

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 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



On Ash Wednesday I spoke of Lent as a journey and a time for detoxing in the spiritual sense. We all need to declutter to strip away the nonessentials in our lives.

In many ways it was easier when I was a kid. I had a set of school clothes, a set of Sunday and special occasion clothes. We had no television or electronic devices to distract us, so giving up candy or sweet things was the option for Lent.

Today we seem to have numerous options for self-denial and fasting in Lent. I got a guide to fasting last week which I would love to share, but I am not sure of its copyright. It talks of various options like turning off a few apps that we constantly use or picking out just one or two outfits to wear during the week and not being ostentatious.

Donate some of your possessions to charity and reduce your tv and internet time. Increase your faith time by reading the Mass readings for Lent even if you are not able to go to Mass every day. Pray the divine praises when you are tempted to snack and read some religious literature every day.

These are just a few ideas on new ways to fast and avoid distraction during lent. May God, who began the good work in you, bring it to completion this Lent.

Confirmation Class Reminder

Sunday, February 26th @ 6:30PM

Any questions please email Kristin & Tim Laszlo: confirmation@sfxjoliet.org



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 25th

4:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, February 26th

8:30am Mike Notsch

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, February 27th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, February 28th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, March 1st

6:30pm Darlene Thorton

Thursday, March 2nd

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, March 3rd

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, March 4th

4:30pm Andrew Birsa

Sunday, March 5th

8:30am Howard & Rita Bennett

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.

February 26 – Sunday, the First Week of Lent

Genesis 2: 7-9; 3:1-7 * Romans 5: 12-19 * Matthew 4: 1-11

Conquer Your Frustrations

“Again the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.”

Matthew 4:8

Work for the Soul – Share your frustrations with an accountability partner. You’ll feel better when you speak your mind and find out that the other person may have had a similar experience. He or she could have a helpful suggestion you haven’t thought of.

Words from the Heart – *Jesus, please help me accept frustration without getting my buttons pushed. Help me trust you in every situation. Amen.*

February 27 – Monday, the First Week of Lent
Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18 * Matthew 25: 31-46

I Feel Your Pain

***“I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat;
I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink;
I was a stranger, and you invited me in.”
Matthew 25:35***

Works for the Soul – Nobody likes a crisis. We don’t know how we’ll respond when it happens, so be prepared. Have your ‘go to’ friend’s speed dial number. When the worst happens, draw strength from God, who will guide you through the chaos and uncertainty.

Words from the Heart – *Dear God, in times of trouble, I’m hanging on to you. Better yet, I trust that you’ll be hanging on to me. Amen.*

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**February 28 – Tuesday, the First Week of Lent**  
**Isaiah 55: 10-11 \* Matthew 6: 7-15**

## ***Forgiveness Heals***

***“For if you forgive others for their transgressions,  
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”  
Matthew 6: 14***

**Works for the Soul** – Try a simple experiment. Make a fist and hold it tight. After a few seconds, you’ll start to feel the discomfort. Consider what would happen if your fist remained in this position for weeks, months, or even years. That’s what happens with bitterness. The tension is always there. You may want to hurt the other person and get even, but almost without exception, the hurt you do to yourself will be even greater.

**Words from the Heart** – *Dear God, help me bury the hatchet forever, truly forgive, and be free. Amen.*

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March 1 – Wednesday, the First Week of Lent
Jonah 3: 1-10 * Luke 11: 29-32

Choose a Better Life

“They repented at the preaching of Jonah.”
Luke 11: 32

Work for the Soul – On an index card, write down your self-defeating behavior and the price you pay for engaging in it. List the opportunities you have missed because you chose these actions. Now begin to choose healthier alternatives. Put the index card into an envelope, address it to yourself, and mail it in three weeks. Then, contemplate and marvel at how far you’ve come.

Words from the Heart – *Dear God, I need your help to change my behavior and reclaim my power. I promise to do my part. Amen.*

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**March 2 – Thursday, the First Week of Lent**  
**Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 \* Matthew 7: 7-12**

## ***Three Magic Words***

***“Ask, and it will be given to you;  
seek, and you will find;  
knock, and it will be opened to you.”***  
***Matthew 7:7***

**Works for the Soul** – Try saying “I love you” when it’s least expected. If your spouse is used to hearing you express your love when you leave for work in the morning, call again when you get to the office. Pray, during Lent, that the Lord will increase your love to overflowing.

**Words from the Heart** – *Dear God, You are always there to catch me when I fall and listen when I need to talk. I love you! Amen.*

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March 3 - Friday, the First Week of Lent
Ezekiel 18: 21-18 * Matthew 5: 20-26

Resolve to Reconcile

***“Go first and be reconciled with your brother,
and then come and offer your gift.”***
Matthew 5:24

Works for the Soul – If you still live with haunting memories, nagging resentment or even anger, consider talking to a trusted friend, priest, or grief counselor so you can process your feelings. Seek to gain closure. Talk it out. Don't leave things unsaid that need to be said. Resolve to reconcile with your past so you can move on with your life.

Words from the Heart – *Dear God, you understand the sorrow of unfinished business. Help me work through mine so that I may find peace again. Amen.*



March 4 - Saturday, the First Week of Lent
Deuteronomy 26: 16-19 * Matthew 5: 43-48

Love Your Enemies

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”
Matthew 5: 44

Works for the Soul – If you have said or done something offensive to someone, apologize. Ask for forgiveness. Look for opportunities to share a kind word, shake a hand, or offer love.

Words from the Heart – *Dear God, give me great patience and confidence as I attempt to love those who are not very lovable. It isn't easy, but with your help, I can do it. 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. If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a resume and cover letter to the office@sfxjoliet.org, Attn: Fr. Karl.

Knights Corner



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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

Cash and Check accepted
Make checks payable to:
SFX KofC 14283

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- 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

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

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...

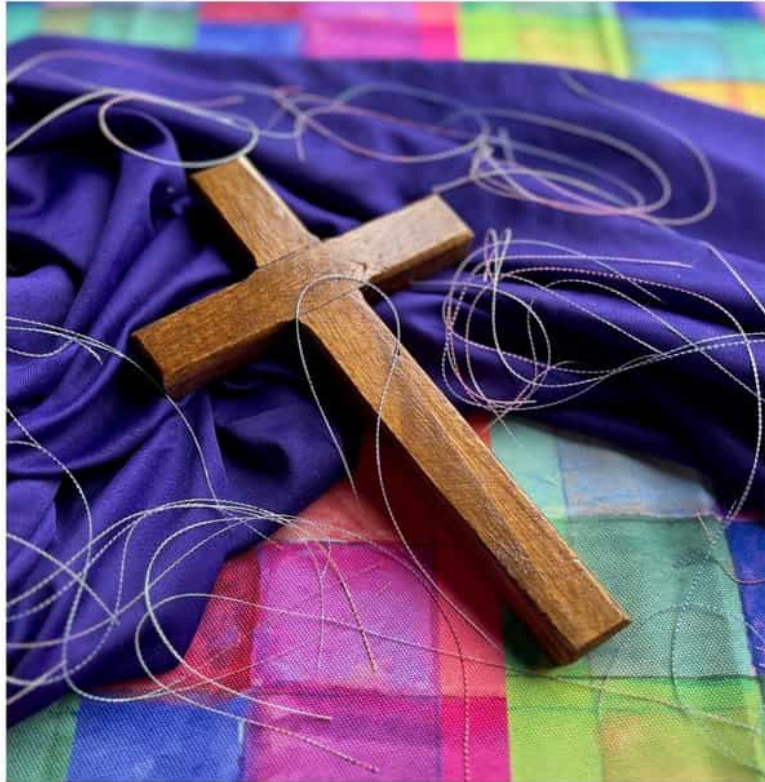
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NOTHING LIQUID
OR
HAZARDOUS

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 Leaded Glass, etc.
Materials Contaminated with Mercury: All materials containing Mercury not agreed upon with Account Representative will be considered contaminated (<u>i.e.</u> 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.

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



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.

sfxjoliet.org

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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SILENT AUCTION and RAFFLE ITEMS:



2 – iFLY Gift Certificates - \$185.00 value (each)
iFLY Indoor Skydiving
1752 Freedom Drive, Naperville, IL.



CUB Tickets – 2 tickets for each game
Section 131, Row 12, Seats 1 & 2 on the aisle
(Electronic tickets will be transferred to the winners by email)
***Saturday, April 8 @ 1:20 pm** (CUBS vs Texan Rangers)
***Thursday, June 29 @ 7:05 pm** (CUBS vs Phillies)
NASCAR Night

Baseball Card King - \$50.00 gift certificate,
Signed football jersey by Mike Singletary,
Signed football jersey by Jerry Rice,
Signed photo by Bobby Hull

Hufendick Farms Market – \$25.00 gift certificate.

Haunted Trails - \$73.00 gift certificate



Kane County Cougars – baseball hats, t-shirts, ball, mug, glass, playing cards, & 20 tickets to VIP Suite for a Game in 2023 Season.



JET Basket – paw-da-graphed book by JET, 2023 JET calendar, dog treats, stuffed animal (JET-like). *Priceless!*



Cat Basket – cat toys and food treats (\$25.00 value)



Dog Basket – blanket, hand painted bowl, toys, and treats.
(\$65.00 value)

Comfy & Cozy Basket – Soft mint green throw blanket, shamrock pillow, scented candle, and bottle of wine. (\$75.00 value)

3 Crystal Vases – filled with \$\$\$ and lottery scratch-off tickets.

Warmies & Wine Baskets

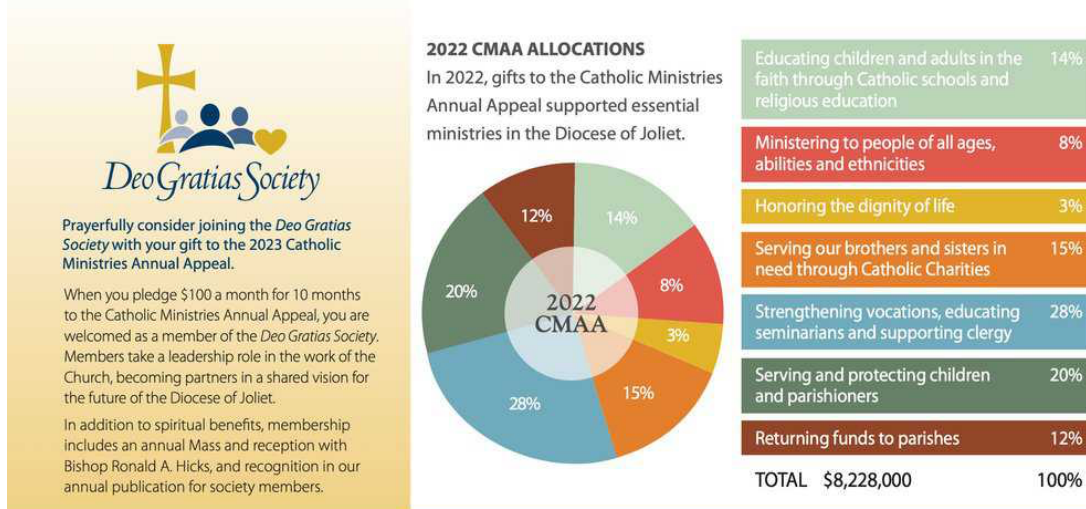


Gift Basket & Certificate to Goldfish Swim School



and many more ...

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2023



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.

****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 or phone/text: 779-875-5419



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to the Priesthood and Religious Life.*



Mark You Calendar
Guests are welcomed!

RSVP by **Mar. 15th** 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: **Sister Therese Ann Quigney, SSFCR**, Provincial Superior - School Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King



DINNER MEETING DETAILS

Monday, March 20, ~ 023
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](#)

Our Sunday Offering

Contributions Received 2/6/23 - 2/12/23

Mass Collection

Sunday Offering \$3,451.00

Blue Envelope \$1,185.00

Ash Wednesday (Central & Eastern Europe) \$20.00

Online Giving

Sunday Offering \$2,557.00

Blue Envelope \$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.

RaiseRight Gift Card Program Earnings (7/1/22-1/22/23): \$1,065.13

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

2023 CMAA Rebate Received by the Parish: \$0.00

Available Positions Throughout the Diocese

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

Full-time Business Manager-Immaculate Conception Parish, Morris

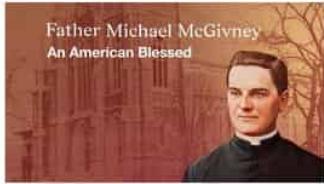
2023 Summer Internship - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill

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

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

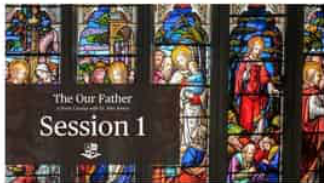
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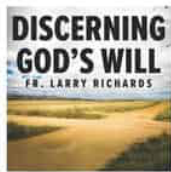
Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.



Session 1: Jesus: Model and Master of Prayer

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.



Discerning God's Will by Fr. Larry Richards

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and GRACIOSA PRESS

*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

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

2023 Lenten Care for Creation Calendar

Created by Laudato Si' Ministries of the Diocese of Joliet

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