



# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

2500 Arbeiter Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2016

### 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—6:30pm

Check bulletin for changes.

### Sacraments

#### Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 to 4:15pm,

Wednesday from 5:45 to 6:15 pm 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

Secretary .....Jackie White

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**A Message  
from the  
Pastor**



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once again we stand at the gate of the New Year. Like all new things it has promise and hope, but is there hope for those resolutions that we make. Is there hope for peace in our world? I would say that there is more hope for peace in the world than some of the resolutions I have made. This year I hope and pray that I can be a good pastor and friend.

We have many things planned for the year ahead. In February Deacon Vic runs in the New Orleans Marathon and is looking to you for sponsorship to help the parish build a rectory. During lent we hope to have a few fish fries. On April 29th we are planning a Dinner Dance and grand raffle to raise funds for the rectory and to pay down some of the debt. My hope is that though these and many other events we will lay a foundation for a rectory but also for a stronger faith community.

I can have all the hopes and resolutions I like but without you they are pipe dreams.

Thank you for the help and support you have given me; for the grace filled moments; for the laughter and tears. All have made my life more fulfilling.

As we journey together this year May we see the first fruits of a rectory rise above the ground, but above all may we journey as a family whose faith is built on a sure foundation. "By this shall all know that you are my disciples I you love one another" Let the journey continue May God bless and protect you on this journey Happy New Year.

Fr Karl

### Parent Support Group

January 4, at 7pm

Free confidential support group for parents.  
Lower Level of Church

### 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

## coming attractions

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Jan 4,—Support Group @7pm  
Jan 10-FCFF after 10am Mass  
Jan 24-FCFF after 10am Mass  
Jan 24-Confirmation Class at 8:30am  
Jan 31-Catechist Training  
Feb 1-Support Group @ 7pm  
Feb 7-FCFF after 10am Mass  
Feb 11-Anointing of the Sick  
Feb 14-Confirmation Class@ 6:30pm  
Feb 21-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 1/2 & 1/3 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](mailto:tmulcahy@sbcglobal.net)

### St. Elizabeth Seton Sponsors

Choice Wine is a program that outlines a pathway to authentic marital happiness. Couples will learn how to divorce-proof their marriages and experience God's superabundant love and mercy.

Free to all married and engaged couples.

All Saints Catholic Academy  
1155 Aurora Ave. Naperville, IL  
9 Sessions beginning Friday

January 8, 2016 @ 7:00-8:30 P.M.  
Give your spouse a Christmas gift to remember, come for one session, several, or all!

For more information contact: Wayne Klein  
[wklein@kleinconstruction.net](mailto:wklein@kleinconstruction.net) or (630) 202.4400



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

**Jan 10 & 24**

**Confirmation Class**

**Jan 24 at 8:30am**

**Catechist Training**

**January 31,**

**K of C Ladies Auxiliary**

All women of our parish are invited to our next meeting January 19, @ 7:30pm in the lower level of the church.

**Unemployed and Looking for Direction ?**

St Mary Immaculate Parish has an Employment Ministry. They can help you with writing a resume, build skills for interviewing and networking and get emotional / spiritual support.

For more information contact David Bachtel at

EmploymentMinistry@smip.org  
Or call 815-436-2651 ext 815

*Welcome*  
**to Our New Parishioners ...**



**George & Carey Garcia**  
and daughters **Caroline & Gabriella**  
and sons **Joseph & Anthony**

**Michael & Marilyn Krang**

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

**\*\*\* Save the Date\*\*\***

**April 29, 2016**  
**6—11pm**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4,3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**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.



### K of C Steer Raffle

1st Asiyanbi Family

2nd Kordik Family

3rd Lederer Family

Thank you to all who participated

### Manna News

A big thank you to everyone, who participated in the Manna program in December. It takes many sellers and buyers for the program to be a success. Remember manna cards are available every weekend after Mass. There is a variety of cards available, so stop by the Manna table. We accept cash or checks.



### K of C Blood Drive



Sunday, January 17, 2016  
from 8:30am –12:30pm  
In the lower level of the church

Please call Jon at 815-408-0382 to sign up,  
sign up at Mass or online at [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org)

Donate blood and receive a \$5 Dunkin Donuts Card!



### Mass Intentions

Saturday Jan 2, 4:30pm St Francis Xavier Parishioners  
Sunday Jan 3, 8:30am Sophie & Tom Piwowar  
Sunday Jan 3, 10:00am Catechists & Volunteers FCFF

Monday Jan 4, 9:15am John Deresinki  
Tuesday Jan 5, 9:15am Intention of the Celebrant  
Wednesday Jan 6, 6:30pm Intention of the Celebrant  
Thursday Jan 7, 9:15am Peter & Aiden  
Friday Jan 8, 9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday Jan 9, 4:30pm Don Long  
Sunday Jan 10, 8:30am St Francis Xavier Parishioners  
Sunday Jan 11, 10:00am James Haln

TUESDAY  
EVENING  
5—8 p.m.



THURSDAY  
MORNING  
9:45—10:45

### Mass Schedule for January 9th and 10th, 2016

	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
<b>GREETERS</b>	Arce Family	Vogt Family	Mulcahy Family
<b>LECTOR</b>	Jacquelyn Bennett	Sharon Teeling-Supple	Don Newhall
<b>MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION</b>	Deacon Tim Drendel Bill & Kathy Thoman EM NEEDED	Deacon Sharon Yee Helen Kopynski EM NEEDED EM NEEDED	Deacon Jill Hill Sr Nancy Gannon Sr Monica Sesko Mike Oesterreich
<b>SERVERS</b>	AS NEEDED AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	Luke Lyzinicki AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	Markun Lucy & Grace Revis
<b>MANNA HELPERS</b>	Mary Kaffer	Jim Thomas Sheila Genevich	Marilyn Watson Monica Hehl

## Our Sunday Offering

December 13, 2015

Envelopes used: 162	\$5067.00
Loose Currency:	\$ 779.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5846.00</b>
December Blue Envelopes Total	\$1389.00
Religious	\$1120.00

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      Anna Lopez  
Terry Stanley          Agnes Badar  
Erno Balogh            Larry Formella  
Linda Balmer           Bill Allen  
                                Bishop J. Imesch



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Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— *Isaiah 60:1*

### 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

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Deacon.....Vic Pucas  
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.