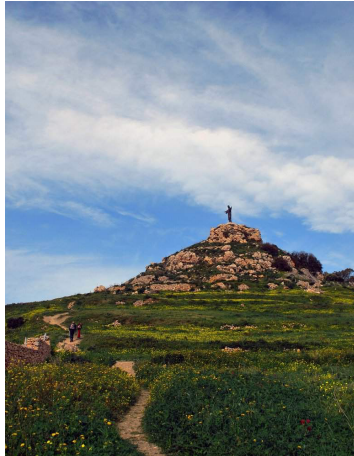


# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



## Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

2500 Arbeiter Rd., Joliet, IL 60431

Phone: (815) 609-8077    Email: [office@sfxjoliet.org](mailto:office@sfxjoliet.org)    Website: [sfxjoliet.org](http://sfxjoliet.org)  
Emergency Phone: (815) 669-7752    Pastor: Fr. Karl Langsdorf, [frkarl@sfxjoliet.org](mailto:frkarl@sfxjoliet.org)

### 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



## Bishop Hicks' Column

April 2023:  
The Chrism Mass:  
A Call to Newness of Life



By the time you are reading this article, we will probably have already celebrated Palm Sunday, Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter Sunday. During that holy and busy week in the Catholic Church, there is a beautiful, albeit sometimes overshadowed, Mass we celebrate called the "Chrism Mass." Here in the Diocese of Joliet, we gather for it each year on the Monday after Palm Sunday, and I would like to share with you why I love it so much.

During this joyous and powerful celebration, there are two additional parts that are included in the Mass. The first one is the "*Renewal of Priestly Promises*." Immediately after the homily, the priests all stand and the bishop begins to address them with these words: "*Beloved sons, on the anniversary of that day when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood on his Apostles and on us, are you resolved to renew, in the presence of your Bishop and God's holy people, the promises you once made?*"

This year at the Chrism Mass, as I listened to the priests renewing their promises with zeal and courage, I felt a deep sense of unity with them and gratitude for them. I also thanked God not only for their original "Yes" to the priesthood, but also for publicly reaffirming their commitment throughout all the ups and downs of the journey.

The second additional part is the "*Presentation of the Oils*." The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens are first presented and blessed. Then the Chrism oil is presented to the bishop. Right before the bishop consecrates it, he pours the 'chrism essence' into the container and stirs the oil, then he literally breathes upon it, recalling when Jesus breathed on his disciples after the resurrection, thus sending the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22)

I love that after this Mass, representatives from each of our parishes and various institutions receive a box containing the newly blessed Oils and return to their parishes with these Holy Oils. On Holy Thursday, these Holy Oils are presented in all of our parishes at the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

These Holy Oils are used throughout the year for the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick, Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and in the dedication of a new church and/or a new Altar.

Immediately after the blessing of the new Oils at the Chrism Mass, we turn to the Liturgy of the Eucharist as the gifts of bread and wine are presented with this prayer over the offerings, "*May the power of this sacrifice, O Lord we pray, mercifully wipe away what is old in us and increase in us grace of salvation and newness of life.*" It strikes me that the Chrism Mass magnifies this newness of life through Christ our Lord as the priests renew their promises and as the people bring back the new holy oils to their parishes. This newness of life was celebrated in your parish on Easter Sunday and these Holy Oils will be used in your parish and ministries in the year ahead to renew us in our lives.

After the Chrism Mass, as I exited the Cathedral and I was walking through the parking lot, I noticed a small group of people who had also attended the Mass. They were walking to their car, gently carrying the newly blessed Holy Oils almost like parents carrying a new-born baby into the house for the first time. I was delighted by their care and attention.

They told me that they had driven to the Cathedral from Kankakee. One of the women then said, "Bishop, I felt like I won the golden ticket when I was asked to represent my parish at this Mass today. It was just splendid! And it reminded me that our diocese is a lot bigger than just my parish. It felt good to worship with the larger Church today."

As I started my car, I thought about her comment. Sometimes, we might think that the Church is only as big as our experience in our own local parish. We can easily get focused on just our own personal communities, realities, needs and issues. And yet, we are a large and diverse diocese made up of many people from various demographics and locations with a wide variety of opinions and points of view. Through it all, part of the beauty of what makes us "Catholic" is that amid our diversity and individual parish experiences, we are also united in Christ. And yet together, wholeheartedly, we all believe that salvation is only through, with and in Him.

So, as I drove home from the Chrism Mass with a smile on my face, I spontaneously uttered a prayer of thanksgiving to God for all of the laity, religious women and men, deacons and priests across our diocese, and for the newness of life that we share, united through Christ, our Lord.

## *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 22nd

4:30pm John Zingarelli

Sunday, April 23rd

8:30am Ida Stanley

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, April 24th

9:15am Michael Link

Tuesday, April 25th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, April 26th

6:30pm Hilda Holubetz

Thursday, April 27th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, April 28th

9:15am Bill Cox

Saturday, April 29th

4:30pm Abbott & Dunne Families

Sunday, April 30th

8:30am Amy Leach

10:00am SFX Parishioners



FCFF Session  
Sunday, February 19th  
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](mailto:pgiunta@sfxjoliet.org)

Remaining FCFF Zoom sessions of the school year:  
**Apr. 23rd**

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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](mailto:Confirmation@sfxjoliet.org)

## ***Parish May Crowning***

*Our parish May Crowning will take place on  
Sunday, May 14th, on Mother's Day.*

*It will be held at the end of the 10:00 am Mass.*

*All our First Communion children are invited to take part  
in this Service, as well as anyone else who wishes to be part of this  
Marian Devotion. Weather permitting, at the end of the 10:00 am  
Mass on May 14, we will process outside, across the front patio,  
down the middle sidewalk to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes.*

*A Marian Honor Court will be made up of our youth and teen  
community who are active members of our parish.*

*Please join us as we honor Mary, our Blessed Mother.*





# SUMMER FAITH CAMP



HEY KIDS!

Ask your parents to check the family calendar...

Join us for **SUMMER FAITH CAMP**

here at St. Francis Xavier,

**JUNE 13, 14, & 15**

(Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)

**9:00 am – Noon.**

The theme of our Summer Camp is

**Faith, Hope & Love.**

and we welcome all youth from our parish,

**Grades K – 8.**

Register through the parish office...815-609-8077.

(A nominal registration fee will be asked per participating family.)



*Other dates to mark on  
your calendars...*

**SAVE THE DATES...**

## **PARISH SUMMER PICNIC**

**Sunday, June 25**

LOTS of fun for young and young at heart!

11:30 am – Sunset

Games, Food, Drink, Live music...

More details to come.

## **Parish Summer Outing to KANE COUNTY COUGARS**

Northwestern Medicine Field

**Friday, July 14**

**6:30 pm.**

**Kane County Cougars vs. Sioux Falls Canaries**  
*with fireworks to follow the Game!*

We have reserved a suite and buffet treats for our guests.  
Reserve your spot today because our reserve seating is limited.



# 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!**

Steubenville | 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.

**Registration deadline extended!**

**Register by May 5, 2023**

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



Host: Kris Frank



SONAR Worship



Katie Prajean  
McGrady



Brian Greenfield



Katie Hartfiel



Fr. Jonathan  
McElhose, 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)

## 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.



## **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.

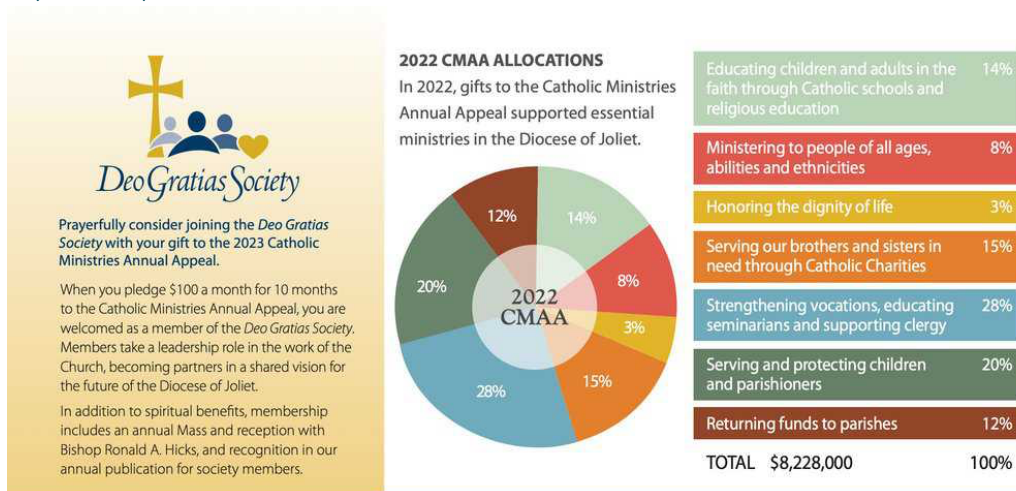
# Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2023



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.



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

## Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Young Children

We welcome all families who are seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for their children.

Families must be registered at the parish at least 3 months prior to the Baptism and must be actively supporting members. A Sacramental Preparation Session is required for first time parents to attend.

There is no fee to register at the parish nor is there any fee for the Sacramental Prep. materials, nor the Baptism, but a free will donation on the day of the Baptism is customary and greatly appreciated.

Baptisms are scheduled on most Sundays, immediately following the 10:00 am Mass. For further information or to schedule a Baptism, contact Pastoral Associate, Sandra Book, at 815-474-4896 or [Sbook810@aol.com](mailto:Sbook810@aol.com).



# 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

## 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.



### 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](mailto:bodunrin@comcast.net) or phone/text: 779-875-5419



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## THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of April 23, 2023



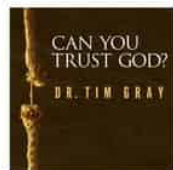
### Episode 1: Saint Mark the Evangelist

Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel? Using outside sources, other books of the Bible, and the Gospel itself, Dr. Gray takes a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.



### Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein, as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.



### Can You Trust God? by Dr. Tim Gray

To be a saint, we must trust God wholeheartedly. Since the fall of our first parents, however, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the Father's love for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to follow him.

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

# *Our Sunday Offering*

## *Contributions Received 4/3/23 - 4/9/23*

### Mass Collection

Sunday Offering	\$4,409.00
Blue Envelope	\$202.25
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$430.00
Easter	\$4,260.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$25.00

### Online Giving

Sunday Offering	\$3,807.00
Blue Envelope	\$225.00
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$25.00
Easter	\$745.00
Easter Flowers	\$50.00

*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 (7/1/22-4/16/23): \$1,280.85**

**2023 CMAA Donations Received by the Parish: \$18,212.00**

**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  
Coordinator of Parish Services - St. Joseph Catholic Church, Joliet

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



# Intro. to Theology of the Body

TALK FOR ADULTS



by Guest Speaker, Fr. Thomas Loya

SUN., 05.07.23 | 4 PM

14911 127th Street, Room 121  
Lemont, IL 60439

**RSVP here:**

<https://www.blessedfamilymontessori.org/rsvp-parenttalk-theologyofthebody>



## 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



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## DAMIEN

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*"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  
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\$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

## Individually Directed Retreats

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

Gift yourself time 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



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# SERRA CLUB of Dupage County



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## Mark You Calendar Guests are welcomed!

RSVP by **Apr. 19th** to: [D. Thurman d21thurman@gmail.com](mailto:D.Thurman.d21thurman@gmail.com) or 630-642-2618  
Please Denote any **Special Dietary Requirements** when RSPVing 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**

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