

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 16, 2023

2500 Arbeiter Rd., Joliet, IL 60431

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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



When I was a kid the Sunday after Easter was known as Low Sunday, and I believe it is still known as such among the Greek Orthodox. Why? The Liturgy was more low key than Easter. It was like the quietness after the storm.

Today it is known as Mercy Sunday. We celebrate Divine Mercy in our lives. We are reminded that God so loved the world that He sent His son so that we might have life to the full. Through the life of Jesus we are shown a God of mercy, a God who says so often "go and sin no more", a God that forgives even those who betray Him. These are the images of God that Jesus portrays.

Very often we seek revenge. Very often we want to draw down fire. In the Garden Peter is told to put away the sword. Divine Mercy Sunday shows us a Jesus that can treat Thomas' unbelief with gentleness and challenges us to rid ourselves of vengefulness and anger. Are you up to the challenge of forgiveness and Mercy?



Registered families received a Zoom invite via email.
Questions? Please email Penny at pgiunta@sfxjoliet.org
Remaining FCFF Zoom sessions of the school year:
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:

Apr. 16th May 7th June 25th

Any questions can be sent to Confirmation@sfxjoliet.org

Please pray for ~

Lucas Arseneau
Mildred Balogh
Mary Bruce
Vince DiBartolomeo
Larry Formella
Pat Gierich
Darlene Janulis
Marion Kogut
Pamela Mazzone



Tara McDonald
Jim O'Brien
Mike Piwowar
Tom Sagenbrecht
Scott Schwartz
Chester Sobczak
James Talley
Delores Wagner
Pat Yuretich

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 15th

4:30pm Abbott & Dunne Families

Sunday, April 16th

8:30am Connie Hatter

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, April 17th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, April 18th

9:15am Don Long

Wednesday, April 19th

6:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, April 20th

9:15am Florence & Helen Sesko

Friday, April 21st

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, April 22nd

4:30pm John Zingarelli

Sunday, April 23rd

8:30am Ida Stanley

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Holy Week & Easter







Thank you to Angie Alwood for preparing the church environment in such a beautiful way during Lent as well as Holy Week and Easter. Enhancing the church environment for worship helps to deepen our prayer experience.

Thank you, Angie, for all your dedication and commitment.



Thank you to Katie and Danny for helping their Mom and playing with Colt and JET.



Knights Corner

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church **BLOOD DRIVE**



Blood Drive

Hope springs **eternal** **DONATE BLOOD**




1 PINT can save 3 LIVES



SUNDAY
APRIL
16
8:30am - 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

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



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Blood Centers



USF Welcomes International Speaker Br. Michael Perry for Sustainability Presentation

Joliet, Ill. – The University of St. Francis (USF) welcomes international speaker Br. Michael Perry, OFM, for a special one-hour sustainability presentation to the community on Tuesday, April 25, beginning at 7 p.m. The presentation, *Addressing Sustainability: Becoming Partners with Creation for the Sake of the Poor and the Planet*, will take place in the Moes/Presidents Room in Tower Hall on USF’s main campus, which is located at 500 Wilcox Street in Joliet. Virtual access through Zoom will also be offered.

“Pope Francis told me the only way forward for humanity is for people to abandon the temptation to exercise control over land and peoples and to pursue the path of holiness, the path of becoming saints. That path, said the Pope, that journey, is made by seeking sincere human friendship, fraternity and solidarity. I suggested this is what it [means] to becoming ‘Saints.’ The Pope told me this is a very good thing to do,” Perry said. The presentation is being made possible through the Catholic Franciscan Charism Council and Sustainability Committee efforts, free of charge.

RSVP for the event (both in-person and virtual) no later than April 20th by contacting Arlene Finkle at 815-740-3398 or afinkle@stfrancis.edu.

About Br. Michael Perry, OFM

Brother Michael Anthony Perry, OFM, is a Midwestern American Franciscan friar who from 2013-21, served as General Minister of the Order of Friars Minor, the 120th successor of St. Francis of Assisi. Currently, he is the Franciscan Scholar in Residence and Director of the Laudato Si’ Center for Integral Ecology at Siena College in New York. Perry also worked at the International Office of Justice and Peace at the United States Conference of Bishops and at Catholic Relief Services, and at Franciscans International, which works on human rights, poverty, peace, and integral ecology at the United Nations. For ten years, Perry also worked in the manner of St. Francis as a missionary in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He also taught cultural theology and global Catholicism at Washington Theological Union in Washington.

St. Patrick Fathers Grand Raffle

St. Patrick Fathers are hosting their annual Dinner Dance Sunday, April 23rd; an early bird drawing (Two prizes of \$5000) will be held that evening for the Grand Raffle. The main draw for the Grand Raffle will take place on June 10th. The grand prize is \$10,000; 6 prizes of \$5,000; & 3 prizes of \$1,000. **Grand Raffle Tickets are \$100 this year and available for purchase through Fr. Karl.** If interested, Dinner Dance tickets are also available for \$65.

Please see Fr. Karl after masses or contact the office by phone: (815) 609-8077 / email: office@sfxjoliet.org for more details on purchasing Grand Raffle tickets.



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

4/18/23

St. Mary Immaculate

15629 Rt.59

Plainfield, IL 60544

4:30-6p



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 Food 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.
Mobile Food Pantries take place rain or shine!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS A FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION
PROVIDING SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN NEED AND CALLING
OTHERS OF GOOD WILL TO DO THE SAME.**



Refuge

MT 11:28

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

**TEENS! JOIN THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA
THIS SUMMER FOR THIS LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE!**

Staubenville | St. Paul is a weekend conference that evangelizes, equips and empowers 9th-12th grade youth to become radical, joyful disciples. Enjoy keynote speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more. The Diocese of Joliet is forming a diocesan delegation to attend this life-changing conference at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN.

Register: <https://sites.google.com/view/dojsteubie>

Deadline April 25, limited spots available!

Ministry team:



Host: Kris Frank



SONAR Worship



Katie Prajean McGrady



Brian Greenfield



Katie Hartfiel



Fr. Jonathan McElhone, TOR



📅 July 28-30, 2023

📍 University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

💰 \$ 349/teen

Questions? Contact doj.steubie@gmail.com

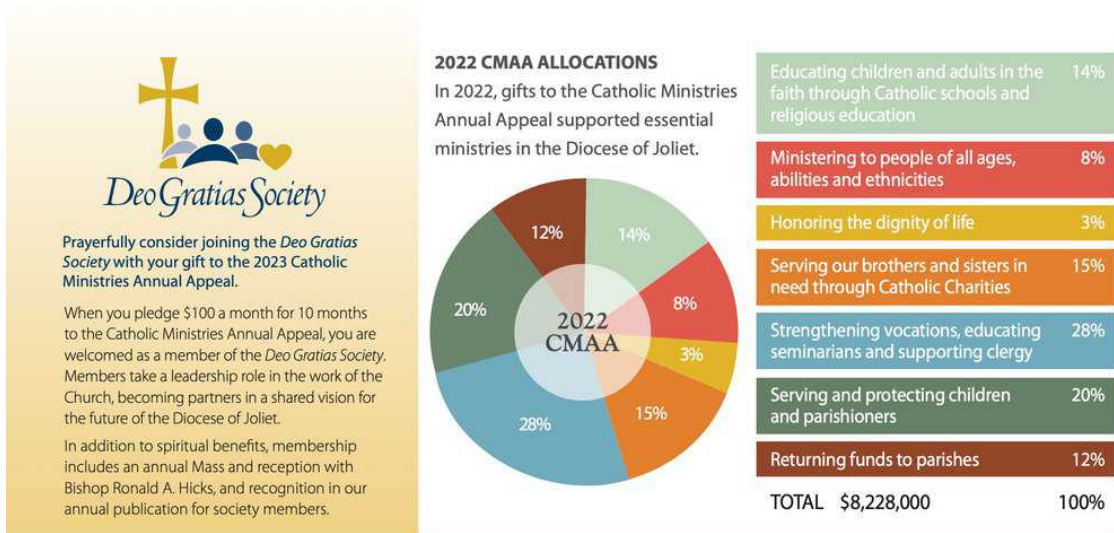
Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2023



If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), thank you! If we all participate, we can meet our parish's CMAA goal of \$35,200. Each and every gift, large or small, makes a difference.

If you still need to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA this year and ensure all in our diocese know that *we belong to God*. There are many options for giving, from pledging to monthly recurring gifts. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese or make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return to us 70 percent of the amount over goal. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.



****Additional Diocesan Events & Information can be found further down in the bulletin.****

Available Positions Throughout the Diocese

2023 Summer Internship - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill
Coordinator of Parish Services - St. Joseph Catholic Church, Joliet

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

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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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.

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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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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

THIS WEEK ON FORMED



Week of April 16, 2023

God's School of Trust | Divine Mercy | Episode 1
 The sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, has distorted the way we see God. But God hasn't given up on us. In fact, he has tirelessly worked to heal our distorted image of him through his "School of Trust," beginning with his Chosen People in the Old Testament.

St. Bernadette of Lourdes
 "St. Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.

Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues by Bishop Robert Barron
 Join noted professor of theology and author Bishop Robert Barron in this revealing presentation as he sheds light on the seven deadly sins—those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our relationship with God and others—and the antidote to them, the seven lively virtues!

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

An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  GRACIANA PRESS

Our Sunday Offering

Contributions Received 3/27/23 - 4/2/23

Mass Collection

Sunday Offering	\$3,718.00
Blue Envelope	\$1,230.00
Good Friday	\$50.00
Easter	\$125.00
Easter Flowers	\$70.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$20.00
Catholic Charities	\$50.00

Online Giving

Sunday Offering	\$2,467.00
Blue Envelope	\$430.00
Easter Flowers	\$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.

RaiseRight Gift Card Program Earnings (7/1/22-4/9/23): \$1,263.79

2023 CMAA Donations Received by the Parish: \$18,056.00

2023 CMAA Rebate Received by the Parish: \$0.00

WOODRIDGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #5918

PRESENTS

DAMIEN

A ONE-MAN PLAY BY ALDYTH MORRIS ~ AN INSPIRATIONAL TRUE STORY

"A brilliant portrayal..."

"A must see for anyone who believes in real heroes."

"Wayne Messmer brings Father Damien to life telling an unforgettable true story of love for one's fellow man."

"Damien is a hero for men and women for all ages. His character is a glowing example of what courage looks like."

"A touching account of a modern day saint that is told with truth and passion."



"The world needs more men of real conviction"

"This performance is highly recommended to anyone who believes in the power of the truth of one voice."

"A theatrical event that I will never forget..."

"I feel as if I actually met Father Damien... and I will always remember him"

"Wayne Messmer delivers a truly amazing portrayal of a truly remarkable man."

WAYNE MESSMER

AS FATHER (Saint) DAMIEN, "THE LEPER PRIEST OF MOLOKAI"

Produced by: WPM Productions, Inc.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023 ~ 7:30pm

ST SCHOLASTICA CHURCH
7800 JANES AVE. WOODRIDGE, IL 60517



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO ORDER YOUR
TICKETS ON-LINE

\$30 VIP Reserved Seating (includes Meet and Greet)
\$20 Open Seating
\$10 Youth (Under 18) Open Seating

Additional Info: Contact Joe Testolin (630) 901-5952

Holy is Her Name



May 12, 2023
9:00am - 3:00pm

BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House



Day of Reflection for Men & Women

Retreat Leaders: Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ & Rachel Forton

JesuitRetreat.org | 847-381-1261



SERRA CLUB of Dupage County

Fostering and Promoting Vocations
to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



Mark Your Calendar Guests are welcomed!

RSVP by Apr. 19th to: D. Thurman d21thurman@gmail.com or 630-642-2618
Please Denote any Special Dietary Requirements when RSVPing to D. Thurman above.

Speaker: Reverend Edward J. Howe, C.R., St. Scholastica Parish in Woodridge, IL



Fr. Ed Howe entered the Congregation of the Resurrection in 1982 where he professed first vows as a Brother on August 15, 1986 after completing his graduate work in Theology and Social Work. From 1988 to 1991 Bro. Ed was assigned to St. Hedwig Catholic Church where he worked with young people, senior citizens and the homeless in the Buck Town area of Chicago. In 1989 after a parishioner was hit by a stray bullet from a gang fight, Bro. Ed brought Buck Town residents together to protest an area drug house and gang operation. The resulting movement called "Drug Free Buck Town" succeeded in shutting down 22 area drug houses over several years. The initiative gained broad media attention and was chronicled in the film "Takin' Back Buck Town". After serving the church as a brother for 22 years, Brother Ed was called

through the inspiration of Cardinal Francis George to study for the priesthood and was ordained as a Priest on August 14, 2010. After ordination Fr. Ed was the Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Morris, IL before being assigned in 2020 to St. Scholastica Parish in Woodridge, IL.

DINNER MEETING DETAILS

Monday, April 24, 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: Sister Therese Ann Quigney

JOIN US IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM ACCESS:

TBD



JEREMIAH DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023

MUNDELEIN SEMINARY



DIOCESE OF JOLIET



FOR BOYS IN 7TH, 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH GRADE

FROM THE JOLIET DIOCESE

IS IT FOR YOU?

- Do you often feel close to God?
- Do you try to do the right thing?
- Do you like helping other people?
- Are you a good leader?
- Do you like to learn new things?

If you answered "Yes" to these questions then Jeremiah Day IS for you!!

The story of the prophet Jeremiah tells us that it is never too early to think about God's plan for us. This is a day for boys to grow closer to God and to visit a seminary. The activities include a tour of Mundelein Seminary, talks about how God calls us, lunch, recreation time and open gym, and Mass. It is hosted and lead by the Joliet Diocese seminarians at Mundelein Seminary.

JEREMIAH DAY SCHEDULE

10:00 AM	Registration & Basketball
11:00 AM	Opening Session
11:45 AM	Campus Tour
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	Adoration
2:15 PM	Sessions II at the Pier
2:45 PM	Break and Session III
4:00 PM	Mass
5:00 PM	Depart

Carpooling on a parish level is suggested. Parents, youth ministers, teachers and parish priests are invited to attend as well. For more information please call the Joliet Diocese Vocation Office at 815-221-6171.

JEREMIAH DAY REGISTRATION

I will attend the Jeremiah Day at Mundelein Seminary, 1000 E. Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL on Saturday, April 15, 2023.

Name: _____ Birthdate: ___ / ___ / ___

Address: _____ Parish: _____

Grade in School: 7th 8th Fr. So.

Phone: _____ School: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Email: _____

Please include the name and phone number and relationship of the person who will be transporting you to and from Mundelein Seminary:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Relationship: _____

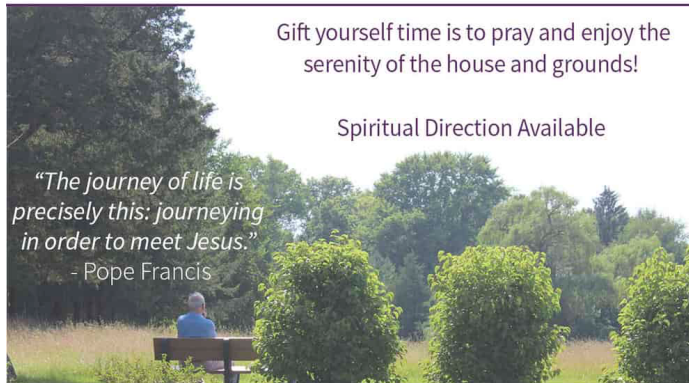
Food Sensitivities/Allergies:

*After payment is made online at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/april-15-2023-jeremiah-day-tickets-566613394917>,
please email the Registration and Parent Permission forms to:
vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org*

Call the Vocations Office at (815) 221-6171 if you have questions.

Individually Directed Retreats

June 23-July 1 & July 14-22, 2023



Gift yourself time is to pray and enjoy the serenity of the house and grounds!

Spiritual Direction Available

*"The journey of life is precisely this: journeying in order to meet Jesus."
- Pope Francis*

Private Retreat Days for Men & Women



JesuitRetreat.org
847-381-1261