



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

2500 Arbeiter Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

First Sunday of Advent November 29, 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 & 6:30 pm
 Vigil Mass—6:30 pm

Check bulletin for changes.

Sacraments

Reconciliation
 Saturday 3:30 to 4:15pm,
 Wednesday 5:45 to 6:15pm 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
 FCFEPenny Giunta
 SecretaryJackie White
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*Be vigilant
at all times*



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**A Message
from the
Pastor**



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week our parish mission begins. It has been awhile since there has been a mission and my hope is that you will take a little time out of your busy lives to pray a little and reflect on what has been happening in your life.

There will be two sessions every day 9.15 Mass in the Morning and 6.30 pm in the evening. There will be time for confessions and time for meeting Fr Michael.

As a parish we are been offered this opportunity to “come away and pray”. Jesus went away to a quiet place to be with His Father and to reflect on his ministry. He was as it were recharging the batteries so that he could continue to function. All of us need to do this if we are to continue to live as Christians. We need to pray and we need to reflect.

Nov 30th Monday’s Theme is GOD: Source of Love

Dec 1st Tuesday’s Theme is JESUS: Instrument of Love

Dec 2nd Wednesday’s Theme is CHRISTIANS:
Participants of Love

This is a unique opportunity to take time for renewal and prayer. Please try to come to one of the sessions every day and renew your life and the life of the parish

Christ be with me, Christ before me Christ in my waking and in my sleeping. Christ be with us as we journey together in Faith.. Let the Journey continue.

For more information call us 815 609 8077 or look at the Bulletin insert.

Pray for me as I pray for you,

Fr Karl

**coming
attractions**

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Nov 30-Dec 3-Parish Mission
Dec 5&6-Holiday Bazaar
Dec 5&6-Creekside Cares
Dec 6—Catechist Training
Dec 7-Parent Support Group @ 7pm
Dec 6—Confirmation Class (7:30 Mass only)
Dec 8-The Immaculate Conception Holy Day
Dec 13-FCFF after 10am Mass & Nativity Pageant
Dec 25-CHRISTMAS

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 12/5 & 6 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 tmulcahy@sbcglobal.net

Parent Support Group

December 7, at 7pm
Free confidential support group for parents.
Lower Level of Church

Parish Mission

November 30,—December 2,
Monday through Wednesday
Mass and Reflection
9:15am and 6:30pm (repeat of morning)

*The Light
To
Brighten
Your
Christmas*

**Advent by Candlelight
Sunday, November 29, 2015
1:00pm**

Join with friends and neighbors on this is a special afternoon for women to reflect on how we can ready our hearts for Advent and the coming of the Christ Child. Reflect on a personal message given by Sr. Gesuina. Share delicious snacks around decorated tables, illuminated by candlelight while experiencing seasonal music and song, fellowship, and prayer.
Registration forms available in the Narthex.



Family Centered Faith Formation after 10am Mass

**Dec 13
Jan 10 & 24**

Confirmation Class

**Dec 6 (7:30pm Mass only)
Jan 24 at 8:30am**

**Catechist Training
December 6,**

*Welcome
to Our New Parishioners ...*



**Robert & Gianna Cantore
and son Dominick**

*We're happy you have decided to take
this journey with us!*



The Knights of Columbus

are selling their Beef Raffle tickets after all the masses. 1st prize is a quarter of a steer, 2nd prize is a \$50 Manna card and 3rd prize is a \$25 Manna card. Tickets are \$5 a piece and only 300 will be sold. Drawing will take place on Sunday, December 6th at the Ladies Auxiliary Holiday Bazaar. Also, during the month of November, the Knights will be taking orders for fresh Christmas Wreaths and Poinsettias. Pickup will be the weekend of December 5th and 6th. Please visit the Knight's table in the Narthex after all the masses.

Immaculate
Conception



**The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**December 8, 2015
Is a Holy Day of Obligation**

**Vigil Mass on Dec 7, at 6:30pm
Holy Day Mass Dec 8, at 9:15am
6:30pm**

Hat, Mittens & Scarves

This year we will be collecting mittens,, hats and scarves to donate to Sacred Heart Parish in Joliet. Please bring your donations to church no later than the weekend of Dec 12 & 13. There will be a box in the vestibule for you to leave your donations, Thank you for your generosity; the need is great.

The Nativity Pageant

If your child would like to participate in the Pageant, It will take place on Dec 13 at FCFF and again at the 4:30pm Christmas Mass . Practice will be on Wed., Dec 9 at 7pm. Please contact Penny Giunta at penny@st-francis-xavier.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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.

Make a dent in your holiday list, enjoy some delicious baked goods, and spend time with your fellow SFX parishioners at the

8th annual SFX Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 5th (10am - 6pm) and Sunday, December 6th (9am - 1pm).

This free event will be in the SFX lower level, with over 30 vendors featuring homemade crafts and delicious baked goods. Mark your calendar **now**, so you won't miss out on this wonderful event!

*** Please lend a hand and donate a baked item to help our cause ***

Don't forget...ONLY 25 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

Manna Reminder

The holidays will be here before we know it. Please keep manna cards in mind when planning your parties and dinners. We have Jewel, Mariano's, Meijer and Wal-Mart available. You can use manna cards when doing your Christmas shopping or use them as gifts. A large variety of \$10 cards are in stock. They are good for gifts for teachers, the mailman, the babysitter or anyone. Stop by the manna table today.



Mass Intentions

Saturday Nov 28, 4:30pm St Francis Xavier Parishioners
 Sunday Nov 29, 8:30am Vic & Mary Satala
 Sunday Nov 29, 10:00am St Francis Xavier Parishioners
 Monday Nov 30, 9:15am Robert McKay
 Tuesday Dec 1, 9:15am Don Long
 Wednesday Dec 2 6:30pm Intention of the Celebrant
 Thursday Dec 3, 9:15am Peter & Aiden
 Friday Dec 4, 9:15am Intention of the Celebrant
 Saturday Dec 5, 4:30pm St Francis Xavier Parishioners
 Sunday Dec 6, 8:30am St Francis Xavier Parishioners
 Sunday Dec 6, 10:00am Mrs Carla J. Conlon

Care Companions

Anyone interested in being a Care Companion (driving, sitting with or running light errands) for parishioners who are going through cancer treatments.

Please contact Sandy Book at 815-474-4896

Several of the families could use temporary assistance

TUESDAY EVENING
5—8 p.m.



THURSDAY MORNING
9:45—10:45

Mass Schedule for December 5th and 6th, 2015

	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
GREETERS	Arce Family	Asiyanbi Family	Churnovic & Wolcott
LECTOR	Terry Woods	Sharon Teeling-Supple	Ken Weber
MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Cathryn Woods Judy Burzinski Jill Hill EM NEEDED	Deacon Helen Kopycinski Robin Fabek Sharon Yee EM NEEDED	Deacon Bob Thies Sr Nancy Gannon Sr Monica Sesko Gale Gawlik
SERVERS	AS NEEDED AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	Logan Simek Christian Supple TJ Johannessen	Sarah & Hannah Markun AS NEEDED
MANNA HELPERS	Mary Kaffer	Jim Thomas Sheila Genevich	Marilyn Watson

Our Sunday Offering

Check Next Week for November 14 & 15 Offerings

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 . . .



Paula Beneshunas
Terry Stanley
Erno Balogh
Bill Allen

Anna Lopez
Agnes Badar
Larry Formella
Ron Stajkowski



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First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2015

I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.

— *Jeremiah 33:15*

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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Deacon.....Terry Safko

Pastoral Associate.....Sandra Book
Religious Education/FCFFCoordinator.....Penny Giunta
Secretary.....Jackie White
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Confirmation Preparation.....Mike & Gaylene Oesterreich
Music CoordinatorMark Epling
Daybreak Coordinator.....Caryl Hayes
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Bulletin Coordinator.....Kathleen Thoman
Webmaster.....webmaster@st-francis-xavier.com

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 from 3:30 to 4:15 pm , Wednesday from 5:45 to 6:15 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.