

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 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



Diocese of Joliet
Office of the Bishop



Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Rd.
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403
www.dioceseofjoliet.org

April 20, 2023

Dear Friends,

This year's national date for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal supports four of the ten dioceses in the United States considered home mission dioceses. The challenges for these dioceses include small Catholic populations, limited financial resources, vast and often difficult terrain and a shortage of priests and religious who impact the vital pastoral ministries.

An example of a beneficiary for this collection is the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of the Eastern Rite that is in full communion with the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church. When war broke out in Ukraine in 2022, one of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchies (Eparchy – as Eastern Rite dioceses are called) in Stamford, Connecticut supported the refugee families' material and pastoral needs.

With support from the Catholic Home Missions, the eparchy was able to adapt and respond to those most in need during the ongoing crisis. The parish appeal, bulletin announcements, and social media tool kit along with other free resources available for you and your staff can be found at: www.usccb.org/home-missions

Please support this essential appeal by mentioning this second collection "Catholic Home Mission Appeal" the weekend of April 29-30, 2023.

Let us all become missionary disciples by strengthening the resources available to those dioceses who benefit from the Catholic Home Missions Appeal and putting our faith into action.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Ronald A. Hicks". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

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 Piwovar
Tom Sagenbrecht
Scott Schwartz
Chester Sobczak
James Talley
Pat Yuretich

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 29th

4:30pm Abbott & Dunne Families

Sunday, April 30th

8:30am Amy Leach

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, May 1st

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, May 2nd

9:15am Frank McCabe

Wednesday, May 3rd

6:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, May 4th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, May 5th

9:15am Kathleen Rinehart

Saturday, May 6th

4:30pm David Willett

Sunday, May 7th

8:30am Sylvia Klepec

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Blessings to our 2023 First Communicants!!

Luke Blackburn
Jacob Boese
Noah Camargo
Brody Dreger
Henry Franzen
Abigail Fuentes
Aubrey Henry
Aubrey Hough
Faelyn Hough
Ava Imfeld
Brandon Martinez
Jameson Murphy
Camden Nelson
Emmett O'Shea



Edwin Carmelo Paez
Benjamin Pollard
Emma Pucher
Olivia Pucher
Matilda Ramirez
Ethan Santos
Mia Scardina
Camila Isabel Sosa
Jacob Stanley
Gabriel Sullivan
Michael Supples
Alaina Urso
Luca Velasco

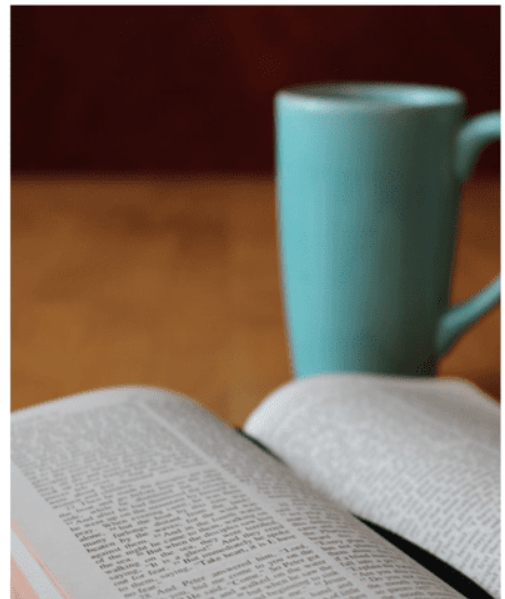
Women's Bible Study: Bathsheba Story

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 10th

@ 10:00 AM



Deacon Vic Conquers the London Marathon!



Springtime Beauty!

Thank you to Liz Helka-Vena and Amy Schwert
for their 'green thumbs' and love of gardening.

Last Fall, they spent several days weeding and cleaning out
the garden area around the Cross on the front patio of the church.
They planted the rainbow of tulips we see today.

THANK YOU Liz and Amy!

We are enjoying the hard work of your labor.
The garden looks beautiful!!!



*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

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.

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



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.








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!**

Staubenville | 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

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.

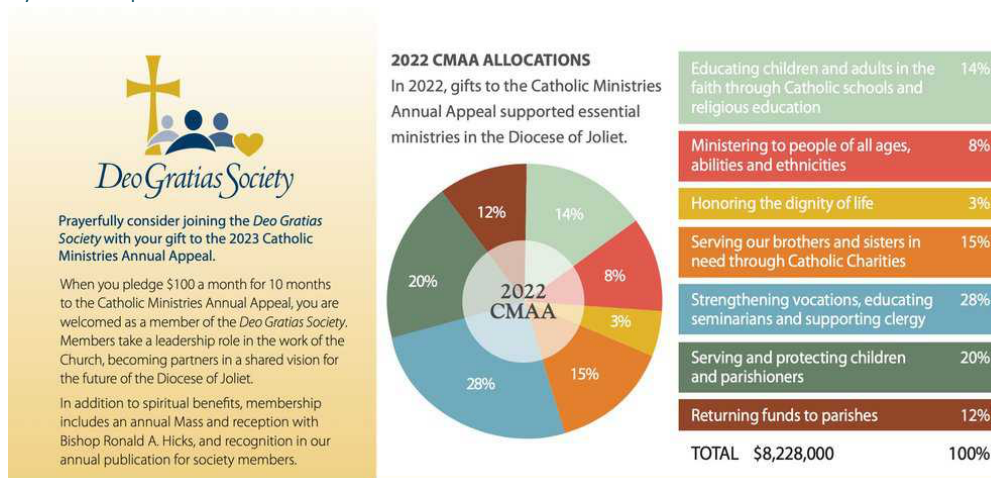
Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2023



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.

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.****

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](#).

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.

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 or phone/text: 779-875-5419



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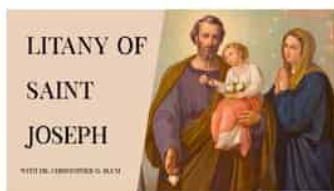
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of April 30, 2023



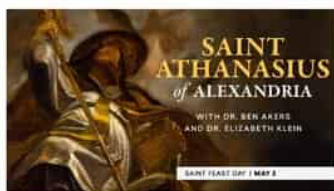
St. Joseph: Old and New (Part 1 of 4)

Join Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers as they comment on St. Joseph and his importance in the life of the Church. In this episode, they reflect on the Joseph of the Old and New Testament.



Litany of Saint Joseph

Join Dr. Christopher O. Blum as he prays the Litany of St. Joseph, asking for his intercession in your life and the lives of your loved ones.



Saint Athanasius of Alexandria | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they discuss the early Church Father, St. Athanasius. A bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Athanasius is remembered as the great defender of the Nicene Creed. He was exiled five times from his own diocese under four different emperors. A great teacher, his writings are accessible to both beginners and experts in theology, writing works that serve different needs in the Church.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Our Sunday Offering

Contributions Received 4/10/23 - 4/16/23

Mass Collection

Sunday Offering	\$2,517.00
Blue Envelope	\$250.00
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$70.00
Easter	\$335.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$23.00

Online Giving

Sunday Offering	\$2,817.00
Blue Envelope	\$60.00
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$25.00
Easter	\$113.00
Easter Flowers	\$20.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$25.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$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.

RaiseRight Gift Card Program Earnings (7/1/22-4/16/23): \$1,288.52

2023 CMAA Donations Received by the Parish: \$23,432.00

2023 CMAA Rebate Received by the Parish: \$0.00



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. For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

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



BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House

May 12, 2023
9:00am - 3:00pm



Day of Reflection for Men & Women

Retreat Leaders: Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ & Rachel Forton

JesuitRetreat.org | 847-381-1261

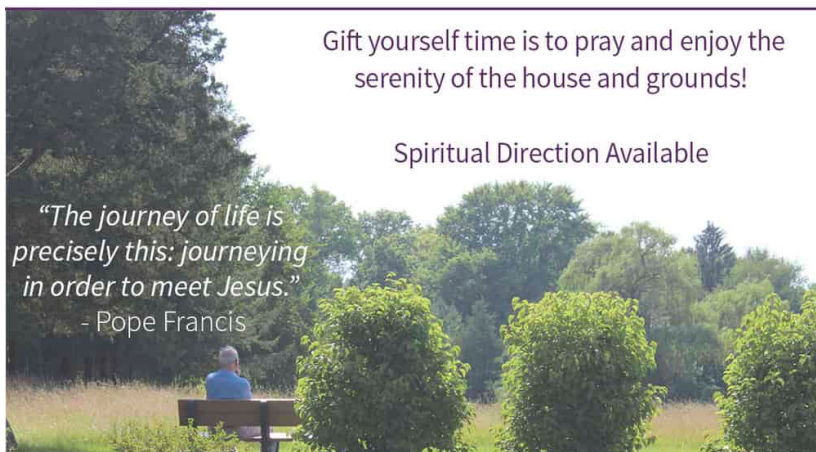
Individually Directed Retreats

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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