St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



The Resurrection of the Lord

April 9, 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

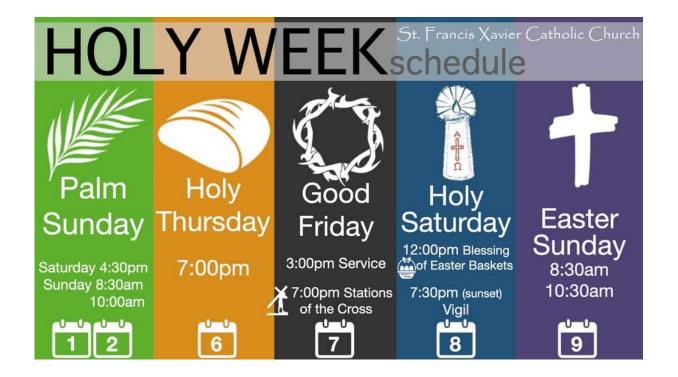
a Message from Our Pastor



When I was a kid at Easter every year most women got a new hat; it was referred to as an Easter bonnet. Many of the styles were unbelievable creations. The women wore them to church and special celebrations. The bonnets were a sign of spring of new life and growth. They put a lightness and newness into people's hearts.

On Easter morning Mary goes to the tomb. She does not recognize the significance of the empty tomb or the folded clothes. Peter and John see the empty tomb with the folded cloth and there is a resurrection moment. All of Jesus' teaching suddenly overwhelms them in a moment of faith. They saw and believed.

I do not know the history of the Easter bonnet, but like so many of our customs it is connected with resurrection and new life. May this Easter put a spring in your step and a lightness in your heart as you come to the realization that the Lord is truly risen for you. Alleluia, alleluia!



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 Delores Wagner Pat Yuretich

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 8th 7:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, April 9th 8:30am Eva Raymond 10:30am SFX Parishioners

Monday, April 10th 9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

<u>Tuesday, April 11th</u> 9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, April 12th 6:30pm Robert & Joan Nielsen

<u>Thursday, April 13th</u> 7:00pm Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, April 14th9:15amIntention of the Celebrant

Saturday, April 15th 4:30pm Abbott & Dunne Families

Sunday, April 16th 8:30am Connie Hatter 10:00am SFX Parishioners





Holy Week 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, <u>Lent 2023, MAKE ROOM FOR</u> <u>LENT by Joe Sica</u>. 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.

<u>April 7 – Good Friday</u> Isaiah 52:13-53:12 * Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 * John 18:1-19:42

The Time to Live Is Now

"Jesus said: 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and died." John 19:30

Work for the Soul – Visit family and/or friends at their final resting place at a cemetery. Share their life stories with others and tell of their goodness and how they helped to make this world a better place.

Words from the Heart – Dear God, my life is a gift from you. Thank you. Amen.

<u>April 8 – Easter Vigil</u> Genesis 1:1-2:2 * Genesis 22:1-18 * Exodus 14:15-15:1 * Isaiah54:5-14 * Isaiah 55:1-11 * Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4 * Ezekiel 36:16-17A, 18-28 * Romans 6:3-11 * Matthew 28:1-10

Do Not Be Afraid

"The angel said to the woman, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen." Matthew 28:5-6

Work for the Soul – Take whatever steps you can to change the circumstances that cause your fear. If you're afraid of being alone, reach out to others and help meet some of their needs. When you sense your heart filling with fear, ask yourself, "What is causing this feeling?" Pinpoint the source and them try to deal with those issues.

Words from the Heart – *Dear God, may your words: "Do not be afraid" ring in my heart always. Amen.*

Wednesday, April 12th @ 10:00 AM









JOLIET, ILLINOIS

USF Welcomes International Speaker Br. Michael Perry for Sustainability Presentation

Joliet, Ill. – The University of St. Francis (USF) welcomes international speaker Br. Michael Perry, OFM, for a special one-hour sustainability presentation to the community on Tuesday, April 25, beginning at 7 p.m. The presentation, Addressing Sustainability: Becoming Partners with Creation for the Sake of the Poor and the Planet, will take place in the Moes/Presidents Room in Tower Hall on USF's main campus, which is located at 500 Wilcox Street in Joliet. Virtual access through Zoom will also be offered.

"Pope Francis told me the only way forward for humanity is for people to abandon the temptation to exercise control over land and peoples and to pursue the path of holiness, the path of becoming saints. That path, said the Pope, that journey, is made by seeking sincere human friendship, fraternity and solidarity. I suggested this is what it [means] to becoming 'Saints.' The Pope told me this is a very good thing to do," Perry said. The presentation is being made possible through the Catholic Franciscan Charism Council and Sustainability Committee efforts, free of charge.

RSVP for the event (both in-person and virtual) no later than April 20th by contacting Arlene Finkle at 815-740-3398 or <u>afinkle@stfrancis.edu</u>.

About Br. Michael Perry, OFM

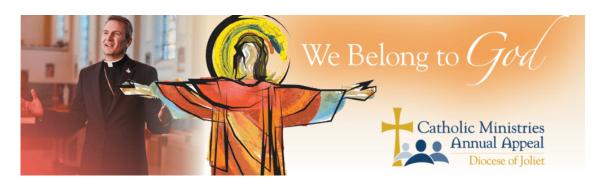
Brother Michael Anthony Perry, OFM, is a Midwestern American Franciscan friar who from 2013-21, served as General Minister of the Order of Friars Minor, the 120th successor of St. Francis of Assisi. Currently, he is the Franciscan Scholar in Residence and Director of the Laudato Si' Center for Integral Ecology at Siena College in New York. Perry also worked at the International Office of Justice and Peace at the United States Conference of Bishops and at Catholic Relief Services, and at Franciscans International, which works on human rights, poverty, peace, and integral ecology at the United Nations. For ten years, Perry also worked in the manner of St. Francis as a missionary in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He also taught cultural theology and global Catholicism at Washington Theological Union in Washington.

St. Patrick Fathers Grand Raffle

St. Patrick Fathers are hosting their annual Dinner Dance Sunday, April 23rd; an early bird drawing (Two prizes of \$5000) will be held that evening for the Grand Raffle. The main draw for the Grand Raffle will take place on June 10th. The grand prize is \$10,000; 6 prizes of \$5,000; & 3 prizes of \$1,000. <u>Grand Raffle Tickets are \$100</u> this year and available for purchase through Fr. Karl. If interested, Dinner Dance tickets are also available for \$65.

Please see Fr. Karl after masses or contact the office by phone: (815) 609-8077 / email: office@sfxjoliet.org for more details on purchasing Grand Raffle tickets.

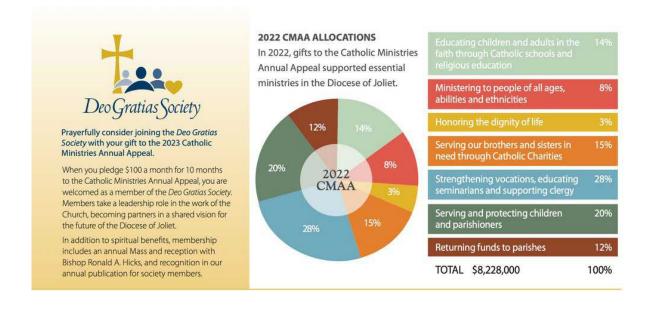
Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2023



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.



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.



Purchase gift cards while helping the parish! Werdys 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



Week of April 09, 2023



Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in a new way with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This video on FORMED includes breathtaking footage of Catholics across the world performing works of mercy and asking God to have mercy on us.



The Necessity of Divine Mercy by Fr. Chris Alar

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life.



Misery Meets Mercy: Saint Faustina

St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His unfathomable mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

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

An offering from the PAUGUSTINT INSTITUTE and Discuss process





Mass Collection

Sunday Offering \$2,953.00 Blue Envelope \$115.00 Easter Flowers \$318.00 Catholic Relief Services \$35.00

Online Giving

Sunday Offering \$3,342.00 Blue Envelope \$70.00 Easter \$25.00 Easter Flowers \$25.00 Catholic Relief Services \$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 (7/1/22-3/26/23): \$1,263.79 2023 CMAA Donations Received by the Parish: \$16,681.00 2023 CMAA Rebate Received by the Parish: \$0.00

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.

WOODRIDGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #5918 PRESENTS DAMIEN

A ONE-MAN PLAY BY ALDYTH MORRIS ~ AN INSPIRATIONAL TRUE STORY

"A brilliant portrayal..."

"A must see for anyone who believes in real heroes."

"Wayne Messmer brings Father Damien to life telling an unforgettable true story of love for one's fellow man."

"Damien is a hero for men and women for all ages. His character is a glowing example of what courage looks like."

"A touching account of a modern day saint that is told with truth and passion."



"The world needs more men of real conviction"

"This performance is highly recommended to anyone who believes in the power of the truth of one voice."

"A theatrical event that I will never forget..."

"I feel as if I actually met Father Damien... and I will always remember him"

"Wayne Messmer delivers a truly amazing portrayal of a truly remarkable man."

WAYNE MESSMER AS FATHER (Saint) DAMIEN, "THE LEPER PRIEST OF MOLOKAI"

Produced by: WPM Productions, Inc.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023 ~ 7:30pm

ST SCHOLASTICA CHURCH 7800 JANES AVE. WOODRIDGE, IL 60517

SCAN THE OR CODE TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS ON-LINE \$30 VIP Reserved Seating (includes Meet and Greet) \$20 Open Seating \$10 Youth (Under 18) Open Seating

Additional Info: Contact Joe Testolin (630) 901-5952



Day of Reflection for Men & Women <u>Retreat Leaders: Fr. Michael Sparough</u>, SJ & Rachel Forton

JesuitRetreat.org | 847-381-1261



Now Enrolling: 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 has begun 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: <u>admin@blessedfamilymontessori.org</u> Call: (708) 480-2036 Visit: www.blessedfamilymontessori.org

Come visit us during our Open House on April 1st, 3-5pm or join us on a school tour on 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.



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

FOUNDED IN FAITH, CALLED TO WITNESS, SENT FORTH TO SERVE

The Diocese of Joliet is preparing to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Announcement of the Establishment of the Diocese. Our Anniversary year will begin on December 11, 2023 and conclude on December 8, 2024. As the people of the Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois we have much for which to be grateful and we are asking every person in our Diocese to enter into the prayer of this celebration.

Thus, we are inviting you to draft a prayer asking God's blessings upon our Anniversary Year and the Diocese. As you pray with the theme of this Anniversary "Founded in Faith, Called to Witness, Sent Forth to Serve" write down your reflections, then use them to develop a prayer text that can be easily prayed aloud in a group setting. The Anniversary Prayer will be translated into the languages used for prayer in the Diocese, so write your prayer in your spoken language.

We encourage all people to spend time in prayer developing our Anniversary Prayer children, teens, young adults, adults of all ages, priests, deacons, religious. Catholic School teachers and Religious Education catechists might make this a class project. Parents might make this a family project. Parish Organizations might also make this a group project.

All prayers should be sent to the Office of Divine Worship via USPS or email by June 1, 2023, and should include name, address, phone number and name of parish or institution. The 75th Anniversary Prayer will be created by the Anniversary Committee using the prayers received from the people of the Diocese.

Should you have any questions please contact Sister Sharon Marie Stola, OSB at the Office of Divine Worship and she will respond to your inquiry.

Office of Divine Worship and the Catechumenate Phone: 815-221-6230 Email: sstola@dioceseofjoliet.org



SERRA CLUB of Dupage County

Fostering and Promoting Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



Mark You Calendar Guests are welcomed!

RSVP by Apr. 19th to: D. Thurman d21thurman@gmail.com or 630-642-2618 Please Denote any Special Dietary Requirements when RSPVing to D. Thurman above. Speaker: Reverand Edward J. Howe, C.R., St. Scholastica Parish in Woodridge, IL



Fr. Ed Howe entered the Congregation of the Resurrection in 1982 where he professed first vows as a Brother on August 15, 1986 after completing his graduate work in Theology and Social Work. From 1988 to 1991 Bro. Ed was assigned to St. Hedwig Catholic Church where he worked with young people, senior citizens and the homeless in the Buck Town area of Chicago. In 1989 after a parishioner was hit by a stray bullet from a gang fight, Bro. Ed brought Buck Town residents together to protest an area drug house and gang operation. The resulting movement called "Drug Free Buck Town" succeeded in shutting down 22 area drug houses over several years. The initiative gained broad media attention and was chronicled in the film "Takin' Back Buck Town". After serving the church as a brother for 22 years, Brother Ed was called

through the inspiration of Cardinal Francis George to study for the priesthood and was ordained as a Priest on August 14, 2010. After ordination Fr. Ed was the Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Morris, IL before being assigned in 2020 to St. Scholastica Parish in Woodridge, IL.

DINNER MEETING DETAILS

Monday, April 24, 2023 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 JOIN US IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM ACCESS:

TBD



Food Sensitivities/Allergies:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/april-15-2023-jeremiah-day-tickets-566613394917, please email the Registration and Parent Permission forms to: vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org

Call the Vocations Office at (815) 221-6171 if you have questions.