

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 19, 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



This year Ash Wednesday falls between the anniversaries of two very important women in my life, my mother and my grandmother. Both of them endured enormous hardships and tragedies in their lives. Both survived and if you had met them, you would never have guessed it. They were women of faith, hope, and optimism. They were not defined by the tragedies or hardships, nor were they embittered by them. Deportation, loss of property, sudden unexpected death and still there was hope.

In many ways that's what Lent is about - living the hope, not being embittered, and remembering God has a plan for you and me. Repent and believe the good news. Yes, Good News. Do not let your hearts be troubled. I learned that lesson long ago from two great women, Rest in Peace. Doom and gloom bring despair. Repent and believe, bring hope and Resurrection. Happy Lent.

~~~ Ash Wednesday Masses ~~~

February 22, 2023

9:15am & 6:30pm



Please pray for ~

Lucas Arseneau
Mildred Balogh
Mary Bruce
Mike Cannon
Larry Formella
Pat Gierich
Darlene Janulis
Pamela Mazzone

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 18th

4:30pm Christopher J. "Chris" Kulach

Sunday, February 19th

8:30am Intention of the Celebrant

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, February 20th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, February 21st

9:15am John Roach

Wednesday, February 22nd

6:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, February 23rd

9:15am Peter Sesko

Friday, February 24th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, February 25th

4:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, February 26th

8:30am Mike Notsch

10:00am 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.

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## **February 22 – Ash Wednesday**

**Joel 2: 12-18 \* 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 \* Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18**

## ***Be Grateful***

***“When you fast, do not look gloomy.” Mt.6:16***

**Works for the Soul** – The challenge is to go forty days without complaining. To aid in your effort, wear a rubber band around your wrist. If you find yourself engaging in complaints, gossip, or criticism, snap it. As the days of Lent pass by, you will find yourself doing less complaining and more appreciating.

**Words from the Heart** – *Dear God, if the only prayer I say is “thank you,” that will be enough. Amen.*

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February 23 – Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 * Luke 9:22-25

Born to Bounce Back

***“Take up your cross daily and follow me,”
Luke 9:23***

Work for the Soul – Start the day with this bold affirmation: “Go ahead. Life, send me a setback. I eat setbacks for breakfast: they are my fuel for the day!”

Words from the Heart – *Dear God, every now and then life will throw a punch at me. The more I roll with these punches, the easier it is to bounce back! Help me to roll with them. Amen.*

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**February 24 – Friday after Ash Wednesday**  
**Isaiah 58:1-9A \* Matthew 9: 14-15**

## ***Take Every Opportunity***

***“The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them.” Matthew 9:15***

**Work for the Soul** – Don’t put off your dreams for the future. Your “to-do” list might never get done. Right now, no matter what your age, decide who you want to be when you grow up. You have the rest of your life to get it right.

**Words from the Heart** – *Dear God, help me take advantage of opportunities that come my way so that I may have no room for regrets in my life. Amen.*

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February 25 – Saturday after Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 58: 9B-14 * Luke 5: 27-32

Labels Jars, Not People

“Why do you eat...with the tax collectors and sinners?” Luke 5:30

Work for the Soul – Put a large label on a jar with the words: “Label Jars, Not People.” During Lent, every time you label someone, drop a quarter into your jar. At the end of Lent, give the money to your parish or a soup kitchen.

Words from the Heart – *Dear God, help me to see others as you see them: unique and special. Amen.*

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH 3/1

Part-time Religious Education Coordinator

St. Francis Xavier Parish is seeking to hire a part-time religious education coordinator to lead a family-centered religious education program for the parish. The program would involve parents and children of ages preschool to 8th grade. This individual will communicate and work in coordination with the Pastor, parish staff and parish vision. A qualified degree or certificate in ministry or theology from a Catholic institution of higher learning required. Must be an active member of the Roman Catholic Church. To view a full job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](https://www.jolietdiocese.org/). If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a resume and cover letter to the office@sfxjoliet.org, Attn: Fr. Karl.

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2023



Join us for our St. Patrick's Celebration

Saturday March 11
6:00pm in Church Basement

Adult evening of:

- Food & Drink - corned beef & cabbage
- Irish Music - live band
- Raffles
- Fun
- Fellowship

Tickets \$25 per person - buy in Narthex

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Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

WHEN: Monday, February 20 7:30pm

WHERE: Church basement

- Join us for an informal game night
- We welcome new members, ladies 18 or older
- Drop by for more info!

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sfxjoliet.org

FISHERS OF MEN

GUIDING MEN TOWARD A DYNAMIC
RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST



- We meet to share our experiences, discuss Mass Readings and build friendships
- **Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm**

Note change from
Mondays to Wednesdays

Opportunity for Financial Scholarship

Are you a high school senior who is a practicing Catholic and member of St. Francis Xavier parish?

Are you planning to attend college in the fall?

Have you taken your Catholic faith seriously and expressed it through Christian service, among other means?

If so, you might qualify for the Father John M. Sebahar Servant Leadership Award. The award of \$500 each will be given to two high school students, one young woman and one young man in the Diocese of Joliet who plan to attend college in the fall. The applicants do not need to be graduating from a Catholic high school or plan to attend a Catholic college.

If you meet the above criteria and are interested in being considered as the nominee from St. Francis Xavier, please contact Penny Giunta **by March 3** at pgiunta@sfxjoliet.org for an application. Only one nominee may be submitted by each parish in the diocese.

The students' essays will be judged by the Joliet Diocese CCW board members. The scholarships will be awarded at Mass on June 1, 2023 at the Blanchette Catholic Center.

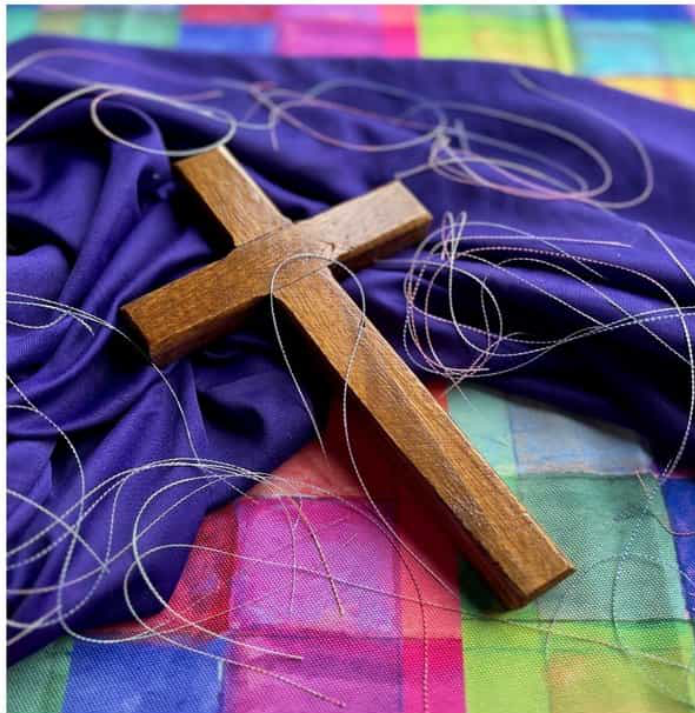
Lenten Reflection Service

Wednesday, March 1 following 6:30 pm Mass
and

Saturday, March 4 following 4:30 pm Mass

Faith, Hope and Love

woven threads in our lives



Knights Corner

- Pancake breakfast 4/2
- Blood Drive 4/16
- Fish Fry Dates: 2/24, 3/3, 3/24, 3/31
- Corned Beef and Cabbage for St. Patrick's Day - 3/17

Weekend of Electronic Recycling

Bins will be located here at the parish on the weekend of **FEBRUARY 25 & 26.**

Recycle your old computers, laptops, networking, servers, cables, adapters, monitors, TVs, radios, peripherals, modems...

BUT,
NOTHING LIQUID
OR
HAZARDOUS

Non-Accepted Items
Beryllium/Radioactive Containing: Smoke Detectors, Medical Equipment, Home Alarm Systems, Hearing Aids, Thermostats, Oscilloscopes, Radiation Equipment, Surveying Equipment, Temperature Instruments, etc.
Containing Liquids or Chemicals: Gas, Gasoline Powered Equipment, Oil, Paint, Pressurized Cylinders, Compressed Gas Tank Cylinders, Liquid/Elemental Mercury, etc.
Freon Containing or White Goods: Refrigerators, Dish Washers, Stoves, Washers, Dryers, Air Conditions, Dehumidifiers, etc.
Hazardous Waste: PCB Ballasts (found in light fixtures), Capacitors (found in x-ray machines), Biological Hazards (mold, bodily fluids, etc.), Ammunition, Crushed Lead Glass, etc.
Materials Contaminated with Mercury: All materials containing Mercury not agreed upon with Account Representative will be considered contaminated (i.e. thermostats, light bulbs, CCFLs, mercury relays etc.)
Materials Contaminated with Batteries: All batteries not agreed upon with Account Representative will be considered as contaminated material and charged as such.
Trash: Wood Cased Electronics, VHS/Cassette/8 Track/Data Tapes, CDs, DVDs, Packaging Material, Clothing, Fabric Cased Materials, Glass, Rubber, Non-Electronic Toys, etc.

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.

***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 Asiyambi via email: bodunrin@comcast.net or phone/text: 779-875-5419



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**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 February 19, 2023



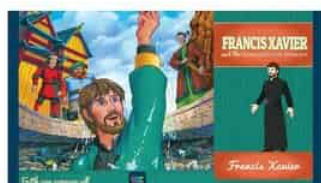
Whole 40: Making a Spiritual Plan for Lent

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



The Spirit and the Desert

Sometimes we might feel like we're stuck in spiritual deserts. In this episode of The Wild Goose, Fr. Dave Pivonka shares how the Holy Spirit is present even in these times of desolation.



Love—Sacrifice—Trust: He Showed Us the Way by Fr. Mike Schmitz

In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Navigating Our Faith: Follow Me!

2023 JDCCS Winter Day of Recollection
February 25, 2023
Our Lady of Peace Darien
9am - 12 pm
for Scouts grade K-12
Learn more at jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org



Our Sunday Offering

Contributions Received 1/30/23 - 2/5/23

Mass Collection

Sunday Offering	\$3,870.00
Blue Envelope	\$855.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$10.00
Latin America	\$10.00
Ash Wednesday (Central & Eastern Europe)	\$35.00

Online Giving

Sunday Offering	\$3,542.00
Blue Envelope	\$315.00
Christmas	\$20.00

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 (7/1/22-1/22/23): \$1,048.98

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

2023 CMAA Rebate Received by the Parish: \$0.00

*Come hear guest,
Father Stephen Dyas,
LC, speak on how to
discern God's voice in
your family life!*

Lenten Parent Talk:

Discernment in Family Life

**7 pm Tuesday
14 March 2023**



*Blessed Family Montessori in the LWC
14911 127th Street, Rooms 121 & 123
Lemont, IL 60439
For directions to the event scan QR code.*

Available Positions Throughout the Diocese

Part-time Religious Education Coordinator - St. Francis Xavier Parish, Joliet

Full-time Business Manager-Immaculate Conception Parish, Morris

2023 Summer Internship - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill

Full-time Manager of Donor Engagement - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill

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