

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 20, 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



As we celebrate Thanksgiving in the US we are also coming to the end of the Church year with the celebration of Advent. It is a good time to reflect on gratitude and what I need to thankful for. I just have a few reflections that I thought might be useful. Who are the people in my life that I need to be thankful for? How do I express that? What are the things in my life that I need to express gratitude for? What way do I show my gratitude? How can I live a more thankful life and help others to do so? Where is God in all of this? Praise be Christ the King?

Thanksgiving Note

A note to our parishioners: The parish office will be closed the week of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen Monday, November 28th at 9:00 AM.



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 19th
4:30pm Ava Bromfield

Sunday, November 20th
8:30am John Zingarelli
10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, November 21st
9:15am Carlton Brown

Tuesday, November 22nd
9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, November 23rd
6:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, November 24th
9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, November 25th
9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, November 26th
4:30pm Alisha & Ava Bromfield

Sunday, November 27th
8:30am Terry Stanley
10:00am Robert Galick

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Reflection on the Gospel of Luke 23: 35-43



Reflection Questions:

- How hard is it for you to turn the other cheek?
- Have you ever witnessed someone being bullied? How did you respond?

Suggestions for Living out this Gospel:

- + Consider organizing a group of people to write letters and holiday cards to military personnel who are stationed abroad.
- + Consider volunteering to collect children's books for a children's hospital.

The Politics of Jesus

Where Jesus walked,
the people followed.
Old biblical sites
considered hollowed.

Kindness shown
to man and child.
Healing hands,
Demeanor mild.

A Holy man
He worked to save.
A world in need
His life he gave.

He was killed
By those in power.
They now kneel
in shame and cower.

Near Jesus the Savior
the last are seated.
The politics of Jesus
Evil defeated.

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.



FCFF Session
Sunday, November 20th
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:
Dec. 11th Jan. 22nd 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:

Dec. 4th Jan. 22nd Feb. 12th Mar. 19th Apr. 16th May 7th June 25th

Any questions can be sent to Confirmation@sfxjoliet.org

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.*



Blood Drive

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Season
of giving

DONATE BLOOD TODAY!



SUNDAY
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8:00am - 1:00pm

St. Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus
2500 Arbeiter Rd. Joliet Contact Jon Pankhurst for additional info
Church Basement Schedule by phone at 800-770-GIVE
PLEASE SCHEDULE at:
<http://tiny.cc/SFXBloodDrive> or scan QR Code



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!



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

I Will Give You Shepherds *Campaign Collection*

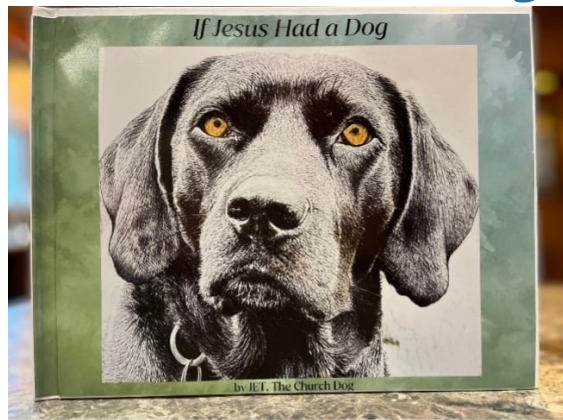
Thank you for supporting the formation of our future shepherds.

Last weekend, our parish took up a second collection for the I Will Give You Shepherds campaign. Our contributions will be invested in a new endowed fund, the Diocese of Joliet Seminarian Education Endowment Trust, which is restricted for the purpose of educating seminarians.

If you have already made a gift to the second collection, please know how much our seminarians appreciate your generosity. If you have yet to complete and return the envelope you received at Mass last weekend, you may still do so. If you need a second collection envelope, they are still available in the narthex.

You can also learn more about this campaign or make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

JET would like to let you know,
he has put together a new book entitled,
If Jesus Had a Dog.



We have tried to help tell his story,
through his perspective and by his example.
God guides us to help one another
as we travel on this Journey of Life.
I think we can all agree,
JET is a very special companion.

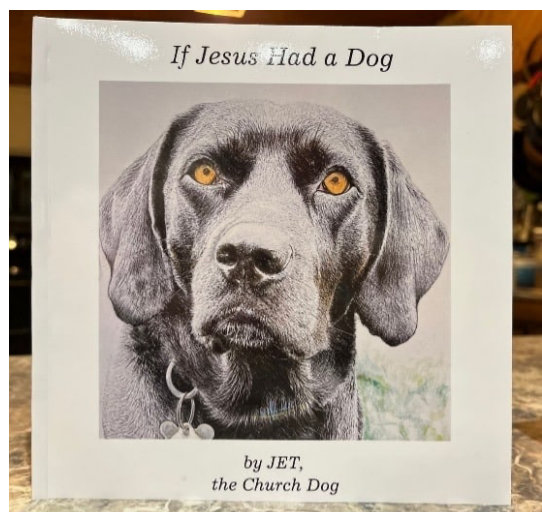
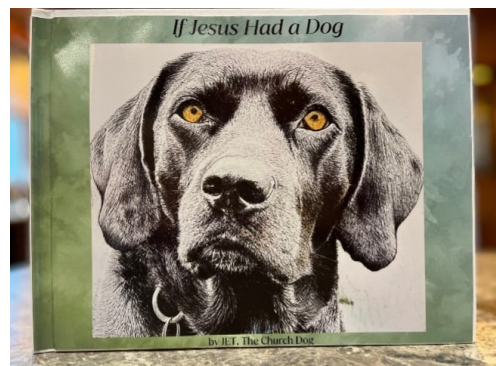
In this book,
JET shares with us his perspective
on how we can all help to make this world
a better place.
We hope you enjoy it!

**VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE
TO PLACE AN ORDER.**

With hopes to share this story with all of JET's Friends,
we are providing several options...

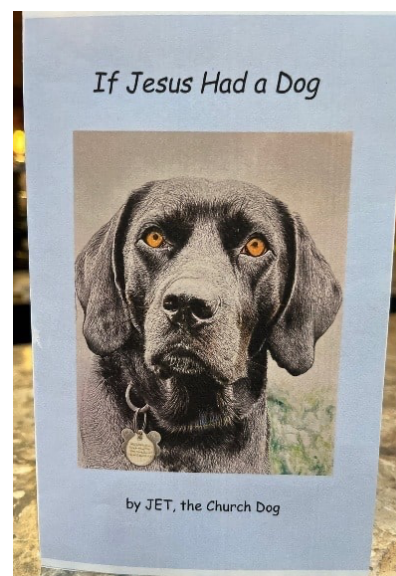


9" x 11" Hardcover book = \$25.00



8" x 8" Softcover book = \$20.00

5 ½" x 8 ½" paper book = \$10.00



(For those not interested in purchasing, but would like to read JET's story, on-line viewing will be possible from our parish website.)

We also have available,
a very limited number of
Black dog stuffed animals (7" x 7") = \$20.00



All profits will go directly to the parish.

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.
- 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.

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The Gift of Christmas 2022

Bring joy to the clients of Catholic Charities this Christmas and beyond.
Visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org

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



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

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church sfxjoliet.org

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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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.

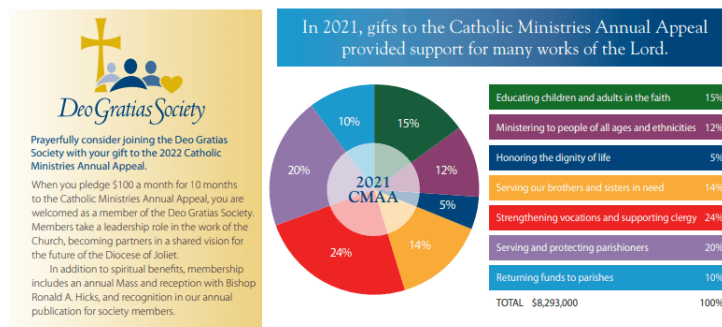
Our parish goal is **\$34,900**, and to date we have received **\$36,741.00**. 70% of gifts received over our goal will be returned to our parish for our use. If you have not had a chance to participate in the CMAA this year, there is still time. Please look for the mailing which will be arriving in 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.

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

Thank you for your generosity!



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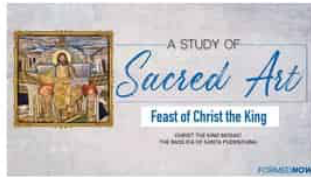
You can shop on Amazon and support our parish at the same time!

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

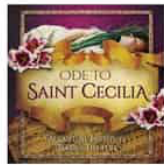
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of November 20, 2022



Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



Ode to Saint Cecilia

The lives of the saints are epic stories and particular expressions of God's grace in humanity. Celebrate St. Cecilia with this audio drama by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre.



Who is God? The Augustine Institute Show

Who is God? If we want to love God and make him the center of our lives, we would do well to settle this question at least in some small way. Tim Gray welcomes Professor Elizabeth Klein to discuss this topic.

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

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  PRACTICAL PROGRESS

Available Positions Throughout the Diocese

- [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](#)
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- [Program Coordinator - Development Office - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill](#)
- [Manager of Development and Systems - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill](#)

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

Our Sunday Offering

Contributions Received 10/31/22 - 11/06/22

Mass Collection

Sunday Offering	\$4,493.00
Blue Envelope	\$700.00
World Missions	\$10.00
All Saints Day	\$100.00
Seminarian Endowment	\$144.00
Military Services	\$396.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$20.00
Waterleaf Baby Bottles for Life	\$140.00

Online Giving

Sunday Offering	\$3,122.00
Blue Envelope	\$410.00
Seminarian Endowment	\$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.