

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 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 @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



As I get older, I get frightened at the speed the year goes. It is now December and I realize that there are many more things I had hoped to do this year, but I am thankful for the things that have been achieved.

Some sort of Normal has returned. We are back in church, and we continue to broadcast all our Masses to the Parking lot for those who have difficulty with being in enclosed situations. We televise our 4.30 pm Masses and up to 50 or more families watch every weekend. The generosity of our parishioners continues to amaze me, and I am grateful for that.

In June I celebrated 50 years of priesthood. I was looking forward to a quiet reflective, thankful week end. Instead, St Francis Xavier decided to have a party. In doing so they involved as many people as possible. Barb Baker with her magic grill did an amazing job.

My brother Brian came from Ireland, but he did not tell me that my cousins from England were coming for the weekend. Three of them flew in on Friday and left on Monday. Fifty years ago, two of them were present for my ordination and they wanted to be here for my fiftieth. What a blessed weekend. Thank you for all concerned.

In July I celebrated with my some of my classmates and other Jubilarians at St Patrick's Kiltegan. I also spent time with my family. In September a trip that was postponed because of Covid took place. I went to Europe and the highlight of that trip was the Passion Play in Oberammergau.

The Parish the religious Education program has been online partly because we no longer have the space on campus. We are hoping to solve that difficulty before next year. We had Bishop Conlon for confirmation and that was the first time in three years that we were indoors for confirmation.

As we continue our journey of faith I am grateful for all we have accomplished. I am thankful for your help, your faith, for your friendship and commitment to this little parish in the cornfields. Your big hearts and generosity of heart makes our world a better place.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year,

Fr Karl



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
3:00, 4:30, 10:00

Christmas Day
8:30, 10:30

Christmas Eve 3:00 Mass will be live streamed
Christmas Day 10:30 Mass in parking lot (weather permitting)

Survey Results Are In!!!



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)



The Nativity of the Lord

Reflection on the Gospel of John 1: 1-18



Reflection Questions:

What is the most precious Christmas gift you have ever received? What made it precious to you?

Suggestions for Living out this Gospel:

+ Consider helping the victims of the Russian invasion of Ukraine or helping a family in need of friendship and daily necessities.

Starlight

Give me your starlight to fill up my heart.

Shine your light and love into my soul.

Help me to use your light to touch those
forgotten and alone.

Lord make me forget about my troubles or
pain and let my work with those less fortunate
erase thoughts of myself.

Make my life about you Lord, not about me.

Set my heart free from the world so it can
be filled with your starlight.

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, December 24th

3:00pm SFX Parishioners Intentions
4:30pm SFX Parishioners Intentions
10:00pm SFX Parishioners Intentions

Sunday, December 25th

8:30am SFX Parishioners Intentions
10:30am SFX Parishioners Intentions

Monday, December 26th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, December 27th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, December 28th

6:30pm Laura Wiley

Thursday, December 29th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, December 30th

9:15am Robert Galick

Saturday, December 31st

4:30pm FCFE Catechists

Sunday, January 1st

8:30am Intention of the Celebrant
10:00am SFX Parishioners

Reflections on the Sunday Readings The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) - 25 December 2022

Vigil Mass – Isaiah 62:1-5. Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29. Acts 13:16-17, 22-25. Matthew 1:1-25.

Mass during the Night – Isaiah 9:1-6. Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13. Titus 2:11-14. Luke 2:1-14.

Mass during the Day – Isaiah 52:7-10. Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6. Hebrews 1:1-6. John 1:1-18.

Coming Together. All manner of gatherings occur at Christmas: of families, of friends, of associates – some invited, some not. Filled with joy because of a new child or spouse added to the family. Touched with grief because of the death of one we love. Tinged with tension because of some wrong – perceived or real – yet unresolved. Christmas speaks to all of this and more. The birth of God in Jesus assures us that all life is good and holy. The assigned Bible readings speak of vindication, being God’s delight, abundant joy, great rejoicing, peace for ever, justice filled, not forsaken, comforted. This day speaks to every emotion, everything, everyone.

- How will I show God’s love to everyone with whom I gather?
- How will I let go of some hurt to be at peace?
- How will I be holy – and help those with whom I gather to be holy?

The advertisement features the RaiseRight logo at the top left, with the tagline "The Right way to Fundraise" to its right. Below the logo is a circular graphic showing various shopping categories with their respective fundraising percentages: 15% for clothing, 5% for groceries, 12% for fast food, and 8% for cars. The central text reads "Turn everyday shopping into fundraising dollars" and "Formerly ShopWithScrip". To the right is a grid of gift cards from various retailers including Amazon, Starbucks, Chipotle, Target, Meijer, and Wendy's. At the bottom, a black banner contains the following text: "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/raiseright for more info".

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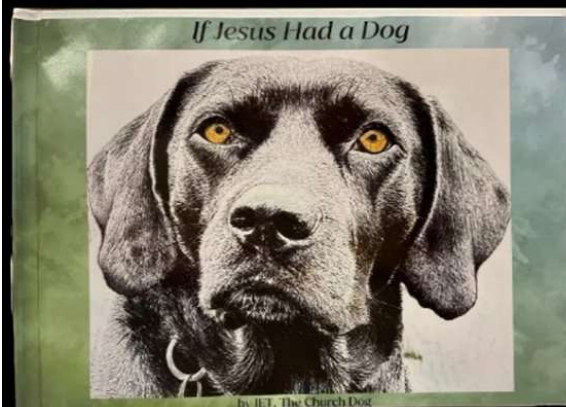


*Please welcome our new Parishioners at
St. Francis Xavier in 2022!*

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
Brihan 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

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**

TAX-FREE GIFTS TO THE CHURCH



If you are over the age of 70 ½ and receive IRA distributions, do you know you can make donations to St. Francis Xavier from your IRA, and the distributions are tax free to you? It is easy to do. The donation must be received by the parish directly from your financial institution, so contact your IRA trustee or financial advisor to find out about their donation process. The donation is considered a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) and is reported as non-taxable on your tax return. Upon request, the parish will provide you with a statement of your donation. If you are already giving to the parish, donate from your IRA and give yourself the gift of a tax-free distribution.

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 **\$38,140**. 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!



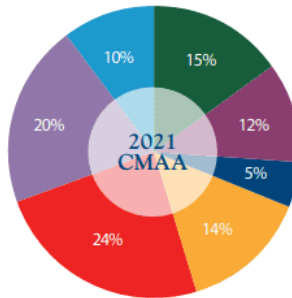
Deo Gratias Society

Prayerfully consider joining the Deo Gratias Society with your gift to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

When you pledge \$100 a month for 10 months to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, you are welcomed as a member of the Deo Gratias Society. Members take a leadership role in the work of the Church, becoming partners in a shared vision for the future of the Diocese of Joliet.

In addition to spiritual benefits, membership includes an annual Mass and reception with Bishop Ronald A. Hicks, and recognition in our annual publication for society members.

In 2021, gifts to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal provided support for many works of the Lord.



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| Educating children and adults in the faith | 15% |
| Ministering to people of all ages and ethnicities | 12% |
| Honoring the dignity of life | 5% |
| Serving our brothers and sisters in need | 14% |
| Strengthening vocations and supporting clergy | 24% |
| Serving and protecting parishioners | 20% |
| Returning funds to parishes | 10% |
| TOTAL | \$8,293,000 |
| | 100% |



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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**.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 25, 2022



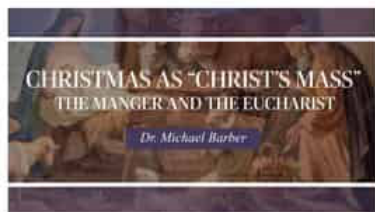
Where are You? Forgiven Episode 1

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Watch our Forgiven series, so you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



FORMED Live: Who is St. Stephen

Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the life of St. Stephen, first Christian martyr and heroic leader of the early Church.



Christmas as Christ's Mass by Dr. Michael Barber

Dr. Michael Barber explains the extraordinary connection between Christmas and the Eucharist, coining the great solemnity as "Christ's Mass."

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

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  IGNATIUS PRESS

Available Positions Throughout the Diocese

[Part-time Custodian - St. Mary Immaculate Catholic Parish, Plainfield](#)
[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](#).

Our Sunday Offering
Contributions Received 12/5/22 - 12/11/22

Mass Collection

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| Sunday Offering | \$2,941.00 |
| Blue Envelope | \$487.00 |
| Basement Rectory Project | \$1,500.00 |
| Religious Retirement | \$20.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$1,103.00 |
| Christmas | \$335.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$320.00 |

Online Giving

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| Sunday Offering | \$2,922.00 |
| Blue Envelope | \$95.00 |
| Seminarian Endowment | \$15.00 |
| Religious Retirement | \$25.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$25.00 |
| Christmas | \$20.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$15.00 |

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 (7/1/22-12/18/22): \$957.02