

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 29, 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



January 2023

Dear Parishioner,

Many people spend their whole lives searching for a sense of belonging. As baptized missionary disciples, we need only to look to the Bible to know exactly Who we belong to: "I have called you by name: you are mine" (Is 43:1).

What a comfort — a joy — to know, without doubt, that *we belong to God!*

We cannot keep this joy to ourselves. We must put our joy — our faith — into action and help further God's Kingdom here on earth. In the Diocese of Joliet, the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) allows us to **demonstrate our faith and bring greater assistance to those in need. Together, we invest in our future priests, catechize through Catholic education, promote social justice, and reduce the suffering of those in need.**

Because of your generosity to the CMAA, you truly live out the Gospel as well as the theme for this year's CMAA, *We Belong to God.*

As we launch the 2023 annual appeal, I ask that you prayerfully reflect on the love God has for you, as well as Christ's Church, by making a gift or pledge this year. And if you are able, please consider increasing your gift this year. You may find inspiration in the stories in the enclosed brochure, which shares how the CMAA impacts your brothers and sisters in Christ. Please return the enclosed pledge card by February 20 or go to jolietdioceseappeal.org to give online.

As always, thank you for your generosity.

Peace,



Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet





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, January 28th

4:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, January 29th

8:30am Intention of the Celebrant

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, January 30th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, January 31st

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, February 1st

6:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, February 2nd

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, February 3rd

9:15am Sister Gesuina Bongiorno

Saturday, February 4th

4:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, February 5th

8:30am Intention of the Celebrant

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Part-time Religious Education Coordinator

St. Francis Xavier Parish is seeking to hire a part-time religious education coordinator to lead a family-centered religious education program for the parish. The program would involve parents and children of ages preschool to 8th grade. This individual will communicate and work in coordination with the Pastor, parish staff and parish vision. A qualified degree or certificate in ministry or theology from a Catholic institution of higher learning required. Must be an active member of the Roman Catholic Church. To view a full job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a resume and cover letter to the office@sfxjoliet.org, Attn: Fr. Karl.

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

Elizabeth and Mary both have miraculous paths to Motherhood, each giving birth to men who changed the world forever. Elizabeth, the biological mother of John the Baptist, and a spiritual mother to Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Come and hear how God prepares divine journeys for each of them. Their companionship to each other fortifies them through what must have been complicated times. These very inspiring women offer us insight into our own daily lives. Please join us at St. Francis, in the church basement...

**Wednesday, February 8th
@ 10:00 AM**



sfxjoliet.org

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Patrick's Celebration

Saturday March 11

Adult evening of:

- Food & Drink
- Irish Music
- Fun
- Fellowship

**Tickets available February 1
More details to come!**

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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

GUIDING MEN TOWARD A DYNAMIC
RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST



- We meet to share our experiences, discuss Mass Readings and build friendships
- **Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm**

Note change from
Mondays to Wednesdays



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

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

Please come join us and visit with your fellow parishioners.

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.

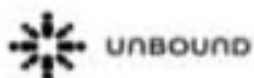
Hit the Navigation drop down menu. Then, select "Getting Involved". Select "Serve at Daybreak".

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.



Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Unbound, thank you very much for welcoming us to your parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth and the elders in our sponsorship program. Through your willingness to partner with Unbound, your parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by their experience.



DIOCESAN FORTY HOURS DEVOTION NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

In celebration of the National Eucharistic Revival year of the Diocese, everyone in Diocese is invited to spend some time in prayer at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet on February 8, 9, 10. There will be silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day and scheduled communal Prayer Services led by various Diocesan Parishes and Groups. Mass times and celebrants are listed below.

Wednesday, February 8

6:30am Very Rev. William Dewan, Celebrant

11am Led by Rev. Jeff Rath, OSA, St. Jude Church, New Lenox

2pm Led by the 8th Graders, Cathedral of St. Raymond School, Joliet

5pm Filipino Communities led by Deacon Gerrie Mepin, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Bolingbrook

8pm Hispanic Communities led by St. Andrew, Romeoville, Rev. Eduardo Flores, Celebrant

Thursday, February 9

8am Rev. John Abulag, Celebrant

11am Led by Rev. Steven Borello, Diocesan Director of Vocations, St. Raphael Parish, Naperville

2pm Led by Very Rev. Christopher Groh, St. Bernard Parish & St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Joliet

5pm Special Needs Communities, led by Rev. John Abulag, Celebrant

8pm Polish Communities, led by Rev. Andrzej Maslej, S. Chr. Divine Mercy Parish, Lombard and Rev. Tomasz Sielicki, S. Chr., Holy Cross, Joliet, Celebrants

Friday, February 10

8am Most Reverend Ronald Hicks, Celebrant

11am Led by Diocesan Department of Catechesis & Evangelization, Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill

2pm Led by Rev. Burke Masters, St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Hinsdale

5pm African American Community led by Sacred Heart Parish, Joliet Very Rev. William Dewan, Celebrant

8pm Closing of Forty Hours Devotion led by Most Reverend Ronald Hicks, Celebrant, prepared by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Darien

EVERYONE IN THE DIOCESE IS ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER COMING TO THE CATHEDRAL DURING THESE THREE DAYS TO JOIN WITH OUR DIOCESAN CHURCH TO CELEBRATE A TIME OF SPIRITUAL DEVOTION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AS WE CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL. WHEN YOU COME TO THE CATHEDRAL PLEASE ENTER BY WAY OF THE FRONT AND NORTH DOORS.

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JDCCS
Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting

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

Hope

PLEASE JOIN US!!

RSVP DEADLINE:
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023



REGISTER AT...

<https://givebutter.com/WaterleafEOH2023>

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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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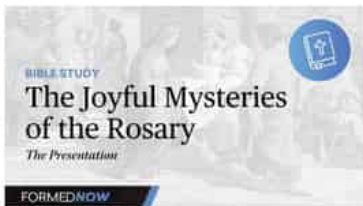
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of January 29, 2023



Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.



A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries: The Presentation

What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Protho and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.



Don Bosco: The True Story of the Apostle of Youth

Don Bosco tells the true story of a brave and holy priest whose single-handed battle to save the children of the streets inspired the formation of the Salesians, which is now a worldwide religious order that carries on his work with youth everywhere.

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

Our Sunday Offering

Contributions Received 1/9/23 - 1/15/23

Mass Collection

Sunday Offering	\$3,508.00
Blue Envelope	\$4,195.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$55.00
Latin America	\$5.00

Online Giving

Sunday Offering	\$2,957.00
Blue Envelope	\$60.00
Religious Retirement	\$5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$5.00
Christmas	\$25.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
Latin America	\$5.00

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): \$1006.88

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

<p>At the</p> <p><i>the Dating Retreat</i></p> <p>Find what you're looking for</p> <p>January 27 & 28</p>	<p>Join us for</p> <p><i>Relationship Ready:</i></p> <p>The Single Catholic's Roadmap to Marriage</p> <p>Starting the week of February 6th</p>
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NationalCatholicSingles.com

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes

Please join His Excellency, Bishop Athanasius Schneider, as well as Fr. Timothy Huffman and Fr. Bradley Greer, of the Diocese of Steubenville, on a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes June 9-18, 2023. Departing from Chicago. Space is limited. For more information, please visit www.qohtours.com or call 1-800-213-4295.

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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

Music Director - St. Alexander Church, Villa Park

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

Part-time Religious Education Coordinator - St. Francis Xavier Parish, Joliet

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.