



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

2500 Arbeiter Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2015

Mass Schedule

Sunday Obligation
 Saturday4:30 pm
 Sunday8:30am & 10:00 am
 Weekday
 Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday..... 9:15 am
 Wednesday6:30 pm
 Holy Days of Obligation— 9:15 am & 7:00 pm
 Vigil Mass—5 pm

Check bulletin for changes.

Sacraments

Reconciliation
 Saturday 3:30 to 4:15pm and by appt.
 Baptism
 Sunday after 10:00 am Mass.
 Call the office for open dates
 Marriage
 Please call the church office at the
 beginning of your wedding planning
 (at least six months in advance).

Staff

Pastor.....Fr Karl Langsdorf
 DeaconTerry Safko
 Pastoral AssociateSandy Book
 Music Coordinator.....Mark Epling
 Coordinator of
 FCFFPenny Giunta
 SecretaryJackie White
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Jesus said,
 "There is no one who
 performs a mighty deed
 in my name
 who can at the same time
 speak ill of me.

For whoever is
 not against us
 is for us."

Mark 9:39-40

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

As we reflect on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosaries I am reminded of the amount of suffering that is part of our world today. Images come to mind of people fleeing from war and poverty and taking huge risks to try to get to safety. All of us as we journey with Christ need to ask what can I do as a Christian to make our world a more safe and stable place for all of humanity.

1. The Agony in the Garden.

Jesus knows what is ahead and the knowledge of it has him pleading with His Father. "If it be your will let this chalice pass" He is betrayed by a friend and the others sleep while he suffers. He is utterly alone as he faces into his passion. It even seems as if His Father has abandoned him.

2. The Scourging at the Pillar.

Strips of leather and rope and anything that can be added to create suffering are used to scourge the prisoner (Jesus) and no mercy is shown as he is beaten repeatedly. This is what He went through for us.

3. The Crowning with Thorns

On my desk sits a small cross brought back from the Holy Land and beside it are a number of thorns over an inch long which came with it. The thorns used in the crown were not from the thistle or the blackberry but from a shrub . They are very painful. Again part of what Jesus endured

4. The Carrying of the Cross

He has been scourged, crowned with thorns and now he must drag a heavy wooden cross through the city streets and up a hill. The crowds enjoy the scene, They hurdle verbal abuse and probably other objects as well. These are the same people who a few days earlier wanted to make him king. Yes the public is fickle.. any spectacle will get them excited. Along comes Simeon and the poor man is chosen to help carry Jesus's cross. His life is changed utterly.

5. The Crucifixion

Utterly alone, he is executed as a common criminal. Only a few friends and family remain. Even God seems to have deserted him, He dies as the hymn says on a hill far away. All seems lost but it's not the end.

Lord on my journey there are times when I seem to be utterly alone. Let me remember you time on the cross when you cried out and when you were mocked and yet you said "Father into your hands I commend my Spirit". Be with me Lord on my journey in all I do and say.

Pray for me as I pray for you

Fr Karl

coming attractions

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- Sept 26—Reconciliation Class @ 11am
- Sept 27—Blood Drive 9am--1pm
- Oct 3 —1st Reconciliation Class @ 11am
- Oct 4—Catechist Training
- Oct 11—Confirmation Class @ 6:30pm
- Oct 18—FCFF after 10am Mass
- Oct 24—1st Reconciliation Class @ 11am
- Oct 25—FCFF after 10am Mass

CREEKSIDE CARES

Creekside Cares fills backpacks with food every week, delivering them to roughly 190 kids right here in Plainfield School District 202 whose families are struggling to make ends meet at home. St. Francis Xavier is collecting food Oct 3 & 4th to donate to the program. They specifically need canned vegetables, canned fruits, macaroni and cheese, pasta, rice, instant oatmeal, cereals, cereal bars, canned soups, ramen noodles, peanut butter, jelly, hot cocoa, canned pasta sauce, tomatoes, canned pastas (ie: Spaghetti O's), canned chili, beans, canned pasta sauce, canned tuna, canned chicken, and individual snacks such as granola bars, fruit chews, snacks, pudding, applesauce, cookies, crackers, chips, raisins, and cheese and crackers.

Together we can end hunger in our own community. If you would like more information please visit their website <http://creeksidecares.org/> or contact Tom Mulcahy at t1mulcahy@sbcglobal.net



Sunday Sept 27, 9am-1pm



Vocation Raffle , Tickets are \$1 a piece

Fr Langsdorf and Friends,

Thank you so much for your expression of sympathy and support on the occasion of my mother Carla's death. Your sense of compassion meant much to me and my family . I was blessed to have a good mother as anyone could hope for.

As you have promised to pray for my mother and those who mourn her loss, so I will pray for you.

Bishop Dan Conlon



Family Centered Faith Formation after 10am Mass

Oct 18 or 25
Nov 8 or 15

Confirmation Class

Oct 11 — 6:30pm
Nov 15—8:30am

First Reconciliation Class 11am

Oct 3 & 24

First Reconciliation

November 7 10:30am

Catechist Training

Oct 4
Nov 1

Come Join Us for an Afternoon of Adult Faith-Sharing

*On Sunday, October 18
from 4:00p .m.- 6:00p .m.*

Registration for this gathering is needed.
Please sign-up before October 5.

A \$10.00 offering is asked of each participant
to cover the cost of their book

K of C Auxiliary

is in need of volunteers for

**Halloween Happenings on October 24,
Holiday Bazaar on December 5& 6,
Easter Egg Hunt on March 26,**

All volunteers in 8th gr –and up are welcome
to contact Karen Johnson for more details
at krea4@comcast.net

Without volunteers we will not be able to continue
these free events

Proud to be Catholic

As a visual expression that we are all part of the continuing story of the Catholic Church, each family is invited to illustrate a 2” x 2” ceramic tile that will become part of a large cross which will be hung in the lower level of the Church. The tiles will be available for you to take from the narthex on September 13. You’ll need to return your tile by the end of October. There are a limited number of tiles that can fit in the cross so.....first come, first serve

Questions?? Email Penny: penny@st-francis-xavier.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;

Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;

Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;

Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9;

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37;

Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11;

Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

WELCOME or MOVING

Welcome to all who join us for the celebration of the Mass, to all visitors, long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you would like to register as a parishioner, please call the parish office (815-609-8077) or complete the gold registration form found in the narthex.

If you are moving and need to make changes to our records, please fill out the form to the right and place it in the offertory basket or mail to the Parish Office .

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Date _____

()New Address ()New Phone #

()Moving, please remove from membership list.



Choir Members Needed

Adult Choir Rehearsals are
Thurs. 7:10-8:30pm
Adult Choir sings 2-3 times a month
at 10am Mass

Children's Choir Rehearsals are
Thurs 6-7pm
Childrens Choir sings once month at 10am Mass

If you play a musical instrument proficiently, you are invited to share your gifts periodically in the music during Mass.

For more information about the choirs, volunteering as a cantor or playing a musical instrument, see or contact parish music director, Mark Epling.

(815-254-3263) mark.epling@sbcglobal.net

Love and Laughter

The Inter-parish Marriage Enrichment Team (IMET) will present its 8th annual marriage enrichment conference on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 9:00am – 3pm at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Naperville. Ted Cunningham, our engaging speaker, will give couples practical ways to enjoy their married life together, how to make the most of each day and how to better communicate. This light and entertaining event will be full of love and laughter. The ticket price is \$25 per person. Tickets will be sold in the Narthex after all Masses on Oct. 3/4. Information can also be obtained and tickets purchased on the website at www.imetevents.org. For more information see the Marriage Enrichment section of the Holy Spirit website.

Manna News

We have a variety of manna cards available for purchase after each weekend Mass. It just takes a few moments to stop by the manna desk. Our friendly volunteers will be happy to help you with your purchase. We have gas cards for use at BP, Shell and Speedway. We all buy gas, so why not use a manna card. This is a very easy way to provide our parish with extra money. We accept cash or checks payable to St. Francis Xavier. Thank you for supporting this program.



Mass Intentions

Saturday Sept 26, 4:30pm Richard Walt
Sunday Sept 27, 8:30am Lederer Family
Sunday Sept 27 10:00am St Francis Xavier Parishioners

Monday Sept 28, 9:15am Intention of the Celebrant
Tuesday Sept 29, 9:15am Intention of the Celebrant
Wednesday Sept 30 6:30pm Kristen & Tim Laszlo
Thursday Oct 1, 9:15am Intention of the Celebrant
Friday Oct 2, 9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday Oct 3, 4:30pm St Francis Xavier Parishioners
Sunday Oct 4, 8:30am Dorothy Zalud
Sunday Oct 4, 10:00am St Francis Xavier Parishioners

TUESDAY
EVENING
5—8 p.m.



THURSDAY
MORNING
9:45—10:45

Mass Schedule for October 3 and 4, 2015

	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
GREETERS	Woods Family	Lyznicki Family	GREETERS NEEDED
LECTOR	Kathy Thoman	Sharon Teeling-Supple	Dan Schwert
MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Bill Thoman Chuck Ritli	Deacon Liam & Mary Abbott	Deacon Bob Thies Sr Monica Sesko/ Sr Nancy Gannon
SERVERS	Dulce Maria Lara	Logan Simek AS NEEDED	Julia Schwert Sarah Markun
MANNA HELPERS	Mary Kaffer	Jim Thomas Sheila Genevich	Marilyn Watson

Our Sunday Offering

September 13, 2015

Envelopes used: 140 \$4836.00
Loose Currency: \$ 841.00
Total: \$5677.00

Sept. Blue Envelopes Total \$807.00

Approximate number of Registered Families 451

Thank you for your generosity!

For your heart will always be where your riches are. Matthew 6:21..



Please pray for . . .



James M. Venditti	Bill Allen
Jackson Allen Curtis	Enro Balogh
Mary Lynn Curran	Janice Binkus
Alexi McClintock	Rita Von De Bur
Steven Obremski	Joe Lopez
Michael Mahaney	Marjorie Mueller
Kathy Rinehart	Paula Beneshunas
Terry Stanley	Lois Steenhoff
Agnes Badar	Bishop J. Imesch

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The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the Lord is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

— *Psalm 19:*

OFFICE /STAFF INFORMATION

Office Hours:

Monday & Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Tuesday 8:30am to 3:00pm

Friday 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Office closed on Wednesday

Telephone.....815/609-8077 Fax.....815/609-8078

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Pastor.....Rev. Karl Langsdorf
frkarl@st-francis-xavier.com

Deacon.....Terry Safko

Pastoral Associate.....Sandra Book
Religious Education/FCFFCoordinator.....Penny Giunta
Secretary.....Jackie White
Sacramental Preparation: ..Sister M. Gesuina Bongiorno, O.S.M.
Confirmation Preparation.....Mike & Gaylene Oesterreich
Music CoordinatorMark Epling
Daybreak Coordinator.....Caryl Hayes
cl.hayes@att.net/815-263-9584
Bulletin Coordinator.....Kathleen Thoman
Webmaster.....webmaster@st-francis-xavier.com
Youth Minister.....Kristen Beneshunas

PARISH REGISTRATION: All Catholics are expected to register in their parish . We encourage you to register through the simple process of picking up the form in the back of church or by telephoning the office and complete the simple questionnaire.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:(Family Centered Faith Formation) Registration takes place from May through August. Classes begin in September and are held twice a month on Sunday after the 10:00 am Mass.

PARISH MINISTRIES: If you would like to join one of our parish ministries (lector, Communion minister, catechists, etc.) please call the office for details.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is held on Tuesday from 5-8p.m. and on Thursday after the 9:15 am Mass until 10:45a.m.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS:

We are delighted to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism & Marriage within our parish for registered families. If you have any questions, please contact our parish office, 815-609-8077

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION:

Reconciliation: Confessions are every Saturday of the month from 3:30 to 4:15 pm and by appt..

Baptisms: Are celebrated on Sunday after the 10:00 am Mass. Call the church office for open dates .

Marriages: Please contact the parish office at the beginning of your wedding planning to check if your wedding date is available and to start the marriage preparation process. A minimum of six(6) months in advance of your wedding date is a requirement of the Joliet diocese. Weddings are celebrated at Noon or 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Quinceanara—Must contact the parish 3 months prior to the requested date

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults): For adults interested in becoming Catholic, RCIA prepares them to receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. Adult Catholics in need of Confirmation are also invited. The formal program meets weekly from October through May.

Bulletin Inserts: If you plan to insert flyers in the Sunday bulletin, please call the parish office on the prior Monday for approval and scheduling

Please submit all articles for the bulletin in writing no later than noon on Mondays. You may fax (815/609-8078) or email (office@st-francis-xavier.com) your article AS AN ATTACHMENT.