



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

2500 Arbeiter Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

Second Sunday of Lent February 21, 2016

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—6:30pm

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

DeaconTerry Safko

DeaconVic Pucas

Pastoral AssociateSandy Book

Music Coordinator.....Mark Epling

Coordinator of

FCFFPenny Giunta

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**A Message
from the
Pastor**



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I was in a Parish for a mission appeal many years ago on Mother's Day weekend. A woman comes to me before the Saturday evening Mass and starts talking about her family. She tells me about her daughter. They have not spoken for many years. I asked what happened. She is in tears but cannot remember what it was all about. I ask does your daughter come to church. Yes is her answer, here on a Sunday Morning. I make a suggestion which she is reluctant to agree too. Sunday morning before Mass a youngish woman greets me with two young kids. I wish her Happy Mother's Day and she starts crying and tells me that her mother does not talk to her. I ask her what happened. She is not sure. I tell her I will talk to her after Mass. Does that story sound familiar? Have you heard or experienced a similar one?

In the book rediscovering Jesus in Chapter 12, Matthew Kelly asks the question How seriously do you take Jesus' invitation to forgive? He also says "everybody needs to forgive somebody".

Sometimes we need to forgive ourselves sometimes it another.

The story above had a happy ending. I asked the older women to come to the same Mass as her daughter. I suggested she stay close to the back of the church and to walk out behind her daughter and pass her on the steps and say Happy Mother's Day. Two women were in tears at the foot of the steps and we all went out for brunch together. Those two women were ready for forgiveness and open to it. Are you ready and are you open to it. We continue to Journey rediscovering Jesus.

Pray for me as I pray for you,

Fr Karl

Parish Confessions

Lent Sat before 4.30pm Mass
Wed before 6.30pm Mass
Fri before 6.30pm Mass

Or anytime by request

Stressed Out??

Join us for a free confidential support group that meets the first week of each month in the lower level of the Church. First Wednesday morning of the month 9-10:30 am (new time!) and/or first Monday evening of the month 7-8:30 pm.

Next month's meetings: March 7, 7-8:30 pm, and March 9, 9-10:30 am

Confidential Help Line: 815-669-7741 (Please leave a message)

**coming
attractions**

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Feb 21-FCFF after 10am Mass
Feb 23- Faith Sharing @10am
Feb 26-DAY BREAK
Feb 26-Friday Nite Café after 6:30pm Mass
Mar 5-1st Communion Class @11am
Mar 4-K of C Fish Fry 4:30- 8pm
Mar 6-FCFF after 10am Mass
Mar 11-Friday Nite Café after 6:30pm Mass
Mar 11-St. Joe/ St. Pat Pot Luck at 5:30pm
Mar 18-K of C Fish Fry 4:30- 8pm

Don't give up Chocolate this Lent

Do something life-changing.
Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's
Best Lent Ever® email program.

Each day you'll receive an email with
a short video featuring Matthew bring
Jesus into your everyday life.

All you have to do is sign up at
DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

The Program is Free!

Daybreak Sign Up Sunday

Please drop the food off at church between 5:45 and 6:00 pm on the 4th Friday of each month or call Caryl Hayes. Volunteers are needed to bring food as well as to collect, transport and serve the food. Our menu consists of Lasagna and/or Mostaccioli, salad, bread, dessert, juice and milk.

Contact Caryl Hayes at 815-263-9584 or cl.hayes@att.net. A notebook will be in the Narthex to sign up for food donations and serving



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Friday Mass in Lent at 6:30pm

Mar 4, & 18

Fish Fry Dinners 4:30pm—8:00pm

Feb 26 & Mar 11

Friday Night Café following the 6:30pm Mass
(Soup & Sandwich for \$5.00)

Adult Faith Sharing Gatherings

Tuesdays 10-11:30am



Family Centered Faith Formation after 10am Mass

**Feb 21
Mar 6,**

Confirmation Class

Mar 13@ 8:30am

**First Communion Classes@ 11am
March 5,**

**Catechist Training
Feb 28**

*Welcome
to Our New Parishioners ...*



Amaka Johnson

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

Is your child in college or intending to go in the fall?

Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket so we can send him/her a care package and stay in touch.

Student's name

Student's email

College name and address

Currently enrolled _____
Will start in the fall of 2016 _____

Parents/Grandparents, would you like to help with this new ministry? If so, please give us your name and best way to reach you:



**Remember
St. Francis Xavier Parish
in your
Prayers and Will**

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

**April 29, 2016
6—11pm**

**Grand Raffle tickets are available now
in the Narthex after Mass
Tickets are \$50 each**

What's an inexpensive way to enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship?

**ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. PATRICK'S
POT-LUCK DINNER !**

This celebration is one of the longest running traditions in our parish.

Get together with old friends and meet some new ones!

Join the Ladies Auxiliary on

SATURDAY, MARCH 12th, starting at 5:30pm.

Please sign up to bring an Italian, Polish or Irish dish to share.

You may also bring your own beer or wine if you like.

The cost is \$10 per family (\$5 per individual).
Desserts and beverages will be provided.

We will be raffling an Irish, Italian and Polish basket

**Come enjoy good food,
good friends and LOTS of fun!**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
Alternate readings (Year A):
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



K of C Annual Pig Raffle.

First prize is half of a hog. Second prize is the other half. Tickets are \$5 a piece and available at the Knight's table in the Narthex. Only 300 tickets will be sold and the drawing will take place at the spring Pancake Breakfast, Sunday March 20th.

K of C Spring Pancake Breakfast will take place on Palm Sunday, March 20th from 8 until 11:30 am. Our famous sausage, all you can eat pancakes, fruit and beverages for \$5 a person with a maximum family donation of \$20. Last year we raised \$500 to help fund our Youth Groups mission trip. This year, proceeds will benefit the St. Francis Xavier rectory project and helping the sisters at Marian Lakes getting their driveway repaved.

K of C Ladies Auxiliary

All women of our parish are invited to our next meeting March 14, @ 7:30pm in the lower level of the church.

Coming Soon

Dave Ramsey's
Financial Peace University

Teaching you how to be debt free and handle money Gods way!

Call David Schindel for more information at
(815) 258-8323

Manna News

We have a big variety of vendors in the manna program. In addition, to grocery stores and gas stations there is an assortment of eateries. If you are looking for a cup of coffee, a quick lunch or a nice dinner, we have something available for you. For example, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Panera, Subway, Olive Garden and Outback are some of the restaurants, we have in stock. We accept cash and checks payable to St. Francis Xavier. Be sure to stop by the manna table after Mass. Manna cards are a very easy way to shop.



Mass Intentions

Saturday Feb 20, 4:30pm	Don Long
Sunday Feb 21, 8:30am	Bill Allen
Sunday Feb 21, 10:00am	Nora Mae Langsdorf
Monday Feb 22, 9:15am	Peter Sesko
Tuesday Feb 23, 9:15am	Intention of the Celebrant
Wednesday Feb 24, 6:30pm	Intention of the Celebrant
Thursday Feb 25, 9:15am	Peter & Aiden
Friday Feb 26, 9:15am	Intention of the Celebrant
Saturday Feb 27, 4:30pm	St Francis Xavier Parishioners
Sunday Feb 28, 8:30am	Abbott & Dunne Families
Sunday Feb 28, 10:00am	John & Patty Cahill Family

TUESDAY
EVENING
5—8 p.m.



THURSDAY
MORNING
9:45—10:45

Mass Schedule for February 27th and 28th 2016

	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
GREETERS	Woods Family	Lyznicki Family	GREETERS NEEDED
LECTOR	Jacquelyn Bennett	Sharon Teeling-Supple	Sr Monica Sesko
MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Bill & Kathy Thoman EM NEEDED EM NEEDED	Deacon Liam & Mary Abbott Helen Kopysinski EM NEEDED	Deacon Sr Nancy Gannon Mike Oesterreich Hector Corona EM NEEDED
SERVERS	TJ Johannessen AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	Logan Simek AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	Erica Johnson AS NEEDED AS NEEDED
MANNA HELPERS	Mary Kaffer Audra Marino	Jim Thomas Sheila Genevich	Marilyn Watson Monica Hehl

Our Sunday Offering

January 31, 2016

Envelopes used: 142	\$4022.00
Loose Currency:	\$1334.00
Total:	\$5356.00
January Blue Envelopes Total	\$1842.00
Latin America	\$ 545.00

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 . . .



Jim Connell
Terry Stanley
Erno Balogh
Chris Jadzak

Anna Lopez
Agnes Badar
Larry Formella
Ron Stajkowski

Second Sunday of Lent February 21, 2016

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

— *Psalm 27:1*



Ronald Wallis —Navy, Djibouti, Africa



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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 Puscas
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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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.