

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 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



Prepare the way of the Lord.

Many times, I hear people complaining about our world, our church, our pope and bishops. It's as if they want to create the world in their image and likeness. Very often they are looking at a past thru rose-colored glasses. As I look at history and try to look at life through God's lens, I realize there is no perfect world. Jesus the Son of God was born in a stable, was rejected and still is rejected and misused. The message of love and forgiveness oft forgotten even in the so-called perfect past. It is often replaced by a judgmental and unforgiving stance..."this man dwells/eats with sinners" rather than with "let him who is without sin cast the first Stone". As we prepare for his arrival, we know He has a plan not ours. Let's try to work with His plan, even if we cannot see it. Let's begin with love one another as I have loved you. O come, O Come Emmanuel.

Reflections on the Sunday Readings First Sunday of Advent - 27 November 2022

Isaiah 2:1-5. Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9. Romans 13:11-14. Matthew 24:37-44.

Coming That Is Certain Yet Unknown. We begin a new liturgical year today, focusing on the *parousia*, the "end time", the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. We **know** its coming is certain. Jesus says, however, we just do **not know when**. How, then, shall we behave? As if that coming is today!

- Since Christ is light (Isaiah and Creed), how will my merciful behaviors shine with his radiance?
- Since Christ is near (Romans), how will I behave with sobriety, loving-kindness, and generosity?
- I will stay awake for the Second Coming of Christ by _____?



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 26th

4:30pm Alisha & Ava Bromfield

Sunday, November 27th

8:30am Terry Stanley

10:00am Robert Galick

Monday, November 28th

9:15am SFX Parishioners

Tuesday, November 29th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, November 30th

6:30pm Jean Bush

Thursday, December 1st

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, December 2nd

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, December 3rd

4:30pm Abbott & Dunne Families

Sunday, December 4th

8:30am Connie Hatter

10:00am SFX Parishioners

First Sunday of Advent
Reflection on the Gospel of Matthew 24: 37-44



Reflection Questions:

- What are the things that distract you from Jesus?
- How do you stay prepared for the second coming of Jesus? _

Suggestions for Living out this Gospel:

- + Consider setting aside 15 minutes of each day during Advent for prayer and reflection.
- + Consider volunteering to collect children's books, games, or puzzles for a children's hospital.

Top Priority

With family and friends
a time to rejoice.
Tables overflowing
with abundant choice.

A season of excess,
A season of laughter,
with elders and infants,
all those we look after.

When the last guest has gone,
and the last bauble packed,
We wonder if Jesus
was the focus in fact.

Did he get lost
between the ribbons and gifts?
Or was he the focus
as we gave each gift?

Adult Faith Sharing Gathering

Advent: Waiting in the Patient Calm of Mary
Tuesday, December 6th @ 10:00 AM in the Narthex

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

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.

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!**

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Season of giving

DONATE BLOOD TODAY!


Blood Drive



SUNDAY
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8:00am - 1:00pm

St. Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus
2500 Arbeiter Rd. Joliet
Church Basement
PLEASE SCHEDULE at:
<http://tiny.cc/SFXBloodDrive> or scan QR Code

Contact Jon Pankhurst for additional info
Schedule by phone at
800-7TO-GIVE





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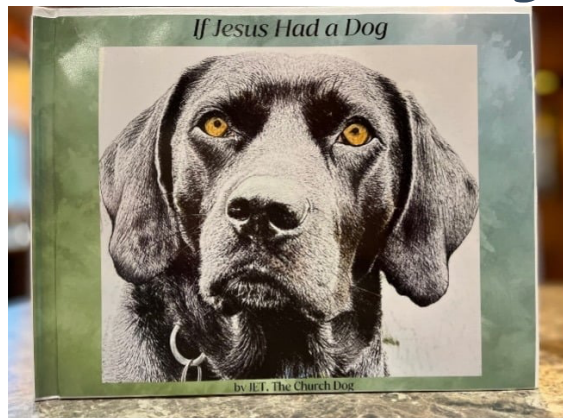
The Gift of Christmas 2022

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



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

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.

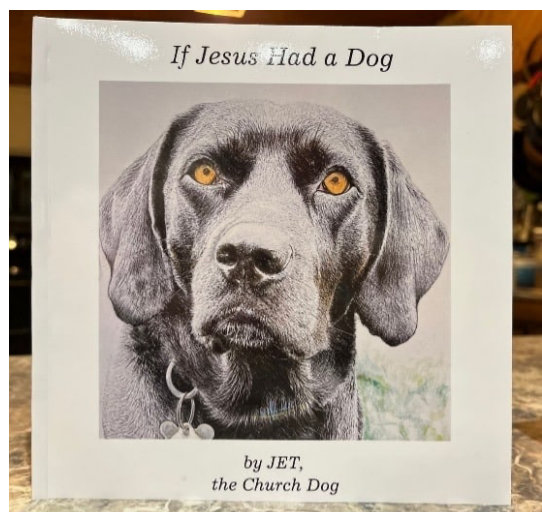
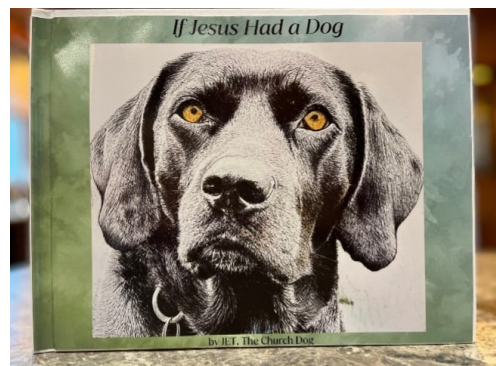
In this book,
JET shares with us his perspective
on how we can all help to make this world
a better place.
We hope you enjoy it!

**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...

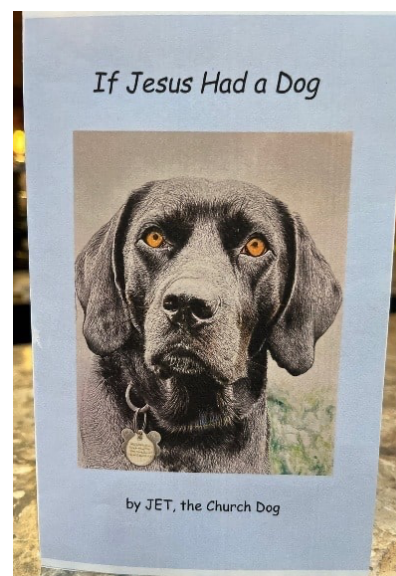


9" x 11" Hardcover book = \$25.00



8" x 8" Softcover book = \$20.00

5 1/2" x 8 1/2" 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.

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

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.

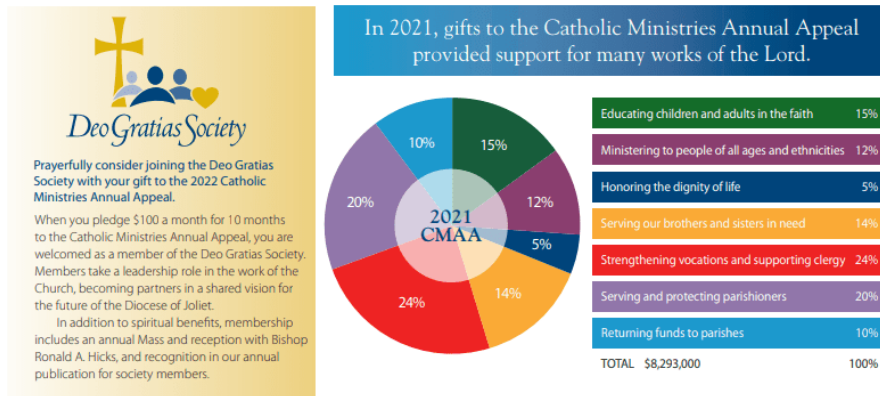
Our parish goal is **\$34,900**, and to date we have received **\$36,821.00**. 70% of gifts received over our goal will be returned to our parish for our use. If you have not had a chance to participate in the CMAA this year, there is still time. Please look for the mailing which will be arriving in 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!



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**.

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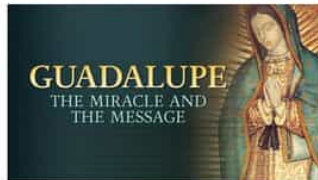
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THIS WEEK ON
FORMED

Week of December 04, 2022



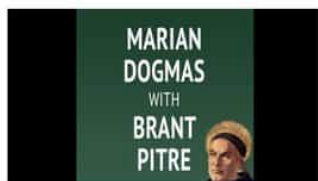
Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.



FORMED Live: Do We Make Too Much of Mary?

Why do Catholics think so highly of Mary? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.



Marian Dogmas with Brant Pitre

Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant Pitre explore the Church's understanding of Mary's role in the Church.

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

Our Sunday Offering

Contributions Received 11/07/22 - 11/13/22

Mass Collection

Sunday Offering	\$6,119.00
Blue Envelope	\$930.00
Assumption of Mary	\$10.00
Seminarian Endowment	\$221.00
Military Services	\$110.00

Online Giving

Sunday Offering	\$2,477.00
Blue Envelope	\$60.00
All Saints Day	\$25.00
Seminarian Endowment	\$70.00

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.

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
Director of Communications - St. John the Baptist Parish and School, Winfield
Program Coordinator - Development Office - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill
Manager of Development and Systems - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill
Part-time Custodian - Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church, Oakbrook Terrace

For additional information, please click on this Diocese of Joliet Employment Opportunities webpage.