



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

2500 Arbeiter Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 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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*They shall
name him
Emmanuel*



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

We are told in the gospel that after the Annunciation, Mary set out to visit her cousin Elizabeth.

Many times in the scriptures after a divine intervention the recipient is challenged to set out and share the good news. After the resurrection the disciples set out to return to Jerusalem to share the good news. We are being reminded that Good news is not something to be hoarded but something to be shared. Our celebration of Liturgy is a community event and then we are challenged to go and put it into action in our daily living. Mary knew that. The presence of the Christ Child in her womb empowered her to reach out and proclaim the good news to her cousin and her unborn son. Our celebration of Mass empowers us to go out and proclaim the good news.

As we approach the birth of the Savior let us reach out and invite others to join us on our journey of faith and then encourage them to go out and do likewise. We set out on the journey but we are never alone and like the disciple on the road to Emmaus we recognize that He is with us on our journey and we continue to invite others to join us.

Let the journey continue
Pray for me as I pray for you,

Fr Karl



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

Breakfast with St Nicholas
8am-12pm

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

coming
attractions

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Dec 18-Breakfast with St Nicholas 8:00am-12:00pm
Dec 18-BLOOD DRIVE 8:30am -12:30pm
Dec 18-SFX Youth Group Christmas Party
Dec 24- Christmas Eve Masses 4:00&10:00pm
Dec 25-CHRISTMAS Masses 8:30, 10:00am & 12:00pm

St. Francis Xavier Parish Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve—4:00 & 10pm

Christmas Day—8:30am
10:00am
12:00 pm

Retirement Fund for Religious

There will be a second collection this weekend
for the Retirement Fund for Religious

Saint Francis Youth Group
Grades 7th thru High School
December 18th Teen Christmas Party
5:30-7:30pm

*Bring a \$5 grab gift in a brown paper bag!
We will be playing games and celebrating the
Christmas Season

Feel Free to Bring a Friend

For more information contact :
Gaylene and Mike Oesterreich

Sfx.teens@gmail.com

847-508-5861



Blood Drive



December 18th 8:30am-12:30pm
will be in the lower level of
St. Francis Xavier Church



Family Centered Faith Formation
Jan 15 & 22

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

Mass @ 7:30pm
Jan 29
Feb 26

Youth Group @5:30-7:30pm

Dec 18,
Jan 22,

Catechist Training
January 8,

Stressed Out ??

Our children are a gift from God; although, we all know parenting can be very challenging at times – dealing with many issues our children are experiencing and trying to discipline in loving and effective ways.

This will be a time for parents or guardians to share concerns and frustrations and learn ways to cope, receive support, and acquire ideas from others. There will be support for difficulties of children of all ages – young to adult children. The group is also open to those who are dealing with issues associated with aging parents.

The group will be facilitated by social workers, who are also parents, from our parish. This group is NOT a therapy group – our goal is to ease stress, develop skills to aid in positive and effective parenting, and to hear from others what works (or doesn't work) in raising, disciplining and guiding our children. Support, understanding and resources will also be available for those experiencing aging parents' matters.

This is a free and confidential evening. (No children please)

Parent Support Group
January 2, 2017
7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier Church
Free, confidential, supportive
No children please

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13;
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

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

Elizabeth Ministry

Our parish is interested in starting an exciting new ministry that responds to the joys and sorrows of life during childbearing, rearing and grand-parenting years! This outreach encompasses pregnancy, pregnancy complications, birth, infant or child crisis, fertility and infertility concerns, miscarriage, infant or child death, family life and grand-parenting issues. Where do you go for advice or seek reassurance for a newborn? With whom can a woman talk about infertility? Who will reach out to a woman experiencing miscarriage or infant death? In the past, family members, neighbors and friends met these needs. Today, our busy lifestyles and constant relocation to new towns, the presence of family or friends may not always be possible during these critical times. Elizabeth Ministry responds to this need by offering like-to-like ministry through personal visits. Contact the parish for more information (or email Elizabeth Kingsbury-Puscas, MSW, LSW eakp3@comcast.net). (This is NOT therapy).

*Welcome
to Our New Parishioners ...*



**Dale & Rebecca Rowden
and son Dean**

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

K of C Ladies Auxiliary

All women of our parish are invited
to our next meeting January 16, @ 7:30pm
in the lower level of the church.

**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.

No Manna Sales on Dec 24 and Dec 25



Mass Intentions

Saturday Dec 17, 4:30pm St Francis Xavier Parishioners
Sunday Dec 18, 8:30am Paglione & Perrino Families
Sunday Dec 18, 10:00am Donald & Dorothy Brown

Monday Dec 19, 9:15am Intention of the Celebrant
Tuesday Dec 20, 9:15am Intention of the Celebrant
Wednesday Dec 21, 6:30pm Intention of the Celebrant
Thursday Dec 22, 9:15am Peter & Aiden
Friday Dec 23, 9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday Dec 24, 4:00pm All Our Families
Living & Deceased
Saturday Dec 24, 10:00pm St Francis Xavier Parishioners
Sunday Dec 25, 8:30am All Children of Our Parish
Sunday Dec 25, 10:00am All Our Families
Living & Deceased
Sunday Dec 25, 12:00pm All Families dealing with
Sickness or Difficulties

Mass Schedule for December 24th and 25th, 2016

	Saturday 4:00 pm	Saturday 10:00 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00am	Sunday 12:00pm
GREETERS	Revis Family	Beach Family	Asiyanbi Family	GREETERS NEEDED	GREETERS NEEDED
LECTOR	Elizabeth Kingsbury-Puscas	Sr Monica Sesko	Annalyn May	Tom Johannessen	Jacquelyn Bennett
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Judy Burzinski Laura & David Schindel Lourdes Arce MaryAnn Lederer EM NEEDED	Deacon Sr Nancy Gannon Jill Hill Gayle Claffy Ken Weber Sharon Yee Mark Rose	Deacon Helen Kopycinski Carol Brown-Warpinski Wendy Snow Bill&KathyThoman EM NEEDED	Deacon Tim Drendel Carina Johannessen Bernice Sagenbretch EM NEEDED EM NEEDED EM NEEDED	Deacon Paola Vieyra Rafael Vieyra EM NEEDED EM NEEDED EM NEEDED
SERVERS	Joel Arce Erica Johnson AS NEEDED	Kaylee Hill Brady Hill Jake Hill	Ethan Snow AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	T J Johannessen AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	AS NEEDED AS NEEDED AS NEEDED
MANNA HELPERS					

Our Sunday Offering

December 4, 2016

Envelopes used: 137	\$4954.00
Loose Currency:	\$1787.00
Total:	\$6741.00
December Blue Envelope Total	\$1192.00

Offering on November 27, \$5707.00

Approximate number of Registered Families 543

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2016

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

— *Matthew 1:23*

Please pray for . . .



Anna Lopez
Lois Steinhoff
Erno Balogh
Ron Stajkowski
Drew Griffin

Joe Lopez
Agnes Badar
Larry Formella
David Warburton
Pamela Mazzone



Ronald Wallin —Navy, Djibouti, Africa



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OFFICE /STAFF INFORMATION

Pastor.....Fr Karl Langsdorf
Dn Terry Salko.....815-735-4088
Deacon.....Vic Puscas
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
cl.hayes @att.net/815-263-9584
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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.