

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 22, 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 - Church / Broadcasted in the Parking Lot

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



Sometimes we do not realize what pressure Catholics are under in certain parts of our world. Sadly, it often leads to death so like the early church. I share this piece from a colleague of mine from an area that St Patrick's Missionary Society was heavily involve in. Please remember Fr Isaac and the Catholic Community in your prayer. Thank you for reminding us of the consequences of living and preaching the gospel. Rest in Peace Fr Isaac and all who have suffered and died.

Fr. Karl



Fr Isaac Achi was murdered by Islamic militants on the 15th of January, 2023. He was from the heartland of the Koro people and was ordained priest by Bishop C Abba on the 7th January 1995.

He'd always been around the Church as a young boy, showing great interest, and it's not surprising that given the investment made in Kafin Koro, by the Church, with the health centre staffed by the Alexian brothers, and the work done over the years, particularly by the late Fr Jerry Kiely, that he decided to commit his life to the work of serving others as a priest.

Isaac was the first Koro priest and deserves great credit for his ministry among his people. He was no stranger to violence and trauma. His parish church in Madalla was attacked at Christmas 2011, when 39 people were killed and many more injured by a terrorist bombing attack. In the aftermath of it he always told the people that they should forgive their attackers.

It is very sad that such a good, gentle man is taken from his people. May he rest in peace and may his people be comforted in their grief by God's love for them.

Contributed by:

Fr. Billy Fulton SPS

Reflections on the Sunday Readings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 22 January 2023

We devote this day to the celebration, study, and spread of the Word of God.

Isaiah 8:23–9:3. Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14. 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17. Matthew 4:12-23.

The Word of God Living Among Us. The Word is first spoken in Jesus who is, in fact, the very spoken Word of God. And when this Word himself speaks, things happen. Hear the gospel today: Jesus invites; Peter and Andrew follow right away. James and John immediately do the same. We also believe this: Jesus not only spoke long ago; when Scripture is read aloud in prayer, Jesus speaks today?

- What does Christ say to me in these Sunday readings?
- What “darkness” needs dispelling by his word?
- What word that I hear will I proclaim? To whom? When?



FCFF Session
Sunday, January 22nd
11:15am-12:30pm via Zoom

St. Francis Xavier Parish

Registered families received a Zoom invite via email.
Questions? Please email Penny at pgiunta@sfxjoliet.org

Remaining FCFF Zoom sessions of the school year:

Feb. 19th Mar. 19th Apr. 23rd

Students preparing for Confirmation in the fall of 2023, in-person sessions will be held
from 6:30-8:00pm on the following Sundays:

Jan. 22nd Feb. 26th Mar. 19th Apr. 16th May 7th June 25th

Any questions can be sent to Confirmation@sfxjoliet.org



Please pray for ~

Lucas Arseneau
Mildred Balogh
Mary Bruce
Mike Cannon
Larry Formella
Pat Gierich
Darlene Janulis
James Talley

Pamela Mazzone
Tara McDonald
Jim O'Brien
Mike Piwowar
Tom Sagenbrecht
Scott Schwartz
Chester Sobczak

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 21st

4:30pm Agnes Badar

Sunday, January 22nd

8:30am Intention of the Celebrant

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, January 23rd

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, January 24th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, January 25th

6:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, January 26th

9:15am Mary Anne & Larry Coady

Friday, January 27th

9:15am Connie Hatter

Saturday, January 28th

4:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, January 29th

8:30am Intention of the Celebrant

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Join us as we welcome UNBOUND this weekend!!

help a child

When you sponsor through Unbound, you help a child and family achieve their God-given potential. You walk with them on their path to change.

encourage a youth

Getting an education can be especially hard for young people faced with poverty. Your support provides resources and encouragement. It says, "I believe in you."

befriend an elder

Elders often experience difficulties related to nutrition, health care and social isolation. Your support helps an elder with needs like food, health care, home visits and group activities.

sponsor today

We're all part of one human family created in God's image. As a sponsor with Unbound, you'll get the satisfaction of knowing you're living out your faith as part of a caring and inclusive global community. You'll also learn about your new friend from letters and photos, and you can write and send photos, too!

I want to sponsor:

Any child Girl Boy Youth Elder
 I would like to contribute through my bank account or credit card (see reverse).
 Enclosed is my first monthly contribution of \$40.
(Please do not send cash. Make checks payable to Unbound.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime phone (_____) _____ Email _____

Parish _____

MAIL TO:
 Unbound
 P.O. Box 219114
 Kansas City, MO 64121-9114

You can also sponsor online at unbound.org or call (800) 875-6564.



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. 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.

Knights Corner

- Tamales are on sale for preorder pick up on Super Bowl Sunday 2/12. Please place your order with the Knights in the Narthex. Orders must be submitted by February 5!
- Super-Bowl Extravaganza is on 2/12 purchase a square for \$10 which is the entry for your family to join us for food and fun!
- Pancake breakfast 4/2
- Blood Drive 4/16
- Fish Fry Dates: 2/24, 3/3, 3/24, 3/31
- Corned Beef and Cabbage for St. Patrick's Day - 3/17



****Diocesan Events & Information can be found further down in the bulletin.****

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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sfxjoliet.org

 **RaiseRight**™ The Right way to Fundraise

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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 for more info



Next week Hospitality will follow both the 8:30am Mass & the 10:00am Mass!!



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 or phone/text: 779-875-5419



MASS TIMES

February 8 at 6:30 am

February 9 at 8 am

February 10 at 8 am

COMMUNAL PRAYER SERVICE TIMES

11 am, 2 pm, 5 pm, 8

pm after which the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed

DIOCESAN FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Join with our **Diocesan Church** on **February 8, 9, 10** to celebrate a time of **spiritual devotion before the Blessed Sacrament** during this **National Eucharistic Revival**.

Come to the **Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus** in Joliet. Each day will begin with **morning Mass** and conclude with an **evening Prayer Service**. Throughout the days there will be **silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** as well as **communal Prayer Services** led by various cultural and parish entities.

We encourage **all people** – parish groups, families, neighbors - to come and **reflect in prayer** on the **wondrous gift of the Eucharist** that has been given to us. And to **join our hearts in prayer** for the **needs of our Church** and the **needs of all people**.

May God in his goodness bless our Diocese!

Questions? Contact **Sister Sharon Stola** at the Office of Divine Worship **815-221-6230** or [sstola@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:ssstola@dioceseofjoliet.org)



PLEASE JOIN US!!

RSVP DEADLINE:
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023



REGISTER AT...

<https://givebutter.com/WaterleafEOH2023>

OR

CALL US AT 630-701-6270

Evening of Hope
2023

FEBRUARY
SATURDAY | 4TH | AT 6:00PM

6PM - COCKTAIL RECEPTION
7PM - DINNER

FEATURING: MUSIC BY SODA

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THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of January 22, 2023



Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th!



The Conversion of Saint Paul

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro, Assistant Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, to discuss the conversion of one of the largest figures in Christianity, Saint Paul.



Saint Thomas Aquinas with Randall Smith

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Our Sunday Offering

Contributions Received 1/2/23 - 1/8/23

Mass Collection

Sunday Offering	\$3,772.00
Blue Envelope	\$595.00
Religious Retirement	\$20.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Christmas	\$20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$95.00
Latin America	\$25.00
Daybreak Shelter	\$250.00

Online Giving

Sunday Offering	\$3,567.00
Blue Envelope	\$335.00
Christmas	\$90.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$25.00

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.

RaiseRight Gift Card Program Earnings (7/1/22-1/1/22): \$991.55

2022 CMAA Donations Received by the Parish: \$38, 874.00

2022 CMAA Rebate Received by the Parish: \$2, 782.00



You can shop on Amazon and support our parish at the same time!

Simply log in & place your order at 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**.

Connect with like-minded single Catholics

At the *the Dating Retreat*
Find what you're looking for
January 27 & 28

Join us for *Relationship Ready:*
The Single Catholic's Roadmap
to Marriage
Starting the week of **February 6th**

NationalCatholicSingles.com



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Navigating Our Faith: Follow Me!

2023 JDCCS Winter Day of Recollection
February 25, 2023
Our Lady of Peace Darien
9am - 12 pm
for Scouts grade K-12
Learn more at jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org



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STEPPING UP

Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, for a FREE virtual class promoting empowerment, peace, and coping with life during difficult seasons. Meeting virtually on Tuesdays for eight weeks starting January 24th, 10:00-11:30 AM.

More than ever, we need to take care of ourselves and keep moving in a positive direction. Stepping Up is a group that offers support, encouragement, and practical steps to make life feel more manageable. This is a non-judgmental environment to share feelings and gain valuable skills for a better life.

Topics include:

- Living beyond your past
- Coping during difficult times
- Time management
- Goal setting
- Mindfulness
- Budgeting
- Boundaries
- Racial and cultural identity
- Becoming more resilient

Need assistance connecting?

All you need is a device with a camera and microphone and we can help!

**To register, contact Joy Newburn at
(630) 519-6547 or jnewburnecc-doj.org**



We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



Available Positions Throughout the Diocese

Lifelong Lay Formation Lead - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill

Bilingual Program Coordinator - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill

Part-time Music Director - Ascension of our Lord Parish, Oakbrook Terrace

Music Director - St. Alexander Church, Villa Park

Full-time Assistant Director of Religious Education - St. Mary Parish, Mokena

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



Now Offering: Primary (ages 3-6) Program for the 2023-24 School Year!

Blessed Family Montessori School is dedicated to fully integrating spiritual formation through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and is faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church and the Montessori philosophy. We desire to walk with parents to best allow the totality of the child's God-given potential to unfold.

Enrollment for the 2023-24 School Year begins this January with openings in both the Primary (ages 3-6) and Elementary (ages 6-12) Programs.

Current openings are available for families interested in immediate placement in the Elementary Program.

Interested? Please contact the school:

Email: admin@blessedfamilymontessori.org

Call: (708) 480-2036

Visit: www.blessedfamilymontessori.org

Come visit us during our Open House on January 29th, 2-4pm or join us on a school tour (February 3rd & 17th, March 3rd & 17th, April 21st). We are located in the Lithuanian World Center at 14911 127th Street, Room Number 121, Lemont, IL 60439.

We are excited about the possibility of growing together in holiness with you and your family.