



# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

2500 Arbeiter Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

## Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2015

### Mass Schedule

Sunday Obligation  
Saturday .....4:30 pm  
Sunday .....8:30am & 10:00 am  
Weekday  
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday..... 9:15 am  
Wednesday .....6:30 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.

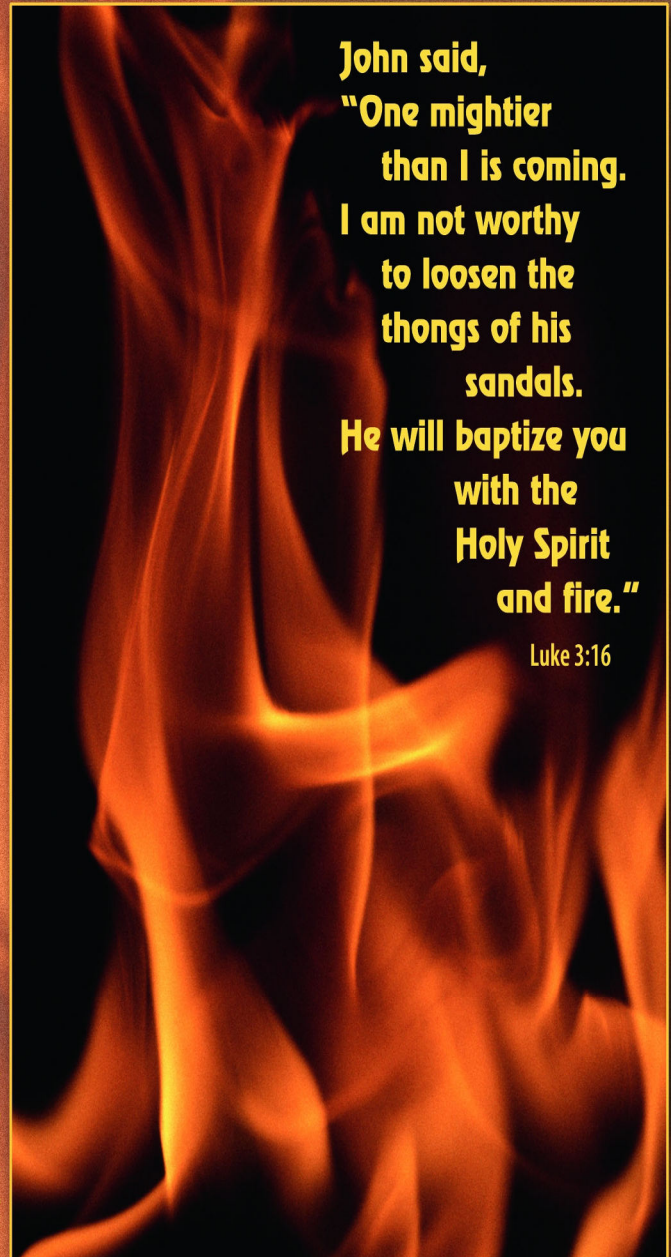
Baptism  
Sunday after 10:00 am Mass.  
Call the office for open dates

Marriage  
Please call the church office at the  
beginning of your wedding planning  
(at least six months in advance).

### Staff

Pastor.....Fr Karl Langsdorf  
Deacon .....Terry Safko  
Pastoral Associate .....Sandy Book  
Music Coordinator.....Mark Epling  
Coordinator of  
FCFF .....Penny Giunta  
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John said,  
"One mightier  
than I is coming.  
I am not worthy  
to loosen the  
thongs of his  
sandals.  
He will baptize you  
with the  
Holy Spirit  
and fire."

Luke 3:16

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**A Message  
from the  
Pastor**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope all of you who attended the parish mission enjoyed it. Fr Michael was very happy as he went back to Chicago Thank you for taking time out to reflect and journey in a different way.

In today's Gospel we hear the story of the Annunciation. It is a reminder that the Savior is near. Advent is a time of preparation of anticipation. For those of us who grew up in a different time a different place that sense of anticipation is often spoiled by the celebration of Christmas that takes place before the event. I remember my first Christmas here many years ago and the disappointment when on the day after Christmas I saw trees and lights in the alley and the Christmas music had stopped. For me growing up in a different place and time I was allowed to have that sense of anticipation and then enjoy the celebration that went on for the twelve days after Christmas.

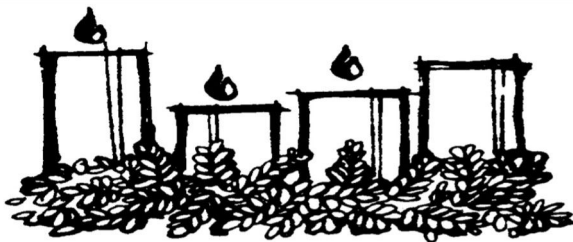
The Annunciation reminds us that a mother has to wait for the Child. Advent is about waiting and watching, anticipating the lighting of every candle over the four weeks preparing the way of the Lord. We listen as John the Baptist the voice in the wilderness challenges us, we wait with Mary and we journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Like life advent is a journey to and with the Lord. Hopefully we can find a little time to slow down and reflect on the wondrous things that are happening and realize we are being called to journey with Mary and Joseph and then celebrate with Joy His coming at Christmas and then as a Christian continue to celebrate through the twelve days to his Epiphany. As we light the pink candle today we know the Lord is near. Let us continue to journey and pray together as we await his coming.

Pray for me as I pray for you,

Fr Karl

**Blessing of Oplalki**

**On December 13, at 10am Mass  
Suggested donation \$3.00**



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**coming  
attractions**

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**Dec 13-FCFF after 10am Mass & Nativity Pageant  
Dec 25-CHRISTMAS  
Jan 10-FCFF after 10am Mass  
Jan 24-FCFF after 10am Mass  
Jan 24-Confirmation Class at 8:30am  
Jan 31-Catechist Training**

**RITE OF OPENING THE DOOR OF MERCY  
IN LOCAL CHURCHES**

*On December 13, 2015 (Mass texts are from the Third Sunday of Advent, Year C)*

Rite of Introduction in the Stational Church

Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Acclamation of Praise

Exhortation

Prayer (cf. MVNO, Reconciliation, 2)

Proclamation of the Gospel (Luke 15:1-7)

Silence

Recitation of the Bull of Indiction (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 1-3)

Procession into the Cathedral

*Bishop places incense in thurible*

Thurifer

Deacon with decorated processional cross (with candle bearers)

Deacon with Book of the Gospels

Bishop

Priests

Faithful

*Meanwhile, the people and choir sing Antiphons, Psalm 25, 86, or Litany of the Saints*

Opening of Door

*Bishop stops at main door (sings/recites Ps 55<sup>2</sup>:5<sup>3</sup>)*

*Deacon hands Book of Gospels to Bishop*

Antiphon (John 10:9)

*Bishop walks through with Book of Gospels*

*When Bishop reaches the altar, he places the Book of Gospels upon it*

**Retirement Fund for Religious**

**It is time once again, for the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please join me in heartfelt support of the 2015 appeal scheduled to take place on December 12-13, 2015**

**Your efforts are vital to its success.**



**Family Centered Faith Formation after 10am Mass**

**Dec 13  
Jan 10 & 24**

**Confirmation Class**

**Jan 24 at 8:30am  
Feb 14,**

**:  
Catechist Training  
Jan 24**

**K of C Ladies Auxiliary**  
**All women of our parish are invited  
to our next meeting January 19, in the lower level of  
the church.**

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Dec 24th-4:30pm & 12:00am  
Dec 25th-10:am & 12:00pm**

**New Year's Mass Schedule**

**Dec 31st-4:30pm  
Jan 1st-10:00am**

**Notice**

**For those of you interested in the Jubilee  
Pilgrimage to Italy and Rome Please take  
one of the forms in the Narthex and fill it  
in or mail it to the Travel Agency**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;  
Mt 21:23-27**
- Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;  
Mt 21:28-32**
- Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14;  
Lk 7:18b-23**
- Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;  
Mt 1:1-17**
- Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;  
Mt 1:18-25**
- Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25**
- Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45**



**The Knights of Columbus**

**invite you to our annual Breakfast with St. Nick on  
Sunday, December 20th from 8 until 11:30 am. Our  
famous sausage, all you can eat pancakes, fruit cup  
and beverage for only \$5 a person, \$20 maximum for  
a family. All proceeds will go to benefit the La Salle  
Veterans home. Last year we raised \$500 that truly  
brought a smile to our nation's veterans. Please help  
us to exceed last year's total. Please invite your  
friends, neighbors and families and leave the cooking  
to the Knights**

**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.

### Parent Support Group

January 4, at 7pm

Free confidential support group for parents.  
Lower Level of Church

### Manna News

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. Our volunteers will be happy to help you.

### 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 FCFE 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



### Mass Intentions

Saturday	Dec 12,	4:30pm	St Francis Xavier Parishioners
Sunday	Dec 13,	8:30am	Abbott & Dunne Families
Sunday	Dec 13	10:00am	Stan Markun
			Advent by Candlelight
Monday	Dec 14,	9:15am	Intention of the Celebrant
Tuesday	Dec 15,	9:15am	Intention of the Celebrant
Wednesday	Dec 16	6:30pm	Intention of the Celebrant
Thursday	Dec 17,	9:15am	Dorothy Brown
Friday	Dec 18,	9:15am	Peter & Aiden

Saturday	Dec 19,	4:30pm	St Francis Xavier Parishioners
Sunday	Dec 20,	8:30am	Deceased Mbrs of Giancarlo Family
Sunday	Dec 20,	10:00am	Fr Richard Best

TUESDAY  
EVENING  
5—8 p.m.



THURSDAY  
MORNING  
9:45—10:45

### Mass Schedule for December 19th and 20th, 2015

	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
<b>GREETERS</b>	Woods Family	Lyznicki Family	Revis Family
<b>LECTOR</b>	Elizabeth Kingsbury-Pucas	Kathy Thoman	Dan Schwert
<b>MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Deacon Judy Burzinski Dave & Laura Schindel Lourdes Arce	Deacon Bob & Barb Spalo Robin Fabek Carole Angarola	Deacon Sr Nancy Gannon Sr Monica Sesko Dave Guglielmi Sharon Yee
<b>SERVERS</b>	Joel Arce TJ Johannessen AS NEEDED	Logan Simek AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	Julia Schwert Mikaylah Boulds AS NEEDED
<b>MANNA HELPERS</b>	Mary Kaffer	Jim Thomas Sheila Genevich	Marilyn Watson

## Our Sunday Offering

November 22, 2015

Envelopes used: 115	\$3015.00
Loose Currency:	\$ 681.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3696.00</b>
November Blue Envelopes Total	\$1915.00
Catholic Campaign	\$ 528.00

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 . . .*



Paula Beneshunas  
Terry Stanley  
Erno Balogh  
Bill Allen

Anna Lopez  
Agnes Badar  
Larry Formella  
Ron Stajkowski



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Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 2015

With joy you will draw water  
at the fountain of salvation.

— *Isaiah 12:3*

### OFFICE /STAFF INFORMATION

#### Office Hours:

Monday & Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Tuesday 11:30am 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.....Vic Puscas  
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 Coordinator .....Mark Epling  
Daybreak Coordinator.....Caryl Hayes  
cl.hayes@att.net/815-263-9584  
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.