

# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13, 2022

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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 **Ministry SFX**.*

### 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



Next week is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.  
Below is information shared by Cardinal Timothy Dolan.

## Solemnity of Christ the King 2022 Summary

- On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.
- Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* (“In the first”) to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to “thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law” out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.
- During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI’s encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ “is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind” (*Quas primas*, 7).
- The USCCB encourages Catholics to learn more about this important feast day. Resources, including a brief background on *Quas primas*, are available at [www.usccb.org/ChristtheKing](http://www.usccb.org/ChristtheKing).
- The Lectionary readings this year emphasize the preeminence of Christ, through whom and for whom all things were created. He is head of the Church, the firstborn from the dead, the one who kindles in us the flame of hope in God’s mercy.
- The goal of life in the Church—the sacramental, moral, and spiritual life—is communion with the Triune God, which we realize by being drawn ever more deeply into the life of Christ. The eternal life we receive in the midst of the Church comes ultimately from Christ, and the Church connects us to Christ, “in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” In following him and allowing ourselves to be transformed by grace, we find authentic freedom.
- The repentant thief who was crucified alongside Jesus, St. Dismas, beautifully shows what hope in the mercy of God looks like. Although he faces execution for wrongs he has committed, he entrusts himself to Jesus’ mercy.
- One of the most important virtues that Christians must ask for is hope. Hope is often thought of as a desire for a good that is possible to achieve. To share eternal life in communion with God can only be achieved by God’s grace, and so hope in Christ is a gift from God. Hope is a kind of engine that pushes us forward in the Christian life. When we stumble in sin, as we so often do, hope drives us to get up, seek healing in the confessional, and carry on in the journey. On the other hand, when we lose hope, we fall into despair, refusing to stand back up and accept God’s healing mercy. But St. Dismas shows us that it is never too late to reach out to the Lord and ask for mercy. On this day, we can ask Christ the King, the firstborn from the dead and head of the Church, to kindle in us that flame of hope.



*Please pray for ~*

Lucas Arseneau  
Mildred Balogh  
Mike Cannon  
Larry Formella  
Pat Gierich  
Drew Griffin  
Darlene Janulis

Pamela Mazzone  
Tara McDonald  
Jim O'Brien  
Mike Piwowar  
Tom Sagenbrecht  
Scott Schwartz  
James Talley

## *Mass Intentions*

Saturday, November 12th

4:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, November 13th

8:30am Jean Agelson

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, November 14th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, November 15th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, November 16th

6:30pm Marilyn Walega

Thursday, November 17th

9:15am Marita Szyszka

Friday, November 18th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, November 19th

4:30pm Ava Bromfield

Sunday, November 20th

8:30am John Zingarelli

10:00am SFX Parishioners

## *I Will Give You Shepherds Campaign Collection (Nov 12-13)*

Please respond generously to our second collection for seminarian education.

This weekend, our parish is taking up a second collection for the I Will Give You Shepherds campaign. Your gifts will support the formation of seminarians preparing to serve as our parish priests.

The Diocese of Joliet currently has been blessed with 23 men discerning vocations to the priesthood through seminary formation. Gifts to the I Will Give You Shepherds campaign are being invested in a new endowed fund to ensure the diocese can balance the cost of seminarian education — \$50,000 a seminarian per year — with other ministries essential to the Church's mission.

Please show your gratitude for those who have answered the Lord's call and prayerfully reflection how you can best help support their formation with a gift to the I Will Give You Shepherds campaign. You may place your completed second collection envelope in the collection stands or drop it off at the parish office.

To learn more about this campaign or make a gift online, go to [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org).

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## Honoring Our Loved Ones

During the Month of November, we remember and honor in a special way, all those who have gone before us. A Table of Remembrance is set in our worship space, with our Book of the Deceased.

If you would like to include the memory of a loved one, we welcome photos or memorial cards to be placed on this Table of Remembrance.

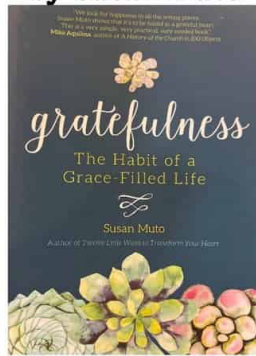
*(Please put your name on the back of the photo or card.)*

We pray for all our deceased loved ones and remember them with loving gratitude for the many ways they enriched our lives.



*In prayerful remembrance  
of deceased members of our parish  
and  
deceased family members of parishioners.*

**November 15**  
**Adult Faith Sharing Gathering**  
 Topic will focus on the book  
**Gratefulness – The Habit of a Grace-Filled Life**  
 by Susan Muto



**JOIN US, on Tuesday, November 15**  
**at**  
**10:00 – 11:30 am. in the narthex.**

*Hope you can join us to share in fellowship and faith!*

**All Are Welcome**

A Journey of Faith



Beginning this month of November, we will be gathering with friends who are seeking full membership in the Catholic Church. Some of us may have never been baptized, or never received Communion or never been confirmed.

If this sounds like your story, and you have been thinking about taking this journey of faith, we invite you to join us.

For more information, please call the Parish Office (815) 609-8077 or contact Sandy Book, Pastoral Associate (815) 474-4896.

*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults become full, participating members of the Catholic Church. Participants, known as catechumens, go through a process of studying the Gospel, nurturing their relationship with God, becoming familiar with the Catholic teachings and practices, professing their faith in Jesus and the Church, and receiving the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.*

**Who can join?**

The Church extends an invitation to all who wish to become members of the Catholic faith. Those who go through the RCIA process fall under one of the following categories:

- Someone who is of another faith and wishes to convert to Catholicism
- An individual who was baptized in another Christian denomination and wishes to become a member of the Catholic faith
- Someone who was baptized in the Catholic Church, but never received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation



**Mobile Food Pantry**  
**is coming**  
**to your community!**



**Tuesday, November 15, 2022**

**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. Please help protect our volunteers by wearing your mask during these events.

**Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs.**



## Pre-Order Gift Cards for Christmas!

Order by November 27th for pick up on December 3rd/4th.  
Order by December 11th for pick up on December 17th/18th.

Pay when you pick up your gift cards!

*Gift Card*

### To Order:

- Go to the Scrip table in the Narthex after the 4:30pm Saturday Mass or 8:30am Sunday Mass.
- Fill out an order form. (Participating RaiseRight retailers list will be available for reference.)
- Pay with cash/checks made payable to "St. Francis Xavier Parish" when picking up the cards.

No purchase fees for gift cards (including Visa gift cards)  
when you buy them through the RaiseRight (formerly known as Scrip) program!



*Please consider helping those in  
need in our diocese!*



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# The Gift of Christmas 2022

Bring joy to the clients of  
Catholic Charities this  
Christmas and beyond.  
Visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org)

## 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



**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

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As of September 2022, the parish has received **\$1,750.20**.

# Additional Christ the King Resources

Further reflections on the lectionary readings are available at:

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/christ-king-2022-lectionary-notes>.

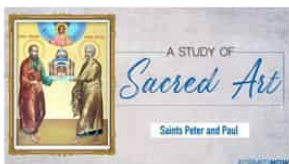
- November 11-19, the nine days preceding the Solemnity, the USCCB encourages Catholics to participate in a Novena to Christ the King. Daily intentions and a concluding Prayer to Christ the King can be found

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/religious-liberty/christ-king-2022-novena>. Let us take this time to offer prayers to our sovereign king for the freedom of the Church.

- Since 2020, the Catholic Church also marks the Global Celebration of Young People on the Solemnity of Christ the King. There are ways to connect the promotion of religious liberty and young people, which can be found on page 39 of the PDF of the USCCB's National Pastoral Guidebook for the Global Celebration of Young People (<https://www.usccb.org/resources/usccb-christ-the-king-guidebook.pdf>). For more details about this particular celebration, go to <https://www.usccb.org/topics/world-youth-day/annual-celebration> or contact Fatima Godfrey in the USCCB Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth at [fgodfrey@usccb.org](mailto:fgodfrey@usccb.org).
- Connect with the USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty. Text FREEDOM to 84576 and Sign up for First Freedom News, the USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty's monthly newsletter.

## THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of November 13, 2022



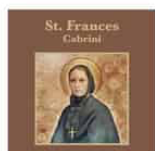
### Saints Peter and Paul

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss an icon depicting Sts. Peter and Paul.



### St. Giuseppe Moscati

Giuseppe Moscati, "the holy physician of Naples," was a medical doctor and layman in the early twentieth century who came from an aristocratic family and devoted his medical career to serving the poor. Watch this beautiful film to be inspired by the example of this holy man.



### St. Frances Cabrini

No one would have assumed that a sickly girl from Italy would be accepted into a convent nor travel far from home. Yet, St. Frances went on to prove both assumptions incorrect, becoming a nun and missionary who would establish schools, orphanages and hospitals all across America.

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



# *Our Sunday Offering*

## *Contributions Received 10/24/22 - 10/30/22*

### Mass Collection

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Sunday Offering       | \$3,717.00 |
| Blue Envelope         | \$100.00   |
| World Missions        | \$215.00   |
| All Saints Day        | \$371.00   |
| Religious Retirement  | \$10.00    |
| Immaculate Conception | \$10.00    |
| Christmas             | \$25.00    |

### Online Giving

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Sunday Offering       | \$3,152.00 |
| Blue Envelope         | \$0.00     |
| Baby Bottles for Life | \$10.00    |
| World Missions        | \$35.00    |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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

*Matthew*

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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).

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## *Available Positions Throughout the Diocese*

Director of Music - St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Joliet  
Maintenance Position - Our Lady of Peace Parish, Darien  
Youth/Young Adult Minister - St. Isidore Catholic Church, Bloomingdale  
Facility Manager - St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville  
Part-time Maintenance Worker - Holy Family Parish, Shorewood  
Director of Pastoral Care - St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Naperville  
Director of Communications - St. John the Baptist Parish and School, Winfield  
Program Coordinator - Development Office - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill

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

# Please pledge your gift to the CMAA!

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 **\$36,191.00**. 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.

As your pastor, I encourage you to prayerfully reflect on God's gifts to you and to give a gift to the CMAA. Participation is the key to a successful appeal and a chance for our parish to receive a parish rebate, too. Every gift helps!

If you do not receive this mailing and would like to make a gift to the CMAA, please call the Diocese of Joliet Development Office at (815) 838-8515. Or, if you wish to make your gift online, please visit [www.jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://www.jolietdioceseappeal.org).

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

## Thank you for your generosity

