

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 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



Bishop Hicks' Column

January 2023:
Peace be with you



Recently, while visiting a parish, I noticed a "peace pole" on the property, surrounded by beautiful landscaping and benches. The pole had four sides, with each side displaying an inscription about peace. The expressions of peace moved from the general to the specific:

Peace on Earth
Peace for our Nation
Peace within our Church
Peace in our Hearts

As I contemplated that simple yet beautiful peace pole, I realized that peace is something we all long for, and yet can seem so unattainable. St. Augustine captured the unreachable nature of peace when he said, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord." Even though peace may be elusive, we know the source of true peace. It is therefore with great faith and hope that we as a Church never stop seeking it through Mary, the Queen of Peace, and her son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

As we begin 2023, we remember that St. Paul VI in 1967 established the World Day of Peace to be celebrated on January 1, which is also the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. In 1972, Pope Paul VI coined his famous phrase, "If you want peace, work for justice."

Popes since then have carried on this tradition of issuing messages of peace on this day, with their communications usually associated with the social doctrine of the Church. Hence, popes have made declarations on January 1 regarding the United Nations, human rights, the right to life, economic development, international diplomacy, wars, peace in the Holy Land, globalization, terrorism, etc.

For 2023, Pope Francis writes about our current global condition, as we cope with the long-term effects of the coronavirus pandemic and the impact of the war in Ukraine. He stresses the need for an all-inclusive approach to peace: "We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater

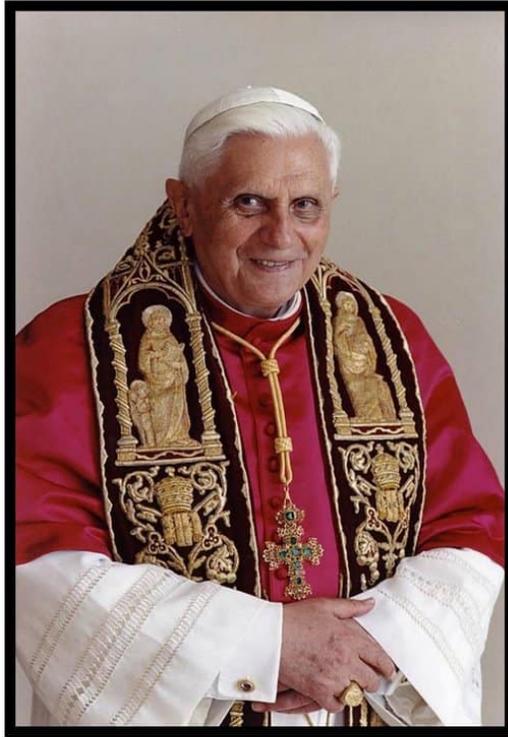
community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common."

Peace is not just something that we should all work for; it is also something we should constantly be praying for. The next time you are at Mass, I invite you to listen to just how many times the word "peace" is used. Specifically in the Communion rite, immediately after the "Our Father," the priest prays that the peace of Christ will fill our hearts, our families, our Church, our communities, and our world as we extend a sign of peace to those around us. These prayers explicitly follow Jesus' message throughout the Gospels, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14: 27)

As we begin this new year, I urge you to pray for peace every Sunday when you attend Mass, and to also try to do so daily. If we get into the habit of praying for peace each day, it becomes even more important to disconnect from the noise and busyness of our world and intentionally to find a "peaceful" place to reflect and contemplate.

During this initial year of the National Eucharistic Revival, I encourage you to take some time before the eucharistic Lord in adoration. It is a beautiful and powerful way to connect our minds, hearts and souls to the peace of Christ. Another possibility is to find a consistent, quiet spot in your home or a sacred space to sit, be still and pray. It is in these serene moments that the Holy Spirit may gently whisper into our ears the ways that God may want us to be an instrument of peace.

As a people of peace, let's begin this new year by praying for and working for peace on Earth, peace for our nation, peace within our Church, peace in our hearts and wherever it is needed most. For ultimately, at the very end of every Catholic Mass throughout the world, we are mandated to "go in peace." And to that, we boldly affirm by responding, "Thanks be to God!" †



**Novena in Memory
of
Pope Benedict XVI**

The entire Church mourns the death of our Emeritus Holy Father, Benedict XVI. In cathedrals, basilicas, parish churches, shrines, and chapels the Holy Eucharist will be offered for the repose of his soul. Communities and individuals will ask God to bestow his infinite mercy on the man who served the Church as Bishop of Rome.

This novena has been prepared to help pray for the Pope Emeritus during this time. The daily novena – lasting from his funeral on Thursday, January 5 through Friday, January 13 – consists of a short reading from Scripture or some other ecclesiastical text and some brief prayers, including orations drawn from the *Roman Missal* and the *Order of Christian Funerals*.

Third Day: January 7
Peter, the Unity of All the Church

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A reading from a sermon by Saint Augustine

As you are aware, Jesus chose his disciples before his Passion and called them Apostles; and among these almost everywhere Peter alone deserved to represent the entire Church. And because of that role which he alone had, he merited to hear the words: *To you I shall give the keys of the Kingdom of heaven.* For it was not one man who received the keys, but the entire Church considered as one... Rightly then did the Lord after his Resurrection entrust Peter with the feeding of his sheep. Yet he was not the only disciple to merit the feeding of the Lord's sheep; but Christ in speaking only to one suggests the unity of all; and so he speaks to Peter, because Peter is first among the Apostles. (Sermo 295, nos. 2, 4)

Pause for silent prayer.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

— And let perpetual light shine upon him.

O God, who chose your servant Pope (Emeritus) Benedict
from among your Priests
and endowed him with pontifical dignity
in the apostolic priesthood,
grant, we pray,
that he may also be admitted to their company for ever.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fourth Day: January 8
Authentic Teacher of the Faith

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A reading from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The Roman Pontiff and the bishops are “authentic teachers, that is, teachers endowed with the authority of Christ, who preach the faith to the people entrusted to them, the faith to be believed and put into practice” (*Lumen gentium*, 25). The *ordinary* and universal *Magisterium* of the Pope and the bishops in communion with him teach the faithful the truth to believe, the charity to practice, the beatitude to hope for. (no. 2034)

Pause for silent prayer.

Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.
— And let perpetual light shine upon him.

O God, who in your wondrous providence
chose your servant Pope (Emeritus) Benedict to preside over
your Church,
grant, we pray,
that, having served as the Vicar of your Son on earth,
he may be welcomed by him into eternal glory.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

For the remaining prayers, please visit this site:
<https://www.usccb.org/novena-pope-benedict-xvi>



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 7th

4:30pm John Roach

Sunday, January 8th

8:30am Mike Notsch

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, January 9th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, January 10th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, January 11th

6:30pm Peggy Kokaska

Thursday, January 12th

9:15am Pope Benedict XVI

Friday, January 13th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, January 14th

4:30pm Abbott & Dunne Families

Sunday, January 15th

8:30am Intention of the Celebrant

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

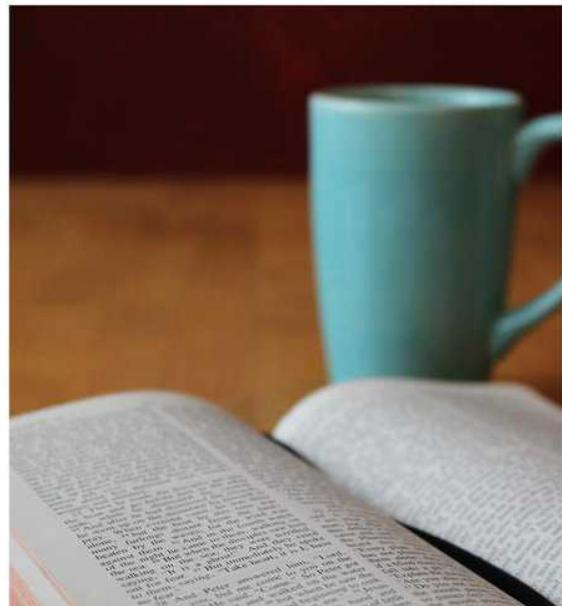
Women's Bible Study Series: The Mothers & Daughters of the Bible Speak

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 11th

@ 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)

Masks are not required, but are recommended for all individuals.



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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@diocesofjoliet.org](mailto:ssstola@diocesofjoliet.org)

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



Mobile Food Pantry is coming to your community!



Wednesday, January 11, 2023

4:30-6:00pm

St. Mary Immaculate Parish

15629 S. Rte. 59, Plainfield, IL 60544

The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Mobile Food Pantry delivers healthy food (meat, produce, and non-perishable items) to people in need. No identification or information will be required or collected. This event is open to anyone in need of food!

Mobile Pantries use a 'drive-thru' method to distribute food during the CoVid-19 pandemic. Please clear space in your trunk or backseat so volunteers can load boxes of food directly into your vehicle.

Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs.



Knights Corner

12/11 - 12/25

- Thank you for all that participated in the Blood Drive on 12/4. 24 units collected!
- Congratulations to Corrin Scavo who won the ¼ Steer Raffle.
- Super Bowl Squares will be set up soon! Find a Knight in the Narthex to play!
- Daybreak will be on 1/27.
- The Super Bowl Party will be held in the Church basement on Sunday 2/12. Stay tuned for details!
- Blood Drive on 4/16

Coats for Kids



Costco provided 24 coats for the Coats for Kids campaign. Grand Knight Chuck Allen, Father Karl, and Jet received the coats and the Knights delivered a total of 48 coats to Catholic Charities.

RaiseRight™ The Right way to Fundraise

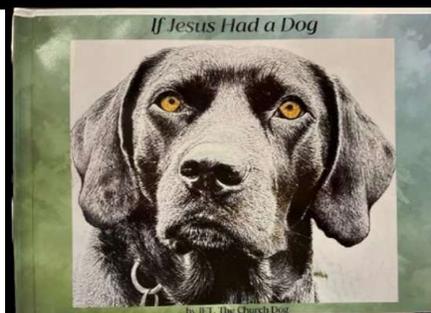
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Gift cards from: Amazon.com, Wendy's, Meijer, Target, Chipotle, Starbucks, and Home Depot.

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!

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 for more info!



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.



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 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**

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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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

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

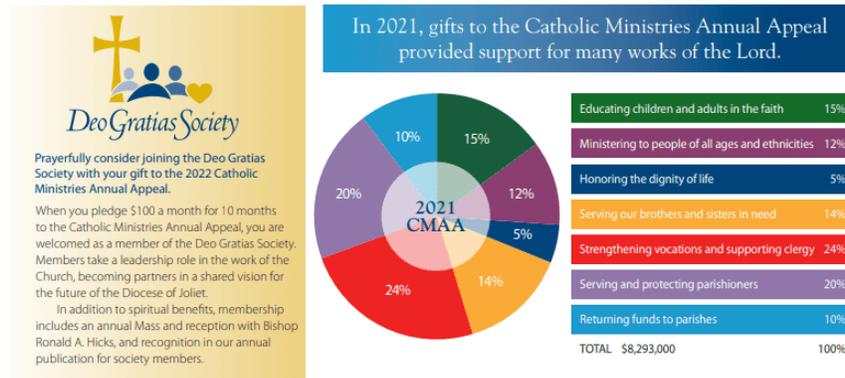
Thank you for your gifts to the CMAA in 2022!

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 **\$38,624**. 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!



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 08, 2023



A Bible Study on the Luminous Mysteries: The Baptism of Jesus (Part 1)
Why was Jesus baptized by John the Baptist and what does this mean for the Sacrament of Baptism? Sit down with Taylor Kemp and Dr. Michael Barber as they unpack the first Luminous Mystery of the Rosary.



Reborn - Episode 1: A New Creation
This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist The Bible and Baptism Episode 3
Dr. John Sehorn joins Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College. This episode highlights the significance of Jesus' baptism at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist.

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

Our Sunday Offering

Contributions Received 12/19/22 - 12/25/22

Mass Collection

Sunday Offering	\$6,684.22
Blue Envelope	\$1,670.00
Religious Retirement	\$55.00
Immaculate Conception	\$5.00
Christmas	\$8,195.00
Christmas Flowers	\$59.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
Needy Fund	\$1,000.00

Online Giving

Sunday Offering	\$2,817.00
Blue Envelope	\$1630.00
Christmas	\$1,065.00
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.

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

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.](#)