a donation...at no additional cost to you!

As of November 2022, the parish has received **\$1,915.93**.

## *Our Sunday Offering*

### *Contributions Received 12/12/22 - 12/18/22*

#### Mass Collection

Sunday Offering	\$4,323.00
Blue Envelope	\$1,956.03
Religious Retirement	\$80.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Seminarian Endowment	\$50.00
Christmas	\$100.00
Christmas Flowers	\$130.00

#### Online Giving

Sunday Offering	\$3,857.00
Blue Envelope	\$55.00
Christmas	\$100.00
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*For your heart will always be where your riches are.*

*Matthew*



If you are interested in giving to our parish through our parish online giving website, go to:  
<https://osvhub.com/st-francis-xavier/funds>

**Donations to second collections can also be made through the online giving website.** If you have any questions about the online giving process, please call the parish office or send an email to [finance@sfxjoliet.org](mailto:finance@sfxjoliet.org).

**RaiseRight Gift Card Program Earnings (7/1/22-12/25/22): \$958.82**

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## *Available Positions Throughout the Diocese*

[Lifelong Lay Formation Lead - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill](#)  
[Bilingual Program Coordinator - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill](#)

For additional information, please click on this [Diocese of Joliet Employment Opportunities webpage](#).