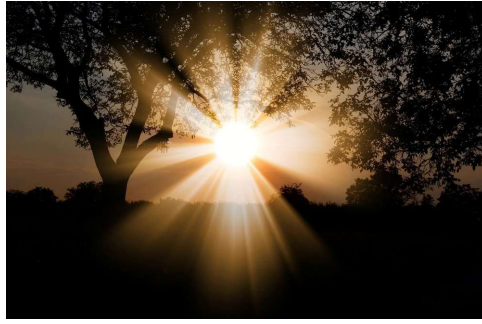


# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



## Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 5, 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*



### **DIOCESAN FORTY HOURS DEVOTION**

Our diocesan church will gather on Feb. 8-10 to celebrate a time of spiritual devotion before the Blessed Sacrament during this diocesan year of the National Eucharistic Revival.

Our Forty Hours Devotion will take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. It will begin each day with a morning Mass and conclude with a prayer service in the evening. Throughout the day there will be silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and at various times during the day there will be communal prayer services.

The basic schedule will be the same each day – morning Mass on Wed., Feb. 8 at 6:30 a.m.; morning Mass on Thurs., Feb. 9 at 8 a.m.; and morning Mass on Fri., Feb. 10 at 8 a.m. With the conclusion of morning Mass and until the 8 p.m. prayer service, the cathedral will be open for individuals to spend time in silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Communal prayer services will take place at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., and will be led by various priests of the diocese, cultural groups, needs groups, school children and diocesan employees. A listing of the prayer service leaders will be sent out soon. After the 8 p.m. service, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed for the day.

We encourage all people to come and reflect in prayer on the wondrous gift of the Eucharist. We encourage parish groups – OCIA process groups, prayer groups, Bible study groups, Council of Catholic Women, Knights of Columbus, women's and men's organizations, young adult groups, high school groups, etc.) to come and spend time together praying for the needs of their parish, their families and their neighbors.

To learn more about the diocesan Forty Hours Devotion, please contact Sister Sharon Stola at the Office of Divine Worship at 815-221-6230 or [sstola@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:ssstola@dioceseofjoliet.org)

May God in his goodness bless our diocese as we enter more deeply into the National Eucharistic Revival.



*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 4th

4:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, February 5th

8:30am Intention of the Celebrant

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, February 6th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, February 7th

9:15am Sam Watson

Wednesday, February 8th

6:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, February 9th

9:15am Michael Gannon

Friday, February 10th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, February 11th

4:30pm Abbott & Dunne Families

Sunday, February 12th

8:30am Intention of the Celebrant

10:00am SFX Parishioners

## *Reflections on the Sunday Readings*

### *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 05 February 2023*

Isaiah 58:7-10. Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. Matthew 5:13-16.

**Being Salty.** In old Roman times, soldiers were paid in salt (it is the root word for “salary”). We are not paid with salt but are told to be salt today. Salt of the earth. Told, not to use “salty” language, but to be seasoned, tasty. We are also told to be light today. Light of the world. Told, not to show the goodness of our deeds, but to let our good deeds manifest the glory of God.

- How will I season, enliven someone’s life today?
  - How will I shine God’s light on some gloom in today’s world?
  - How will doing this mercy work \_\_\_\_\_, show the blessedness of God and Christ and Spirit?
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### *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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@sfxjoliet.org), Attn: Fr. Karl.

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### **Women’s Bible Study Series: The Mothers & Daughters of the Bible Speak**

Elizabeth and Mary both have miraculous paths to Motherhood, each giving birth to men who changed the world forever. Elizabeth, the biological mother of John the Baptist, and a spiritual mother to Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Come and hear how God prepares divine journeys for each of them. Their companionship to each other fortifies them through what must have been complicated times. These very inspiring women offer us insight into our own daily lives. Please join us at St. Francis, in the church basement...

**Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 10:00 AM**





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**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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**MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**  
**2/14/23**

**St. Mary Immaculate**  
**15629 Rt.59**  
**Plainfield, IL 60544**  
**4:30-6p**




The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Mobile Food Pantry delivers healthy food (meat, produce, and non perishable items) to people in need. **No identification or information will be required or collected. This event is open to anyone in-need of food!**

Mobile Food Pantries use a "drive thru" method to distribute food during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please clear space in your trunk or backseat so volunteers can load boxes of food directly into your vehicle.

Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs.  
Mobile Food Pantries take place rain or shine!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS A FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION  
PROVIDING SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN NEED AND CALLING  
OTHERS OF GOOD WILL TO DO THE SAME.**



## ***Knights Corner***

- Tamales are on sale for preorder pick up on Super Bowl Sunday 2/12. Please place your order with the Knights in the Narthex. Orders must be submitted by February 5!



- Super-Bowl Extravaganza is on 2/12 purchase a square for \$10 which is the entry for your family to join us for food and fun!
- 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



## **DIOCESAN FORTY HOURS DEVOTION NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

In celebration of the National Eucharistic Revival year of the Diocese, everyone in Diocese is invited to spend some time in prayer at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet on February 8, 9, 10. There will be silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day and scheduled communal Prayer Services led by various Diocesan Parishes and Groups. Mass times and celebrants are listed below.

### **Wednesday, February 8**

6:30am Very Rev. William Dewan, Celebrant  
11am Led by Rev. Jeff Rath, OSA, St. Jude Church, New Lenox  
2pm Led by the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders, Cathedral of St. Raymond School, Joliet  
5pm Filipino Communities led by Deacon Gerrie Mepin, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Bolingbrook  
8pm Hispanic Communities led by St. Andrew, Romeoville, Rev. Eduardo Flores, Celebrant

### **Thursday, February 9**

8am Rev. John Abulag, Celebrant  
11am Led by Rev. Steven Borello, Diocesan Director of Vocations, St. Raphael Parish, Naperville  
2pm Led by Very Rev. Christopher Groh, St. Bernard Parish & St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Joliet  
5pm Special Needs Communities, led by Rev. John Abulag, Celebrant  
8pm Polish Communities, led by Rev. Andrzej Maslej, S. Chr. Divine Mercy Parish, Lombard and Rev. Tomasz Sielicki, S. Chr., Holy Cross, Joliet, Celebrants

### **Friday, February 10**

8am Most Reverend Ronald Hicks, Celebrant  
11am Led by Diocesan Department of Catechesis & Evangelization, Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill  
2pm Led by Rev. Burke Masters, St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Hinsdale  
5pm African American Community led by Sacred Heart Parish, Joliet Very Rev. William Dewan, Celebrant  
8pm Closing of Forty Hours Devotion led by Most Reverend Ronald Hicks, Celebrant, prepared by Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Darien

EVERYONE IN THE DIOCESE IS ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER COMING TO THE CATHEDRAL DURING THESE THREE DAYS TO JOIN WITH OUR DIOCESAN CHURCH TO CELEBRATE A TIME OF SPIRITUAL DEVOTION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AS WE CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL. WHEN YOU COME TO THE CATHEDRAL PLEASE ENTER BY WAY OF THE FRONT AND NORTH DOORS.

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

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## ***Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes***

Please join His Excellency, Bishop Athanasius Schneider, as well as Fr. Timothy Huffman and Fr. Bradley Greer, of the Diocese of Steubenville, on a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes June 9-18, 2023. Departing from Chicago. Space is limited. For more information, please visit [www.gqhtours.com](http://www.gqhtours.com) or call 1-800-213-4295.

## **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





### 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

## 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.



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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/raiserright](http://sfxjoliet.org/raiserright) for more info



## **Now Offering: Primary (ages 3-6) Program for the 2023-24 School Year!**

Blessed Family Montessori School is dedicated to fully integrating spiritual formation through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and is faithful to the teachings of the Catholic Church and the Montessori philosophy. We desire to walk with parents to best allow the totality of the child's God-given potential to unfold.

Enrollment for the 2023-24 School Year begins this January with openings in both the Primary (ages 3-6) and Elementary (ages 6-12) Programs.

Current openings are available for families interested in immediate placement in the Elementary Program.

Interested? Please contact the school:

**Email:** [admin@blessedfamilymontessori.org](mailto:admin@blessedfamilymontessori.org)

**Call:** (708) 480-2036

**Visit:** [www.blessedfamilymontessori.org](http://www.blessedfamilymontessori.org)

Come visit us during our Open House on January 29th, 2-4pm or join us on a school tour (February 3rd & 17th, March 3rd & 17th, 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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**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](http://jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org)

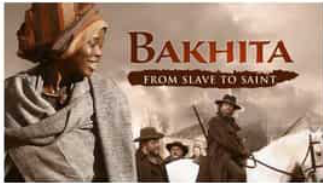
# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of February 05, 2023



## Bernadette

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.



## Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint tells the incredible story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.



## How and Why to Pray the Rosary

As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives!

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 GRACIOSA PRESS



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## STEPPING UP

Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, for a FREE virtual class promoting empowerment, peace, and coping with life during difficult seasons. Meeting virtually on Tuesdays for eight weeks starting January 24th, 10:00-11:30 AM.

More than ever, we need to take care of ourselves and keep moving in a positive direction. Stepping Up is a group that offers support, encouragement, and practical steps to make life feel more manageable. This is a non-judgmental environment to share feelings and gain valuable skills for a better life.

Topics include:

- Living beyond your past
- Coping during difficult times
- Time management
- Goal setting
- Mindfulness
- Budgeting
- Boundaries
- Racial and cultural identity
- Becoming more resilient

Need assistance connecting?

All you need is a device with a camera and microphone and we can help!

**To register, contact Joy Newburn at  
(630) 519-6547 or [jnewburnecc-doj.org](mailto:jnewburnecc-doj.org)**



We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.





## *Our Sunday Offering*

### *Contributions Received 1/16/23 - 1/22/23*

#### Mass Collection

Sunday Offering	\$2,396.00
Blue Envelope	\$578.00
Latin America	\$260.00

#### Online Giving

Sunday Offering	\$3,262.00
Blue Envelope	\$30.00
Latin America	\$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 (7/1/22-1/22/23): \$1006.88**

**2023 CMAA Donations Received by the Parish: \$170.00**

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

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## *Available Positions Throughout the Diocese*

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

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