

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 2, 2023

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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



Lent is coming to an end. As I age Lent seems to get shorter every year, and many of the things I planned to do get forgotten. One thing I never forget and always cherish are the liturgies of Holy Week. In the past they were often nearly private affairs with very little community participation. Thankfully, that has changed. If you are able to do so, it is important to try to participate.

They are the key moments of salvation. We proclaim Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again. We gather with Jesus in the upper room to begin a salvific journey. Jesus leaves a gift for us to be shared for all time - His body and His blood. In John, Chapter 6, we are told people walked away because he told them that “unless they ate His body and drank His blood you cannot have life in me”. Sadly, that is still the case today. Many see the Eucharist as some sort of symbol but not real.

The gospels challenge us to believe that Jesus is really and truly present in the Eucharist. That is the belief since the last supper. We must pray like St. Philip Neri, “Lord I believe, help thou my unbelief.”

Good Friday, Jesus dies on the cross after unbelievable suffering and cruelty. Once again humanity’s inhumanity is on display. Most of His followers run away. Darkness and despair. “Into your hands I commend my Spirit”. It’s a time for reflection and prayer.

Easter Day the unexpected: an empty tomb. Belief and unbelief and the challenge put forth, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned”. We still have the belief as we welcome new believers and first communicants. We still have the unbelief and the challenge to go out to the whole world. Yes, Lord I believe; help thou my unbelief.

HOLY WEEK schedule					St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
 Palm Sunday Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 8:30am 10:00am 1 2	 Holy Thursday 7:00pm 6	 Good Friday 3:00pm Service 7:00pm Stations of the Cross 7	 Holy Saturday 12:00pm Blessing of Easter Baskets 7:30pm (sunset) Vigil 8	 Easter Sunday 8:30am 10:30am 9	



Please pray for ~

Lucas Arseneau
Mildred Balogh
Mary Bruce
Mike Cannon
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 1st

4:30pm Marita Szyszka

Sunday, April 2nd

8:30am David Willett

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, April 3rd

9:15am John Robert Kish

Tuesday, April 4th

9:15am Peggy Kokaska

Wednesday, April 5th

6:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, April 6th

7:00pm Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, April 7th

Saturday, April 8th

7:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, April 9th

8:30am Eva Raymond

10:30am SFX Parishioners

Lent 2023

We often describe the Season of Lent as ‘a Journey’ and we may travel along with companions to help navigate the joys and challenges we encounter along the way. This Lent, we journey together as a parish community and family of faith.

This Lent, we offer you several resources you may wish to use as you reflect upon in your private prayer and devotion. We will pray with you each week in our bulletin and on the parish website by offering you daily reflections and scriptures to follow, prepared from the booklet entitled, *Lent 2023, MAKE ROOM FOR LENT* by Joe Sica. This booklet is so very well written and gently invites the reader to daily reflect during this season of reflection and spiritual renewal. *(Copies of this booklet are available for you in the narthex...free will donations are greatly appreciated.)*

Travel well, May the Holy Spirit watch over us all during this holy season, let us continue to pray for one another.

April 2 – Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11 * Isaiah 50:4-7 * Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Go with the Flow!

“So you could not stay awake with me for even an hour?”

Matthew 26:40

Work for the Soul – Give yourself some slack time in your routine. If you plan everything down to the minute, things will be delayed when the unexpected happens. But if everything flows smoothly, you can use that slack time to be productive and creative.

Words from the Heart – *Dear God, help me not to cry because today is over. Instead, help me to smile because it happened. Amen.*

April 3 – Monday of Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-7 * John 12:1-11

Unload Your Stuff

*“Mary took expensive perfume, she poured it on Jesus’ feet
and wiped his feet with her hair.”*

John 12:3

Work for the Soul – What would you salvage today if you only had a few moments to gather your things? You will learn a great deal about yourself doing this exercise.

Words from the Heart – *Dear God, sometimes my stiff holds me back from looking deeply into what is important in my life. I’m going to take stock, downsize, and simplify things. Amen.*

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**April 4 – Tuesday of Holy Week**

**Isaiah 49:1-6 \* John 13:21-33, 36-38**

## ***The Deepest Hurt of All***

*“I tell you the truth, one of you is going to betray me.”*

**John 13:21**

**Works for the Soul** – Resentment and bitterness are hard to let go of. Sometimes, a statement of intent is necessary: “In the name of God, I hereby forgive you for betraying me.” Say this out loud, sincerely, several times a day.

**Words from the Heart** – *Dear God, help me to never forget that trust takes years to build, but only a second to break. Amen.*

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April 5 – Wednesday of Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9A * Matthew 26:14-25

Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?

“The Teacher says;

*“My appointed time is near. I am going to
celebrate Passover with my disciples.”*

Matthew 26:18

Work for the Soul – Create family placemats. For them, ask your children to draw a picture of the favorite part of their day. Older children may want to add puzzles or

trivia they have learned. Adults may want to include birthdays or inspirational quotes or prayers. During dinner, allow everyone a chance to share his or her placement.

Words from the Heart – *Dear God, dinners are more than just sharing food. They're times to help us get to know each other. We will always cherish our family mealtimes together. Amen.*

April 6 – Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 * 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 * John 13:1-15

Be an Encourager

“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.”

John 13:15

Work for the Soul – You have been blessed with at least one gift that you can share with others. If it's music, go to a nursing home and entertain those with lonely hearts. If it's physical strength, offer to help your elderly neighbor with her yard. If it's cooking, make a spaghetti dinner for someone who is going through a tough time.

Words from the Heart – *Dear God, I want to encourage other and provide them with a shoulder to lean on. I want those who are struggling to feel special and cared for. Amen.*

April 7 – Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 * Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 * John 18:1-19:42

The Time to Live Is Now

*“Jesus said: ‘It is finished.’
Then he bowed his head and died.”*

John 19:30

Work for the Soul – Visit family and/or friends at their final resting place at a cemetery. Share their life stories with others and tell of their goodness and how they helped to make this world a better place.

Words from the Heart – *Dear God, my life is a gift from you. Thank you. Amen.*

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**April 8 – Easter Vigil**

**Genesis 1:1-2:2 \* Genesis 22:1-18 \* Exodus 14:15-15:1 \***

**Isaiah 54:5-14 \* Isaiah 55:1-11 \* Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4 \***

**Ezekiel 36:16-17A, 18-28 \* Romans 6:3-11 \* Matthew 28:1-10**

***Do Not Be Afraid***

*“The angel said to the woman,  
‘Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus,  
who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen.’”*

**Matthew 28:5-6**

**Work for the Soul** – Take whatever steps you can to change the circumstances that cause your fear. If you’re afraid of being alone, reach out to others and help meet some of their needs. When you sense your heart filling with fear, ask yourself, “What is causing this feeling?” Pinpoint the source and then try to deal with those issues.

**Words from the Heart** – *Dear God, may your words: “Do not be afraid” ring in my heart always. Amen.*

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**Women’s Bible Study:  
Rebecca’s Story**

God allows all kinds of stories to bubble up through the Bible, so that we can learn from them.

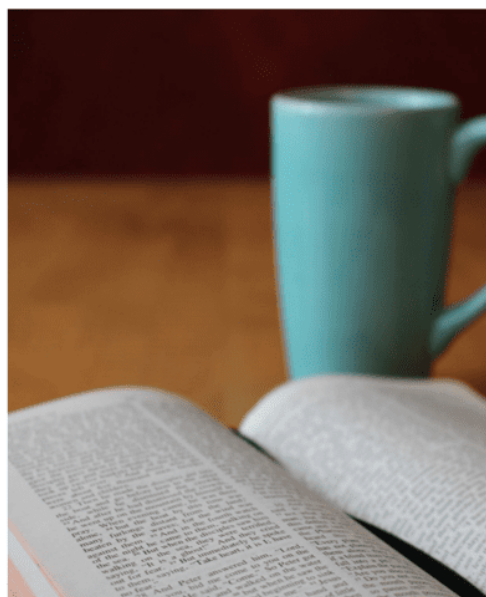
We see the life of Rebekah that starts with promise but veers off into dangerous territory.

Rebekah, a bride chosen directly by God for Abraham’s son Isaac, journeys to a foreign land and helps Isaac build the legacy God had promised would be fulfilled.

Come and hear the rest of the story of Rebekah on April 12th at 10:00 a.m. in the church basement. Please join us at St. Francis Xavier, in the church basement...

**Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 10:00 AM**



# Knights Corner

- Fish Fry 3/31
- Pancake breakfast 4/2
- Blood Drive 4/16

## Friday Fish Dinners

**WHEN:** Feb 24  
Mar 3, 24 & 31

**WHERE:** SFX Church Basement

**Dine in or Take-Out**

**MENU**

- 1 piece FRIED Cod Meal - \$9
- 2 piece FRIED Cod Meal - \$11
- 3 piece FRIED Cod Meal - \$13

- 1 piece BAKED Cod Meal - \$9
- 2 piece BAKED Cod Meal - \$11

Meals include:

- French Fries or Baked Potato
- Cole Slaw
- Roll
- Tartar Sauce

**For Dine in**  
In Church Basement between 4:00 pm and 7:30pm

**For Take-Out**  
Order between 3:30 pm and 7:00 pm by calling 815-609-8077 ext 207

Pick up between 4:00 pm and 7:30pm

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Make checks payable to: SFX KofC 14283

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## BLOOD DRIVE

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SUNDAY **APRIL 16**  
8:30am - 1:00pm

St. Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus  
2500 Arbeiter Rd. Joliet  
Church Basement

Contact Jon Pankhurst for additional info

Schedule by phone at 800-7TO-GIVE

PLEASE SCHEDULE at: <http://tiny.cc/SFXBloodDrive> or scan QR Code

# Refuge

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*"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!**

Stuebenville | 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](mailto:doj.steubie@gmail.com)





## 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](mailto: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.

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## *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](mailto:office@sfxjoliet.org) for more details on purchasing Grand Raffle tickets.

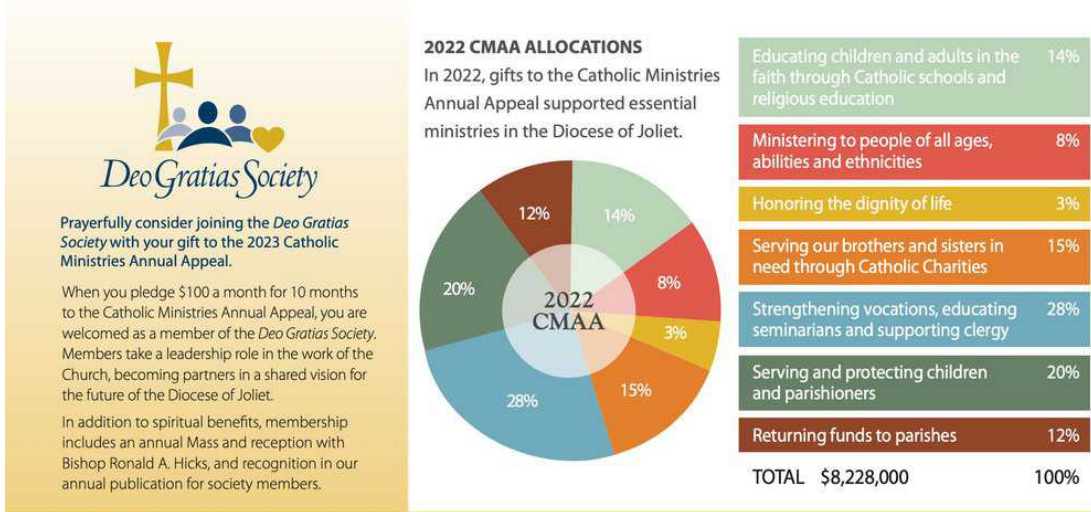
# Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2023



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](http://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.



| 2023 Lenten Care for Creation Calendar                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                               |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                     | Created by Laudato Si' Ministries of the Diocese of Joliet                                                                                   | Follow us on Facebook!                                                                           |
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| Sabbath Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Meatless Monday                                                                                               | Trim Trash Tuesday                                                                                    | Waste Not Wednesday                                                                                    | Thankful Thursdays                                                                                             | Fasting Friday                                                                                 | Sustainable Saturday                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                  |
| <p><i>This Lent we are giving you an opportunity to follow the call of Pope Francis to protect our common home. During these 40 days of Lent, let us open our hearts and minds through prayer and action to care for God's creation.</i></p> |                                                                                                               |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                     | <p><b>Feb 22 Ash Wednesday</b><br/>Americans throw away up to 40% of food (NRDC Study). Reflect on how to prevent this in your own home.</p> | <p>23 Appreciate the parks and forest preserves. Take a walk and say a Rosary while walking.</p> |
| <p>26 Leave your car at home. Walk or bike to Church. Rest in the Lord.</p>                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>27 Do not eat meat for lunch today.</p>                                                                    | <p>28 Do not use any paper towels. Instead use dishcloths or sponges to clean.</p>                    | <p><b>March 1</b> Research how to make a compost bin.</p>                                              | <p>2 Say Grace before each meal. Thank God for the all the gifts he has given you.</p>                         | <p>3 Turn your heat down by two degrees.</p>                                                   | <p>4 Replace the light bulbs in your home with LED bulbs. Remember to recycle the old light bulbs.</p>              |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                  |
| <p>5 Design a prayer corner outside using secondhand materials</p>                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>6 Do not eat any meat all day.</p>                                                                         | <p>7 Use reusable containers instead of plastic wrap.</p>                                             | <p>8 Check out the SCARCE website to find out all the ways to reuse or recycle items in your home.</p> | <p>9 Plant a tree or donate to "One Tree Planted" which focuses on Global Reforestation.</p>                   | <p>10 Take a shorter shower and fewer showers.</p>                                             | <p>11 Sign up to attend a Community Solar Information Session.</p>                                                  |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                  |
| <p>12 Read 5 to 10 pages of a religious book.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>13 Try a new plant-based recipe. <a href="http://livingthechange.net/">http://livingthechange.net/</a></p> | <p>14 Freeze leftovers instead of throwing away.</p>                                                  | <p>15 Use the leftovers in your refrigerator to create a meatless meal.</p>                            | <p>16 Begin reading Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si'.</p>                                                  | <p>17 Look around your home. Decide how you can use less plastic in your daily activities.</p> | <p>18 Shop at secondhand stores and go to the library to get a book.</p>                                            |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                  |
| <p>19 Make today a family day. Play games and talk about the gifts God has given you.</p>                                                                                                                                                    | <p>20 Continue to practice meatless Monday and promote this idea to others.</p>                               | <p>21 Research swapping bamboo for paper products at your next large gathering.</p>                   | <p>22 Buy only what you need at the stores, even if the item is on sale.</p>                           | <p>23 Be thankful for the green spaces in the area around you by keeping them clean.</p>                       | <p>24 Reuse instead of recycling. Research how you can practice this more in your home.</p>    | <p>25 Research bird feeder and house installation. Put out strips of yarn or string for bird nesting materials.</p> |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                  |
| <p>26 Get a book on birds at the local library. Go for a nature walk and reflect on the beauty you see.</p>                                                                                                                                  | <p>27 Donate to a local food pantry.</p>                                                                      | <p>28 Research the do's and don'ts of recycling in your area. Share this information with others.</p> | <p>29 Research and use detergent strips to reduce your plastic.</p>                                    | <p>30 Go on a Gratitude Walk. Thank God for all the beauty He has given to us in Creation.</p>                 | <p>31 Fast or abstain for a cause.</p>                                                         | <p><b>April 1 Fossil Fools Day:</b> Use Public transportation, carpool or walk to where you need to be.</p>         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                  |
| <p>2 <b>Palm Sunday</b><br/>Take time to pray outside.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>3 Learn ways you can help be more involved in ways to help the poor.</p>                                   | <p>4 Begin only using reusable grocery bags.</p>                                                      | <p>5 Take your own containers to restaurants to take your leftovers home.</p>                          | <p>6 <b>Holy Thursday</b><br/>Spend time with someone who is homebound or call a person who is struggling.</p> | <p>7 <b>Good Friday</b><br/>Today is a day of fasting.</p>                                     | <p>8 <b>Holy Saturday</b><br/>Take time to reflect on continuing the changes you've made during Lent.</p>           |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                  |



**FOUNDED IN FAITH, CALLED TO WITNESS, SENT FORTH TO SERVE**

The Diocese of Joliet is preparing to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Annoucement of the Establishment of the Diocese. Our Anniversary year will begin on December 11, 2023 and conclude on December 8, 2024. As the people of the Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois we have much for which to be grateful and we are asking every person in our Diocese to enter into the prayer of this celebration.

Thus, we are inviting you to draft a prayer asking God's blessings upon our Anniversary Year and the Diocese. As you pray with the theme of this Anniversary "Founded in Faith, Called to Witness, Sent Forth to Serve" write down your reflections, then use them to develop a prayer text that can be easily prayed aloud in a group setting. The Anniversary Prayer will be translated into the languages used for prayer in the Diocese, so write your prayer in your spoken language.

We encourage all people to spend time in prayer developing our Anniversary Prayer—children, teens, young adults, adults of all ages, priests, deacons, religious. Catholic School teachers and Religious Education catechists might make this a class project. Parents might make this a family project. Parish Organizations might also make this a group project.

All prayers should be sent to the Office of Divine Worship via USPS or email by June 1, 2023, and should include name, address, phone number and name of parish or institution. The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer will be created by the Anniversary Committee using the prayers received from the people of the Diocese.

Should you have any questions please contact Sister Sharon Marie Stola, OSB at the Office of Divine Worship and she will respond to your inquiry.

Office of Divine Worship and the Catechumenate  
Phone: 815-221-6230 Email: sstola@dioceseofjoliet.org

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



**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 Asiyanbi via email: [bodunrin@comcast.net](mailto:bodunrin@comcast.net) or phone/text: 779-875-5419

## 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](http://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.

## 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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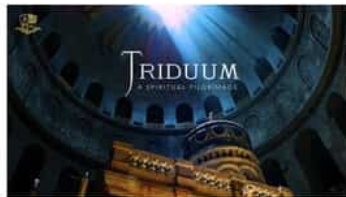
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# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of April 02, 2023



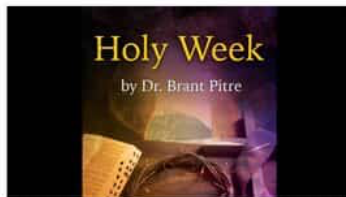
## Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



## The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



## Holy Week by Dr. Brant Pitre

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.

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

## *Our Sunday Offering*

### *Contributions Received 3/13/23 - 3/19/23*

#### Mass Collection

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Sunday Offering          | \$3,767.00 |
| Blue Envelope            | \$510.00   |
| Easter Flowers           | \$95.00    |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$382.00   |

#### Online Giving

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Sunday Offering          | \$2,942.00 |
| Blue Envelope            | \$40.00    |
| Easter Flower            | \$25.00    |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$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](mailto:finance@sfxjoliet.org).

**RaiseRight Gift Card Program Earnings (7/1/22-3/26/23): \$1,216.34**

**2023 CMAA Donations Received by the Parish: \$1,455.00**

**2023 CMAA Rebate Received by the Parish: \$0.00**

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## *Available Positions Throughout the Diocese*

2023 Summer Internship - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill

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

# JEREMIAH DAY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023**  
**MUNDELEIN SEMINARY**

**FOR BOYS IN 7<sup>TH</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup> 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

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|----------|---------------------------|
| 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: \_\_\_\_\_

*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](mailto:vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org)*

Food Sensitivities/Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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**Email:** [admin@blessedfamilymontessori.org](mailto:admin@blessedfamilymontessori.org)  
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**Visit:** [www.blessedfamilymontessori.org](http://www.blessedfamilymontessori.org)

Come visit us during our Open House on April 1st, 3-5pm or join us on a school tour on April 21st. We are located in the Lithuanian World Center at 14911 127th Street, Room Number 121, Lemont, IL 60439.

We are excited about the possibility of growing together in holiness with you and your family.



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