

# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 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*



I recently spent time in London, UK. I stayed with a cousin and had lunch with other cousins. I enjoyed doing that, but this was not the main reason for my visit. I was there because Deacon Vic Puscas was among the 48,000 running the marathon.

Most of those 48,000 runners were not running for fame or prize money. Some were running because of a personal desire or challenge. Most were running for a charity and to make life better for others. Vic was running for visually impaired youth. He raised money through family friends and colleagues so that someone could have a better chance in life. To me, he and others were living out the Gospel. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

He was disciplined and put himself through a vigorous regime in order to run 26+ miles for others. I can no longer even run 100 yards. So why was I there? I was there to support a friend but also to say "thank you" for his example and discipline. I know Vic does not want any of this, but because of him I can ask the question: What have you done to support others?

And I can answer somewhat, because St Francis Xavier has a fine example of outreach through Daybreak and other activities sponsored by individuals and the Knights of Columbus. Thank you! We are always looking for ways to improve and welcome any suggestions. Congrats, Vic! We will support your efforts, but not all of us can make running as seemingly effortless as you.

## *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  
Pat Yuretich

## *Mass Intentions*

Saturday, May 6th

4:30pm David Willett

Sunday, May 7th

8:30am Sylvia Klepec

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, May 8th

9:15am Don Long

Tuesday, May 9th

9:15am Mary Kuszynski

Wednesday, May 10th

6:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, May 11th

9:15am Tom Nahs

Friday, May 12th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, May 13th

4:30pm Living & Deceased Mothers

Sunday, May 14th

8:30am Helen Delaney

10:00am SFX Parishioners

*Blessings to our 2023 First Communicants!!*





## Women's Bible Study: Bathsheba Story

Bathsheba is a woman so often disregarded (then and now); a woman who endured excruciating loss and gave birth to the man who would bless God's people abundantly through his wisdom and kind rule.

Come join our lively discussion about Bathsheba's struggles, her courage and guidance to King Solomon. All women of St. Francis Xavier are welcome to join us  
May 10th at 10:00am in the church basement.

**Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 10:00 AM**





# 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!**

Stebenville | 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 Prejean  
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)

## ***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.

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## 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).


# 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.



**Deo Gratias Society**

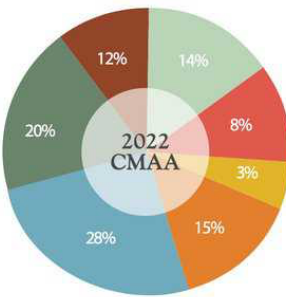
Prayerfully consider joining the *Deo Gratias Society* with your gift to the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

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.

**2022 CMAA ALLOCATIONS**

In 2022, gifts to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal supported essential ministries in the Diocese of Joliet.



Ministry	Percentage
Educating children and adults in the faith through Catholic schools and religious education	14%
Ministering to people of all ages, abilities and ethnicities	8%
Honoring the dignity of life	3%
Serving our brothers and sisters in need through Catholic Charities	15%
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**\*\*Additional Diocesan Events & Information can be found further down in the bulletin.\*\***



# 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](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

# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of May 07, 2023



## Spiritual Motherhood | The Augustine Institute Show

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Sr. Maris Stella for a conversation on the vocation of every woman, that of motherhood. Although all women will not be called to be physical mothers, every woman is called to be a spiritual mother.



## The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, The 13th Day dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.

REAL WOMANHOOD  
LISA COTTER



## Real Womanhood by Lisa Cotter

What does it mean to be a real woman in today's culture? Join Lisa Cotter in her talk Real Womanhood, as she draws on modern-day saints, St. John Paul II to define what it means to be an authentic woman.

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

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and CATHOLIC PREPRESS

**The Right way to Fundraise**

**Turn everyday shopping into fundraising dollars**

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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](https://sfxjoliet.org/raiseright) for more info**

## *Our Sunday Offering*

### *Contributions Received 4/17/23 - 4/23/23*

#### Mass Collection

Sunday Offering	\$5,403.00
Blue Envelope	\$75.00
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$10.00
Easter	\$10.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$10.00

#### Online Giving

Sunday Offering	\$3,072.00
Blue Envelope	\$5.00

*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): \$1,303.59**

**2023 CMAA Donations Received by the Parish: \$24,532.00**

**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.

# HELP SAVE THE INVEST IN KIDS ACT

State lawmakers are considering ending the tax credit scholarship program referred to as "Invest in Kids." This program has provided nearly 40,000 scholarships to help families send their child to a school of their choice.

Invest in Kids has been an educational success with 61% of Illinois voters supporting it.

## DO NOT LET THIS PROGRAM END!

Please act now and contact your state representative and state senator. Send them a strong message respectfully asking them to continue this valuable program.

Visit [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) to read the bishop's letter or to find out how to contact your elected official. You can also call 217-528-9200 for additional information.

*To stay informed and engaged on policy issues that affect Catholics in Illinois, join our Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network (I-CAN) at: <https://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can/>*



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## Do you support abortion restrictions?

There are plans underway to amend our Illinois Constitution to make abortion a constitutional right by securing voter approval on the 2024 general election ballot. Pro-life residents are working to combat this constitutional change and to counter it with a referendum of our own, calling for key abortion limitations—which the majority of Illinoisans support.

## Respect Life Petition Drive

To show your support for abortion restrictions in Illinois, scan the QR code to support a referendum:

1. To re-instate parental/guardian notification and consent for a minor (all those under the age of 18) to have an abortion in the State of Illinois.
2. To ban Illinois tax-payer funded abortions, so those morally and religiously opposed to abortion are not forced to fund this objectionable act.



[qrco.de/respectlife](http://qrco.de/respectlife)

Let your opinions be known today!





### Help Socially Isolated Seniors!

Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program (SCP) is looking for people 55 years and older interested in visiting with another homebound senior living in Will County. This is strictly a friendly visit; no homecare duties are involved. Volunteers who meet income eligibility guidelines will receive a tax-free hourly stipend and a mileage reimbursement for time spent with clients.

Senior Companion volunteers provide assistance and friendship to older adults with difficulty with daily living tasks. This program helps seniors stay independent longer and provides respite to family caregivers. Senior Companion volunteers report better health and longevity, having served the community. Are you ready to forge new relationships and make a significant difference in the lives of others?


If you are lonely and would be interested in receiving a companion, please feel free to reach out as well!

In Will County, call Bry Williams at 815-933-7791 ext. 9928 or mail [americorpsseniors@cc-doj.org](mailto:americorpsseniors@cc-doj.org). For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org).

The poster features a background image of a road lined with trees. The title 'Intro. to Theology of the Body' is written in a large, elegant, black script font. Below the title, 'TALK FOR ADULTS' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. A circular portrait of Fr. Thomas Loya is centered below the text. The event details, including the date, time, and location, are listed in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is an 'RSVP here:' section with a URL and a QR code.

*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>

