



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

2500 Arbeiter Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord March 20, 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 & 7:00 pm
 Vigil Mass—7:00 pm

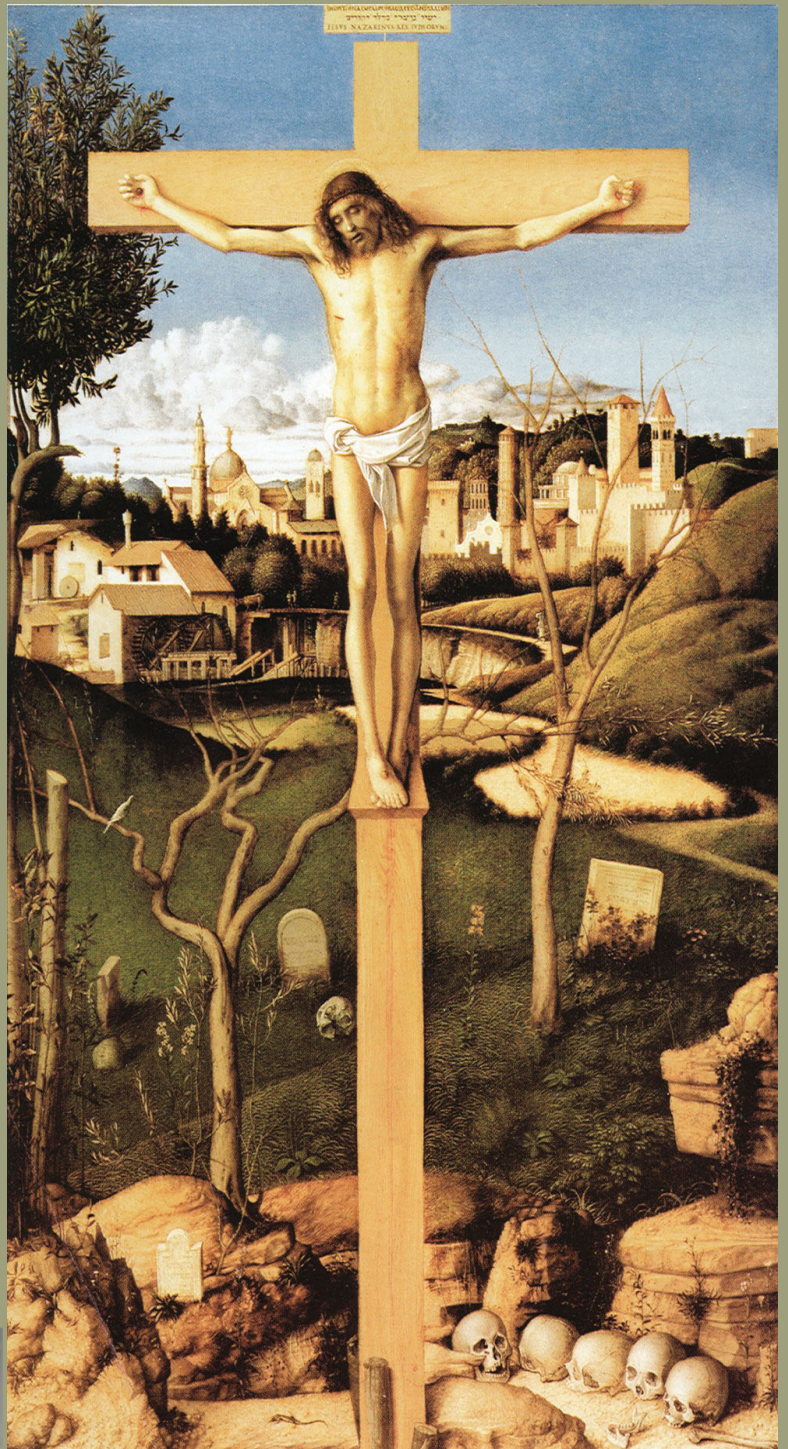
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Sacraments

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 Saffko
 Deacon.....Vic Puscas
 Pastoral AssociateSandy Book
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A Message
from the
Pastor
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday) and we begin the Journey with Jesus to Calvary. The Crowds are ecstatic as he enters Jerusalem. They cut branches and they lay down cloaks and they probably threw flowers and coins. It was a ticker tape parade. As far as they were concerned their king had arrived and they were ready for the revolution. They did not understand or get the message of Jesus. They were hungry for earthly power or show. Meanwhile the enemies were getting their act together, planning conniving and building alliances. Ask yourself, where am I in all of this? What kind of Jesus do I know?

A few days later the crowds are provided with the kind of spectacle they are looking for, a staged trial, a public humiliation and a very public execution. The same crowd cheers for Barabbas, and lines the streets. Now they see the power and control of the empire and their leaders working together. Do I choose power and control over love and justice? Do I seek vengeance and revenge over forgiveness? It can be easy in hindsight and at a distance to say I would not have done that, but a real examination of conscience and a look at our attitudes and reactions to events in the present moment can give us an insight into how we might have behaved. The beginning of Holy Week is a good time to do that and to take the time to go to confession. Let's use this holy week to reconnect with Jesus and continue our journey of faith with him. The Journey continues

Pray for me as I pray for you,

Fr Karl

St Francis Xavier Parish DINNER DANCE

**Friday April 29, 2016
Whitetail Ridge Golf Club**

**Dinner and Dancing
\$50.00 per person (21 & over)**

**Purchase tickets after masses in the
Narthex or call the parish office
at 815-609-8077**

coming attractions

Mar 26-Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt
Mar 27-Easter
Apr 2--1st Communion Class @ 11am
Apr 3-Catechist Training
Apr 3-Confirmation Class @ 6:30pm
Apr 4-Stressed Out Group @ 7-8:30pm
Apr 6-Stressed Out Group @ 9-10:30am
Apr 10-FCFF after 10am Mass
Apr 16-1st Communion Class @ 11am
Apr 17-FCFF after 10am Mass

Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday—9:15am Morning Prayer Service
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday—9:15am Morning Prayer Service
3:00pm Passion & Veneration of the Cross
7:00pm Living Stations with Veneration of
the Cross
Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil 7:30pm Mass
Easter Sunday Masses—8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

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

“PARISH GRAND RAFFLE “



**Cash Prizes
\$50.00 per ticket**

**The prizes depend on the number of
tickets sold. The more sold, the more
money you will win !!!**

**The” Parish Grand Raffle” drawing will
take place at the Dinner Dance
on April 29th**

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Family Centered Faith Formation after 10am Mass

Apr 10 & 17

Confirmation Class

Apr 3@ 6:30pm

First Communion Classes@ 11am

April 2 & 16

Catechist Training

Apr 3,

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:



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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday:** Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday:** Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Saturday:** a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
- Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

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

K of C Ladies Auxiliary

All women of our parish are invited
to our next meeting on Apr 18 at 7:30pm, in the lower
level of the church.



Angels Among Us

Thank you to the people in our Parish
who gave us kneelers, carpeting and
many other gifts.

You ask not to be named.
However you will always be in our Prayers

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Have you ever considered a year of service? Or know someone who is?

Nativity House may be the place for you! Nativity House is an intentional Catholic community and house of hospitality for expectant mothers rooted in the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching and the Catholic Worker Farm. We are in need of full-time or part-time intern.

Nativity House Interns live on-site, work in direct service to our guest moms, support the Nativity House CSA project (community supported agriculture) live in community, share meals, prayer and life.

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking a Facilities Manager

to provide management and leadership for maintenance, cleaning, security, and conference center groups at multiple diocesan locations. The Facilities Manager will be in charge of day to day management of employees and implementing policies and procedures that will assure well-managed and well maintained facilities.

Individual must be able to maintain a positive work atmosphere at all times. Must be safety minded, physically strong as well as physically active. This position is a full time salaried position with benefits. Selected individual must be available on site as needed. This entails some morning, evening and weekend duties. To view a full job description view attachment <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/>.

Qualified and interested applicants please email cover letter, resume and salary history to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Manna Reminder

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	Mar 19, 4:30pm	John Morek
Sunday	Mar 20, 8:30am	St Francis Xavier Parishioners
Sunday	Mar 20, 10:00am	Leona Ferry
Monday	Mar 21, 9:15am	Shirley Belding
Tuesday	Mar 22, 9:15am	Intention of the Celebrant
Wednesday	Mar 23, 6:30pm	Intention of the Celebrant
Thursday	Mar 24, 9:15am	Morning Prayer
	7:00pm	St Francis Xavier Parishioners
Friday	Mar 25, 9:15am	Morning Prayer
	3:00pm	Passion & Veneration of the Cross
	7:00pm	Stations with Veneration of the Cross
Saturday	Mar 26, 7:30pm	Charles Langsdorf
Sunday	Mar 27, 8:30am	Sr Lucienne LeBlanc
Sunday	Mar 27 10:00am	St Francis Xavier Parishioners

Mass Schedule for March 26th and 27th, 2016

	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
GREETERS	GREETERS NEEDED	Asiyanbi Family	Revis Family
LECTOR	Sr Monica Sesko	Kathy Roberts	Ken Weber
MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Sr Nancy Gannon EM NEEDED EM NEEDED EM NEEDED	Deacon Helen Kopycinski EM NEEDED EM NEEDED EM NEEDED	Deacon Bob Thies Amy Schwert Amy Sheehan Gail Gawlik
SERVERS	AS NEEDED AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	Logan Simek T J Johannessen AS NEEDED	Julia Schwert Erica Johnson AS NEEDED
MANNA HELPERS	No Manna Sales	No Manna Saless	No Manna Sales

Our Sunday Offering

March 13, 2016

Check Next Weekend for March 12th and 13th Offerings

Approximate number of Registered Families 543

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
Ron Stajkowski

Anna Lopez
Agnes Badar
Larry Formella

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 20, 2016

The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.

— *Isaiah 50:7a*



Ronald Wallis —Navy, Djibouti, Africa



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OFFICE /STAFF INFORMATION

Office Hours:

Monday & Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Tuesday 1130am 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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frkarl@st-francis-xavier.com
Deacon.....Terry Safko

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 CoordinatorMark 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.