



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

2500 Arbeiter Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2017

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

Telephone.....815/609-8077

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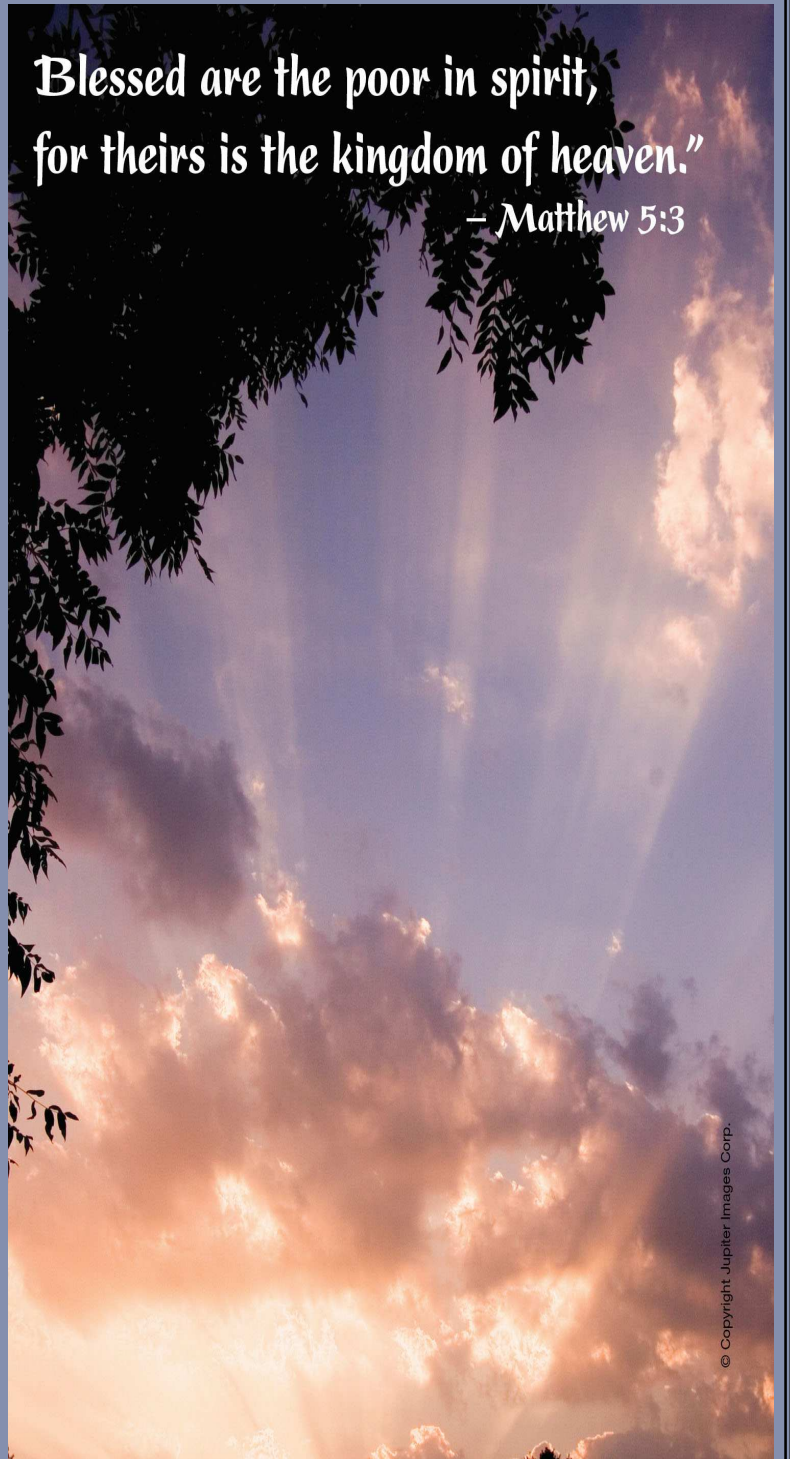
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*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
— Matthew 5:3*



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

February 1st in Ireland is the Feast of St Brigid of Kildare one of the three patron saints of Ireland. She does not get the same attention as St Patrick, but in Irish tradition St Brigid's day is also the first day of spring, yes I wrote spring.

To us here in the Midwest and even to the Irish weather man it is still winter. I can see, having grown up in Ireland, why it would be considered spring. Usually the snowdrops and the crocuses have come above the ground and the days are lengthening. It's cold but there is freshness in the air. It's like the blast of warmer weather that we often get in mid to late January.

We all need that freshness and it's in the gospel today as Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes. Suddenly there is newness. Jesus is showing people a different and more compassionate God.

We as Christians in our world have to make Christ and His teaching new every day. A good way to start might be to read the beatitudes as a family and see what challenges they lay before you in life. Remember spring is not a date on a calendar. It is every day of our life as we try to make all things fresh and new. A blessed St Brigid's day to all but especially to the committed religious sisters who through teaching, health care and many other ministries have enriched the life of our church

Let the journey continue

Fr Karl

The Legion of Mary

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

Bags of Hope

Bags of Hope 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 on 2/4 & 2/5 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. bagsofhope2016@gmail.com or Contact Tom Mulcahy at tmulcahy@sbcglobal.net

coming attractions

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Jan 29—Confirmation Class @6:30-8:30pm /Mass at 7:30pm
Jan 30&31—CMAA Announcement
Feb 4&5-Bags of Hope
Feb 5--Superbowl Extravaganza 4:oopm
Feb 5—Catechist Training

Thank You

St Francis Xavier Parishioners, the Kendall County Food Pantry cannot thank you enough for donations of coats for our clients. They will be keeping people in need warm this winter .
Bless You All

2016-17 Vocation Raffle Winners

- 1st \$10,000.00—Spalding Council 427
- 2nd 2,500.00—Diane Yakaitis
- 3rd 1,000.00—Ezio Vallese
- 4th 1,000.00—John & Patricia Desana

For more information check the Bulletin Board in the Narthex

St. Francis Xavier's
St. Patrick's Day
CELEBRATION

Friday, March 17
at St. Francis Xavier

Come join us for

- ❖ 6:00 Mass ❖ DJ / Dancing
- ❖ 7:15 Dinner ❖ Irish Dancers

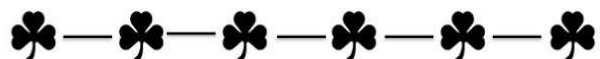
May the luck of the Irish be with you!

- ❖ Door Prizes ❖ 50/50 Raffle
- ❖ Silent Auction

Tickets go on sale February 4/5

BYOB

21 & over only





Family Centered Faith Formation

Feb 12
Feb 19

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

Mass @ 7:30pm
Jan 29
Feb 26

Youth Group @5:30-7:30pm

Feb 19

Catechist Training

February 5,

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;
Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,
17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;
Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16



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
February 6, 2017
7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier Church
Free, confidential, supportive
No children please*

The 6th Annual Superbowl Extravaganza



will take place on Sunday, February 5th with the doors opening at 4 pm until the end of the game. This is a family friendly event with the Ladies Auxiliary once again providing games and crafts for the kids. Purchase a \$10 square on the big board and you and a guest get into the party. Kids are free. Plus all you can eat and drink all game long. So join the Knights of Columbus and watch the big game on the big screen here at St. Francis Xavier. Squares are available after all the masses at the Knight's table in the Narthex.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Religious Education (RE) Administrative Assistant

We at St. Scholastica Parish in Woodridge, IL, are currently searching for a part-time (20 hours) Administrative Assistant to work in our Religious Education Department. You will be fully engaged in the working with the Director of Parish Faith Formation, RE families and occasionally with youth ministry and St. Scholastica School.

Qualifications

- Bilingual English/Spanish is preferred
 - Must be computer savvy and proficient in Microsoft Office
 - Experience with Parish Data Systems a plus
 - Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to lvalentine@stscholasticaparish.org

**Community Building Events
2017**

St Patrick's Day Dinner
March 17

Annual Dinner Dance
October 27,

K of C Lenten Fish Fry

To make our Fish Fry successful
we need lots of volunteers.
Please consider giving the knights
a couple of hours on Fridays in Lent

End of Summerfest and Cruise In

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 26th as St. Francis Xavier Parish will again be hosting the annual End of Summerfest and Cruise In. We will be forming a committee in the next few weeks. Volunteers will be needed in all areas of planning for the success of this Parish event. Check the bulletin for meeting times and dates

More information will be available as we get closer to the events

Manna News

Thank you to all who participated in the manna program in December. The sales were great. Let's continue to use manna cards to help support our parish. Not only do manna cards make great gifts, but you can use them to buy clothes, groceries and gas. Stop by the manna table and buy some for yourself



Remember
St. Francis Xavier Parish
in your Prayers and Will

Mass Intentions



Saturday Jan 28, 4:30pm	Dunkin Family
Sunday Jan 29, 8:30am	St Francis Xavier Parishioners
Sunday Jan 29, 10:00am	FCFF Catechists & Volunteers
Monday Jan 30, 9:15am	Drew Griffin
Tuesday Jan 31, 9:15am	Intention of the Celebrant
Wednesday Feb 1, 6:30pm	Intention of the Celebrant
Thursday Feb 2, 9:15am	Peter & Aiden
Friday Feb 3, 9:15am	Intention of the Celebrant
Saturday Feb 4 4:30pm	St Francis Xavier Parishioners
Sunday Feb 5, 8:30am	Contributors to the Rectory Fund
Sunday Feb 5, 10:00am	Leona Sesko

**TUESDAY
EVENING**
5—8 p.m.



**THURSDAY
MORNING**
9:45—10:45

Mass Schedule for February 4th and 5th, 2017

	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
GREETERS	Boulds Family	Vogt Family	Schwert Family
LECTOR	Terry Woods	Kathy Roberts	Elizabeth Kingsbury-Puscas
MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Gale Claffy Cathryn Woods Sharon Yee EM NEEDED	Deacon Liam & Mary Abbott Wendy Snow EM NEEDED	Deacon Sr Nancy Gannon Bob Thies Ken Weber Mike Oesterreich
SERVERS	Mikaylah Boulds AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	AS NEEDED AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	Kaylee Hill Brady Hill Jake Hill
MANNA HELPERS	Audra Marino	Jim Thomas Cindy Thomas	Marilyn Watson

Our Sunday Offering

January 15, 2017

Envelopes used: 157	\$4232.00
Loose Currency:	\$ 961.00
Total:	\$5193.00
January Blue Envelope Total	\$1983.00
Immaculate Conception Total	\$1222.00

Approximate number of Registered Families 543

Thank you for your generosity!

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



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 Safko.....815-735-4088
Deacon.....Vic Puscas
Deacon.....Tom Sagenbrecht
Pastoral AssociateSandy Book
Religious Education/FCFF Coordinator.....Penny Giunta
Pastoral Care Coord.....Ronnie Cagney
Bereavement Coord.....Barb Spalo
SecretaryJackie White

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
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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.

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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.