



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

2500 Arbeiter Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe November 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

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).

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

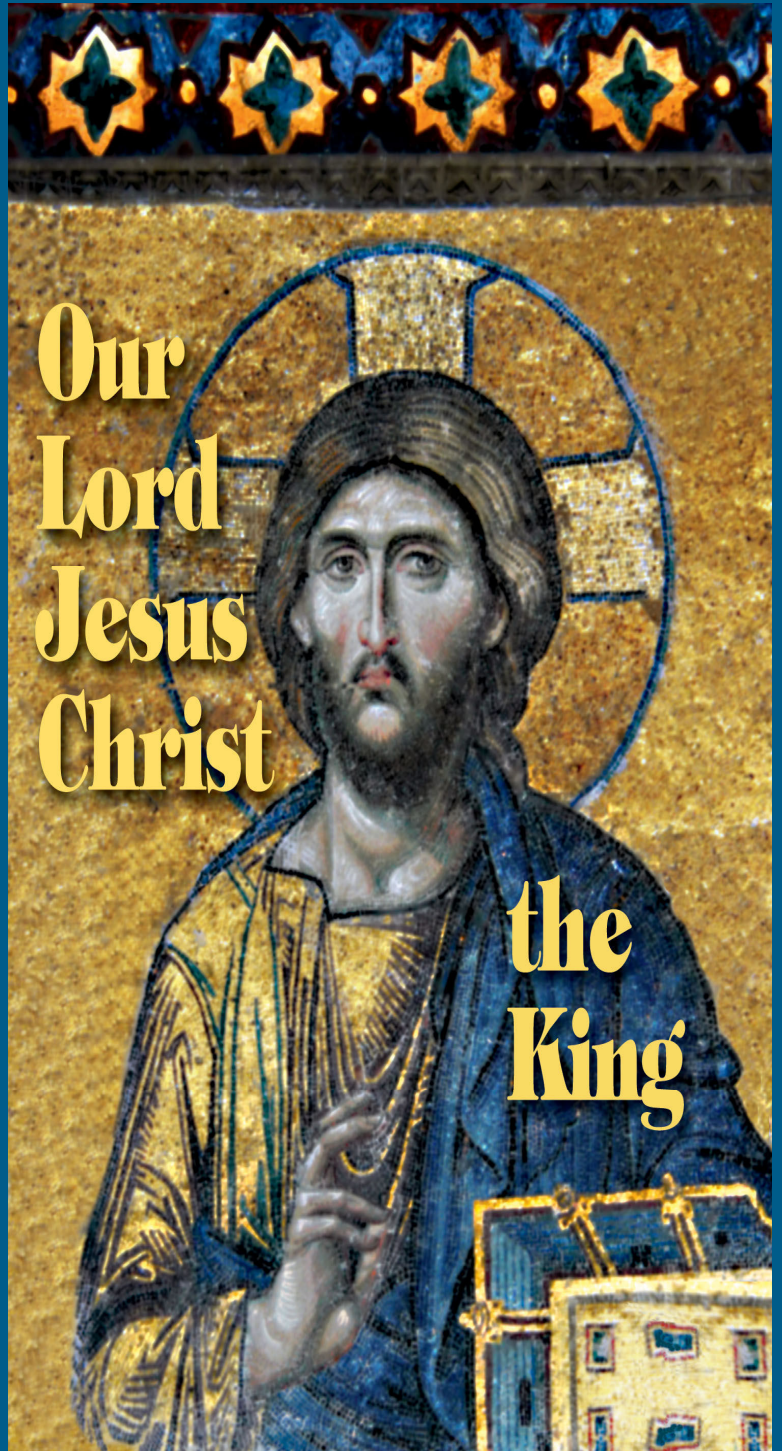
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Our
Lord
Jesus
Christ

the
King



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A Message
from the
Pastor
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I was reading last Sunday's Gospel for the thirty-third Sunday in ordinary time I was reminded once again that we do not have a lasting kingdom here in this world. I was also reminded of the numerous New Year resolutions I have made to get rid of stuff. I drive into the garage there are boxes that I need to empty but have not. If I threw them into the garbage I probably would not miss them but... I think too of the unnecessary clutter that sometimes fills our minds of our faults and failings that we do not want to let go of, even though we have confessed them and asked God for mercy and forgiveness.

As we come to the end of the Church year once again I will try to unclutter my life and reevaluate it as I read *Becoming a Parish of Mercy* and ask myself what vision do I need to be a more effective Christian and pastor. As the book reminds us love is filled with small gestures. A simple hug can say more than any words. A single flower on an anniversary or a lovely smile can show someone how deeply we care. Our example can encourage others to do the same. Jesus led by example and he calls us to the same.

As we journey let us do so with faith in God and in ourselves for the Lord is with us on the Journey

Fr Karl

Becoming a Parish of Mercy
By Matthew Halbach

Suggested Donation \$ 10.00

Available in the Narthex

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

9th annual SFX Christmas Bazaar

**Saturday, December 3rd (10am - 6pm) and
Sunday, December 4th (9am - 1pm)**

This free event will be in the SFX lower level, with over 30 crafters 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 35 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS!

**coming
attractions**

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Nov 19-FIRST RECONCILIATION 2pm (sign up required)
Nov 20-Confirmation Class 6:30pm/ Mass at 7:30pm
Nov 24-THANKSGIVING
Nov 25-DayBreak
Nov 27- Advent by Candlelight
Dec 3&4-Christmas Bazaar
Dec 4- Catechist Training
Dec 11-FCFF after 10am Mass

Nativity Pageant

FCFF on Dec 11

will be one big session, after 10am mass, we will have a special prayer experience in the church for all families. As part of the prayer we will have a Nativity Pageant. This Pageant will be repeated at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass

**Contact Penny Guinta at
Penny @st-francis-xavier.com**

If your child would like to participate in the Pageant, there will be a rehearsal on Dec 7 at 7pm

We will be collecting ADULT Men's and Women's mittens/gloves, hats, and socks to donate to Kendall County PADS(shelters that house the homeless. There will be a collection box in the Narthex from Dec 3-Dec 11.

The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary will be saying the rosary the first Saturday of every month @3:45pm

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



Family Centered Faith Formation

December 11

Confirmation Class 2017 @ 6:30-8:30pm

Mass @ 7:30pm
Nov 20
Dec 20

Catechist Training

Dec 4

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a;
Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day (suggested):
Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11;
1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a;
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14;
Mt 24:37-44

St. Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus



will start their annual Presale of Wreaths on the weekend of October 29th and 30th thru the end of November. Beautiful live wreaths, poinsettias, door swags, pine garland and more will be available with pickup on the weekend of the Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar.. Stop by the Knights table in the Narthex to pickup your order form.

The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Beef Raffle. Tickets are \$5 a piece and only 300 will be sold. First prize is a quarter of a Steer. 2nd and 3rd prize is a \$25 Manna Card. Drawing will be held at the conclusion of the Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar. Stop by the Knights table in the Narthex for your opportunity to fill your freezer with beef.

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 Monday evening of the month 7-8:30 pm. Next month's meetings: December 5, 7-8:30 pm, Confidential Help Line: 815-669-7741 (Please leave a message)

Children's Choir



If you would like your child to sing with the choir at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass, and they are 8 and older there will be a rehearsal on Thursday 12/15 6-7pm and Thursday 12/22 6-7:30pm For children who portray angels in the pageant and wish to sing the "Glory to God" during the mass, rehearsals will be 12/15 and 12/22 from 6-6:15pm

CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CHERUBIM AND SERAPHIM CHOIRS!

WHAT: The Cherubim Children's Choir is for children ages 7-12 to come together and learn simple yet beautiful sacred music and basic choral and music theory skills. The Seraphim Youth Choir is for teens ages 13-19 to sing more involved sacred music in a fun but organized setting and to grow their choral abilities. There will be opportunities for both choirs to provide music for Holy Mass and a few other special events throughout the year (e.g. Christmas caroling at a nursing home). A schedule of events will be provided to participants.

WHEN: Practices will be held once a week on Mondays (beginning Monday, November 21, 2016). Cherubim (ages 7-12): Mondays from 3:30-4:30pm. Seraphim (ages 13-19): Mondays from 4:45-6:00pm.

WHERE: Practices for both choirs will be held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church: 2500 Arbeiter Rd, Joliet, IL 60431. COST: \$30/child per semester to cover cost of music, supplies, etc. The choirs are sponsored by Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLOG) Catholic Homeschool Group. Please make checks payable to OLOG and bring with your child(ren) to the first practice. Note: No child will be turned away due to financial hardship. For more information and to register, visit: tinyurl.com/OLOGchoir

Advent by Candlelight



Ladies, you won't want to miss this year's Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, November 27 from 1-5pm. Please plan to join us for an afternoon of visiting, beautiful music and delicious appetizers and dessert. All women of SFX are invited, and are encouraged to invite their friends to prepare their hearts for Advent. There is no charge for this event. Registration forms will be available around the 1st week in November. For information or to help plan, contact Karen Asiyambi at 815-577-0262 or bodunrin@comcast.net.



All are welcome to the next Hospitality Social on Sunday, November 27 after the 8:30 & 10 AM Masses. Donations of refreshments and/or help will be accepted. Questions, contact Karen Asiyambi at 815-577-0262 bodunrin@comcast.net.

Breakfast with St Nicholas



Knights of Columbus are hosting
Breakfast with St Nicholas on
Sunday December 18th

**TUESDAY
EVENING**
5—8 p.m.



**THURSDAY
MORNING**
9:45—10:45

Manna News

Manna cards can be used for your Christmas shopping. Cards are available for Jewel, Wal-Mart, Meijer and Mariano's. You can use them for your groceries. Gift cards make great Christmas gifts for family, friends, teachers, and babysitters. Stop by the Manna table and see the variety of vendors that are available. Thank you for supporting the Manna program.



Remember
St. Francis Xavier Parish
in your Prayers and Will



Mass Intentions

Saturday Nov 19, 4:30pm St Francis Xavier Parishioners
Sunday Nov 20, 8:30am Piwowar /Wozniak Families
Sunday Nov 20, 10:00am Joseph Gresser

Monday Nov 21, 9:15am Intention of the Celebrant
Tuesday Nov 22, 9:15am Peter & Aiden
Wednesday Nov 23, 6:30pm Communion Service
Thursday Nov 24, 9:15am No Service
Friday Nov 25, 9:15am No Service

Saturday Nov 26 4:30pm St Francis Xavier Parishioners
Sunday Nov 27, 8:30am Marjorie Mueller
Sunday Nov 27, 10:00am Guion Allen

Mass Schedule for November 26th and 27th, 2016

	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
GREETERS	GREETERS NEEDED	Lyznicki Family	GREETERS NEEDED
LECTOR	Tom Johannessen	Jacquelyn Bennett	Sr Monica Sesko
MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Gale Claffy EM NEEDED EM NEEDED EM NEEDED	Deacon Liam & Mary Abbott EM NEEDED EM NEEDED	Deacon Gail Gawlik Jill Hill Sr Nancy Gannon EM NEEDED
SERVERS	Lucy Revis AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	Logan Simek AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	Kaylee Hill Brady Hill Jake Hill
MANNA HELPERS	Mary Kaffer	Jim Thomas Cindy Thomas	Marilyn Watson Kristina Dillow

Our Sunday Offering

November 6, 2016

Envelopes used: 157	\$5330.00
Loose Currency:	\$1143.00
Total:	\$6473.00
November Blue Envelope Total	\$1349.00
Hurricane Fund	\$1065.00

Approximate number of Registered Families 543

Thank you for your generosity!

For your heart will always be where your riches are. Matthew 6:21..

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 20, 2016

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house
of the Lord."

— *Psalm 122:1*

Please pray for . . .



Anna Lopez	Joe Lopez
Lois Steinhoff	Agnes Badar
Erno Balogh	Larry Formella
Ron Stajkowski	David Warburton
Pamela Mazzone	



Ronald Wallin —Navy, Djibouti, Africa



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OFFICE /STAFF INFORMATION

Pastor.....Fr Karl Langsdorf
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Pastoral AssociateSandy Book
Religious Education/FCFF Coordinator.....Penny Giunta
Pastoral Care Coord.....Ronnie Cagney
Bereavement Coord.....Barb Spalo
SecretaryJackie White

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Sacramental Preparation:Kathy Roberts
Confirmation Preparation.....Mike & Gaylene Oesterreich
Music CoordinatorMark Epling
Daybreak Coordinator.....Caryl Hayes
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Adult Fath EnrichmentSister M. Gesuina Bongiorno
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.