

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 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



Bishop Hicks' Column

May 2023:

Calling Joyful Shepherds



This year we will ordain five new priests for the Diocese of Joliet. While this quantity is outstanding, so is their quality. These five men are young, intelligent, faith filled, pastoral and enthusiastic, and they all strive for holiness. They easily could have followed one of many good and exciting career paths offered by the world. Counterculturally, they heard the call of the Lord and responded by choosing to follow the call to the vocation of ordained priesthood.

We are blessed in the Diocese of Joliet to have 23 seminarians studying for the priesthood. However, we cannot rest on our laurels. Encouraging young men to consider the priesthood is the responsibility of the entire people of God.

The question becomes, "How do we invite and encourage others to discern a life to the priesthood or religious life?" Most of us, I hope, feel comfortable praying for vocations and donating to our Seminarian Endowment Fund to help cover the costs of seminarian formation. However, when it comes to proactively inviting others to it, we can become tongue-tied and need help as to what we should say and do.

For that reason, I just recently sent an inspiring little book to all the priests in the Diocese of Joliet called, "*Five Conversations about the Priesthood*," by Father Michael Pratt. Studies show that the local priest is one of the most influential factors for their parishioners discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. This book provides a simple and solid roadmap to intentionally encourage others to discern a priestly vocation.

Father Pratt's book gives five practical ways to talk about the following:

1. Priestly identity.
2. The Eucharist in the priest's life.
3. The Sacrament of Penance.
4. Preaching.
5. Parish priesthood.

While this book is geared to our priests, you might also want to consider reading it. A quick internet search of the title, or a visit to <https://vianneyvocations.com> will provide ordering instructions.

Just about all recently ordained priests throughout the country commonly report one of the reasons they took the

leap of faith to actively discern the priesthood and to enter the seminary is that someone specifically invited them to do so. Just one voice has the power to break through all their doubts, fears and negative messaging about becoming a priest. My hope is that before we approach eternal life, we will be able to name someone specifically that we encouraged to discern the priesthood or religious life.

This may be hard to believe, but there are many parents who explicitly discourage their sons from considering the priesthood. While some parents claim it is because they want grandchildren or because they want their son to pursue a more prestigious profession and make a lot of money, the most common factor for their lack of support is because they think their son will be unhappy as a priest. Most parents' greatest desire is for their children to be happy. If they think that priesthood is the road to unhappiness, then they tend to actively discourage the possibility of it.

Most studies reveal that priests are happy. While there are exceptions to this rule, most of us know many happy and well-adjusted priests. I, for example, empathically declare that as I celebrate 29 years of priesthood, I am happy! I say so without being naïve or sugarcoating the challenges. The priesthood, like all vocations, comes with an experience of suffering. But these moments of the cross also lead us through and to the joy of the resurrection.

In 2010, after completing five-years of living and working in El Salvador, I spoke with Cardinal George in eager anticipation of my next assignment. I clearly remember him saying to me, "Fr. Ron, I am assigning you to Mundelein Seminary to be the Dean of Formation." Quickly brushing off my initial shock, I responded, "Well, thank you for that assignment. You know that I am obedient and will go wherever you send me. However, after spending five years in Central America and becoming fluent in Spanish, why are not sending me to be a pastor in a large, Hispanic parish, and instead sending me to the Major Seminary?" His answer surprised me, "Fr. Ron, you are a joyful priest...and the seminarians need to see your joy."

As we give thanks for our five new priests, please join me in expressing my gratitude to the priests in the Diocese of Joliet. With them, let us all strive to joyfully and intentionally encourage others to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. To learn about priestly vocations and also for ways to encourage them, please go to our website at www.diojoliet.org/vocations or contact our Office of Vocations at 815-221-6171.

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
Jan Turrell
Pat Yuretich

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 27th

4:30pm Eleanor Olsen

Sunday, May 28th

8:30am Kathleen Connell

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, May 29th

9:15am Joan Nielsen

Tuesday, May 30th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, May 31st

6:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, June 1st

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, June 2nd

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, June 3rd

4:30pm John Roach

Sunday, June 4th

8:30am Michael Olsen

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Farewell Gathering for Penny Giunta

Many parishioners are aware that Penny Giunta is beginning a new chapter in her career after 10 wonderful years as our Religious Education Director here at St. Francis Xavier Parish.

The parish staff would like to invite our families to join us at a farewell gathering for Penny (& Joe) on **June 11th after the 10am mass**. There will be a light reception following the 10am mass to give everyone an opportunity to wish Penny & Joe all the best on their next adventure. If you are interested in helping with the reception in any way, please email Kristin: office@sfxjoliet.org or call the parish office: (815) 609-8077.



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.

We welcome all youth from our parish in **Grades K – 8.**

Register through the parish office...815-609-8077.

(The camp is being provided at no cost to parishioners this year. Free-will donations will be accepted for future programs.)



St. Francis Xavier Parish Survey

We would like to invite all adults and teens who have been confirmed to complete our brief parish survey. Please consider participating so your voice is heard! This survey will be available on paper in the church as well online by using the link or QR code. Please only take the survey once, either on paper or online. If you have any questions or concerns, please let Fr. Karl know.

Please use the link below or the QR code
to access the online survey.



Join us Sunday, June 25th at the Parish Picnic!

Location: St. Francis Xavier Church

Time: 11:30am - 4:00pm



Activities: Games, Live Music, Food & Fun

Live music from Vital Signs: 1:30pm -
4:00pm

Food Available: Brats, Burgers &
Hot Dogs (12pm – 1pm)

Drinks Available: Water, Soda,
Beer & Wine

Please bring a dessert to share!



Sign-ups to attend and volunteer available in the narthex.

Please RSVP this week!

Free-will donations will be accepted.

Parish Summer Outing: KANE COUNTY COUGARS

Northwestern Medicine Field




Friday, July 14
6:30 pm

Kane County Cougars vs. Sioux Falls Canaries

Fireworks will follow the game!

We have reserved a suite and buffet treats for our guests.
Reserve your spot today because our reserve seating is limited.



31ST ANNUAL

Back to School Fair

Preparing students from low-income households in Will County for a successful new school year!

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023
2:00PM - 6:00PM
ST. MARY IMMACULATE PARISH
15629 SOUTH ROUTE 59, PLAINFIELD

Participants will drive through to receive school supplies.




Online pre-registration is mandatory and begins on May 23! Please register ASAP as supplies are limited and registration will close once maximum number is reached.

Visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or use the QR code.





If you need help with the online form, please call 815-774-4663.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



You are Cordially Invited!

Diocese of Joliet Grandparents Mass
at the Cathedral of St. Raymond
Celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks
ALL ARE WELCOME!
Date: July 23, 2023, Time: 2:00pm
Please RSVP below - QR Code or
Contact Jessica Kreiter 815-221-6192



"His mercy is From Age to Age" Luke 1:50

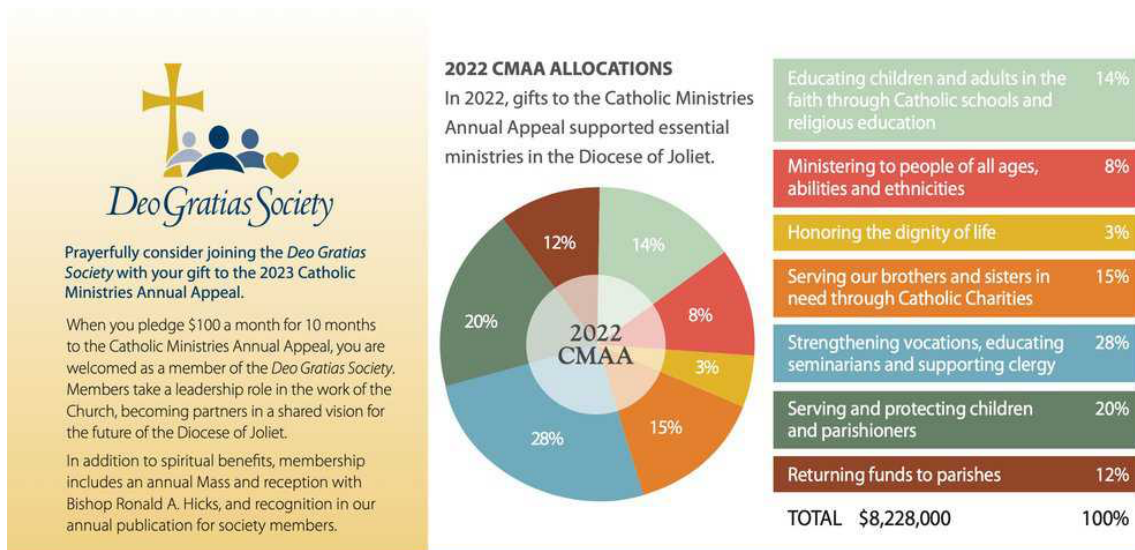
Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2023



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.****

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.



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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

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.

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of May 28, 2023



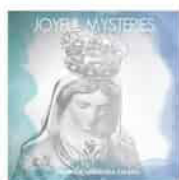
God's Love Poured Out | Episode 1

During the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we remember a fundamental pillar of our Faith: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). This simple statement is the beginning and the ending of our pilgrimage of Faith. In this episode of The Wild Goose, join Fr. Dave Pivonka as he illuminates God's eternal pouring out of Love.



The Journey: Trinity, Faith

The Bible reveals the mystery of who God is: God is love. God created us out of love, died for us out of love, and invites us on a journey of faith in which we live in his love. In this study, we'll look at the God who is Love and how that love shows itself in the Trinity and the Faith.



Joyful Mysteries

As we celebrate the Visitation this week, we invite you to pray the Joyful Mysteries alongside this spoken Rosary set to music. Enter into some of the most joy-filled moments of Our Lord Jesus Christ's life, alongside the Blessed Virgin, through this devotional prayer and accompanying Scripture passages.

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

Our Sunday Offering

Contributions Received 5/8/23 - 5/14/23

Mass Collection

Sunday Offering	\$2,642.00
Blue Envelope	\$285.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$20.00
Ascension	\$10.00

Online Giving

Sunday Offering	\$2,669.00
Blue Envelope	\$55.00

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): \$1,377.44

2023 CMAA Donations Received by the Parish: \$26,163.00

2023 CMAA Rebate Received by the Parish: \$0.00

Available Positions Throughout the Diocese

Financial Analyst & Consultant - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill
Director of Communications - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill
Director of Adult Formation - St. Joan of Arc Parish, Lisle
Manager of Development Communications - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill

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

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QUO VADIS DAYS

Sunday, July 30 – Wednesday, August 2, 2023
Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL

Quo Vadis Days is a 4-day/3-night camp cosponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet and led by the seminarians.

The camp is filled with dynamic talks, small group discussion, prayer experiences, as well as plenty of fun – sports, canoeing, capture the flag, fires and s'mores, and much more.

The camp is open to all 13–18 year old men that want to grow in their relationship with the Lord and learn more about the priesthood.

More information and registration is available at:
chicagopriest.com/events/quo-vadis-days.

Questions? Contact Katie Hazen at
khazen@archchicago.org



River of Healing Love



BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House

July 28–30, 2023

Ignatian, Silent
Weekend Retreat for Adults

A Retreat for the Charismatic Community

Come bathe your heart and soul in the healing waters of Jesus' love. Refresh your spirit as we gather as a charismatic community to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us, our city, our country, our Church, and our world.



Retreat Leaders: Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ and a talented team of other gifted speakers and inspiring musicians to be announced



Scan the
QR Code to
register!



847-381-1261 | JesuitRetreat.org



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*Fostering and Promoting Vocations
to the Priesthood and Religious Life.*

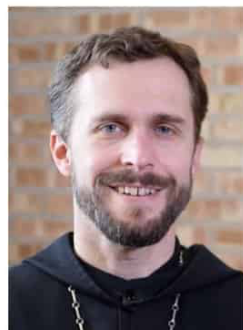
Mark Your Calendar

Guests are welcome



RSVP by June 22nd to: D. Thurman d21thurman@gmail.com or 630-642-2618
Please Denote any **Special Dietary Requirements** when RSVPing to D. Thurman above.

Speaker: **Abbot Austin G. Murphy, OSB,**



DINNER MEETING DETAILS

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
114 S Elizabeth St, Lombard, IL 60148

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

Honor life milestones through an estate plan

Spring is a time when we celebrate significant life milestones like graduations, weddings, and Mother's Day.

One simple way you embrace these milestones and look to new chapters of life with peace of mind is by creating a will. Using FreeWill, you can create your will for free and make a plan that provides for your loved ones, stewards your assets, and honors your faith and values.

Visit FreeWill.com/DioceseOfJoliet to learn more and get started.



WHY DO I NEED A WILL?

Everyone should have an estate plan to support their future and protect what they love. Creating a will is one of the best ways to:

- Protect the people, pets, and communities you love
- Save your family stress and complications by giving exact instructions on how to handle your estate
- Provide lasting support to the ministries you love

HOW DOES FREEWILL HELP?

FreeWill's self-help solutions for common estate planning needs help you create a legal will completely free of charge, and make it easy to create other important estate planning documents so you are prepared for your future. FreeWill can also be paired with an attorney for more complex needs.

If you choose to create a legacy gift in your plans, you can easily add the necessary language in your will to memorialize your gift intentions.

\$7.6B+

Amount of money committed to charities through FreeWill

20 mins

Average time it takes a user to complete their plan

770K+

Number of people who have created estate plans through FreeWill



Scan the QR code or visit
FreeWill.com/DioceseOfJoliet to get started.

FREEWILL

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