

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

2500 Arbeiter Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018

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—6:30 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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E-mail.....office@st-francis-xavier.com
Pastor.....Rev. Karl Langsdorf
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Emergency Line-815-669-7752

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Catholic Church on Facebook.



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 3/3 and 3/4 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 tlmulcahy@hotmail.com

**We are in need of a building to house
Bags of Hope.**

**A store front would be ideal but we
are open to any offers.**

**Contact the church office at
office@st-francis-xavier.com or
815-609-8077**

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

Lenten Fish Fry

St. Francis Xavier Parish & The Knights of Columbus

will once again be hosting the Lenten Fish Fry. This years dates will be February 16th and 23rd, March 2nd, 9th and 23rd from 4:30-7:30pm. We are seeking volunteers to help with these events. Sign up sheets will be located at the Knights table in the Narthex. Help is needed in all areas from cooking, set up, clean up and serving. Bake goods will also be requested for the dessert table. If you can spare an hour or two, it will be greatly appreciated.

A Message from Our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At the beginning of the year many people make New Year's resolutions. What happened to yours? At the beginning of Lent people give up things. Do they go the way of the new year resolutions. Many years ago I gave up sugar for Lent. I never went back on it for my tea or coffee. On the few occasions when I get a bad cup of coffee I will add a sweetener.... Yuk. Now that I am older I like to take a more pro-active role in Lent. Instead of giving up something I try to do something, read a new spiritual book or add a prayer or a chapter of the bible to my routine. If someone were to ask me what should I do I would say read, go to Mass or visit some person who would like a visit.

Temptation will strike. You will want the things you give up or will hear the little voice telling you that you are too busy to read or pray. Like it or not the devil will work on you as he worked on Jesus. Remember Jesus' words I am with you always. As we Journey through this season He is with us on the journey guiding and strengthening us. Please continue to pray for my brother Michael and for me as I journey to see him and be with the family.

Fr Karl

Lenten Fast & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

Fishers of Men St Mary Immaculate Parish

Be a man
Becoming the Man God Created You to Be
All Christian Men are Welcome!
Video/ Discussion/ Fellowship/ Coffee & Donuts
7-8:30am every Saturday during Lent

Questions? Call / Text Tim Malec 708-308-7967

**coming
attractions**

Feb 23-DAY BREAK
Feb 25--Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30pm/NO MASS
Mar 11-FCFF after 10am Mass
Mar 16-St Patrick's Dinner Dance
Mar 18-Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30pm/NO MASS

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

2018 is the 160 anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes. If there is a enough interest I would be happy to organize a pilgrimage to Lourdes and Fatima taking in some of the French shrines. There would need to be around 30 people to make it possible. Contact me if you are interested and we can work out with a travel agent the details if we have the numbers.

Fr Karl Langsdorf

Daybreak Center (homeless shelter in Joliet)

is currently in desperate need of:
White twin-size bed sheets
White twin-size blankets
White bath towels and washcloths

Items may be dropped off anytime at

Daybreak Center:
611 E Cass St, Joliet, IL 60432
815-774-4663

K of C Ladies Auxiliary

All women of our parish are invited
to our next meeting February 19, @ 7:30pm
in the lower level of the church.

**THERE WON'T BE ANY SIGN UP
FOR DAYBREAK
FOR THIS MONTH**

The Confirmation students and RCIA
candidates

Will be serving and providing food
for the homeless this month



Family Centered Faith Formation
March 11 or 18

Confirmation Class 2018 6:00-7:30pm

Feb 25- No Mass
Mar 18-No Mass

Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm

Feb 18- Bowling (tentative)
March 11- Youth Group Mtg

Catechist Training
March 4

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34;
Mk 9:2-10

Remember
St. Francis Xavier Parish
in your Prayers

St Patrick's Dinner Dance

Friday March 16, 2018
Cash Bar at 6pm and Dinner at 7pm

Bolingbrook Golf Club
2001 Rodeo Dr
Bolingbrook, IL

Basket Raffles



Grand Raffle

Live Music

Silent Auction

Tickets on sale after all Masses in the Narthex
Tickets are \$50.00
A table of 10 is \$450.00 until February 11,
afterwards \$500.00

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE

Tickets available in the Narthex

FIRST PRIZE: \$3,000.00

SECOND PRIZE: \$1,000.00

THIRD PRIZE: \$500.00

\$5.00 per Ticket or \$20.00 for Five

Drawing to be held on March 16 at the
St Patrick's Dinner Dance.
All funds go to the St. Francis Xavier
Development Fund.
Winner need not be present.

Our St. Patrick's Dinner Dance fundraiser is fast approaching!
How can you help??

The Raffle/Silent Auction Committee is looking for donations. No used items please.
A few ideas:

Gift Certificates and Gift Cards
Sports Event Tickets or Theater Tickets
Gift Baskets

Drop off donations after mass at the Dinner Dance Ticket Table in the Narthex.

Questions? sfx.dinner.dance@gmail.com or 815-609-8077

Auction Committee: Karen Welsch, Barb Baker, Sandy Book, Kristin Laszlo

Blanket Ministry

These blankets are either sewn, quilted, knitted, crocheted or fleece-tied by volunteers who pray while making the blanket. Once completed, a card is attached to the blanket and then blessed by Fr. Karl. The blessed blankets are presented to the recipient(s), letting them know that they remain in our thoughts and prayers even if they cannot be with us at Mass.

We are now seeking volunteers to use their time, talent and material to help replenish our supply of blankets. Some material has recently been donated to the ministry for those who can sew or quilt. For those who knit or crochet, there are patterns available for prayer shawls.

Thank you for considering this rewarding ministry and please feel free to email Bernice at blanketmin@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

CMAA 2018

Your Gift Makes a Difference! The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

Our Goal is \$28,100.00

A mailing will soon be sent to all of our parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the CMAA. If you have not done so already, please reflect on God's gifts to you and prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA. A gift to the CMAA, no matter the amount, will make a difference!

Scrip

is sold after every mass. Fannie May is available for Valentines Day. We place special orders the 3rd Sunday of the month. February orders will be placed February 18th. March orders will be placed March 18th. Please consider helping at the table after Mass. It only takes 10 - 15 minutes. Please email Cindy Thomas at thomas08us@yahoo.com for information or to volunteer

Mass Intentions



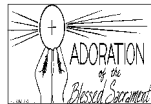
Saturday Feb 17, 4:30pm St Francis Xavier Parishioners
 Sunday Feb 18, 8:30am Charles Anzelc Sr
 Sunday Feb 18, 10:00am Mary Louise Rasmussen

Monday Feb 19, 9:15am Tom McDonagh
 Tuesday Feb 20, 9:15am Dunkin Family
 Wednesday Feb 21, 6:30pm Smith & Klimek Family
 Thursday Feb 22, 9:15am Peter & Leona Sesko
 Friday Feb 23, 9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday Feb 24, 4:30pm St Francis Xavier Parishioners
 Sunday Feb 25, 8:30am Marvin Marmande
 Sunday Feb 25, 10:00am St Francis Xavier Parishioners

TUESDAY EVENING
5—8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING
5:45-6:30pm



THURSDAY MORNING
9:45—10:45

Mass Schedule for February 24th and 25, 2018

	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
GREETERS	GREETERS NEEDED	Ehrlinger Family	GREETERS NEEDED
LECTOR	Terry Woods	Sharon Teeling –Supple	Ken Weber Dan Schwert
MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon Sharon Yee Gayle Claffy Cathy Woods EM NEEDED	Deacon Helen Kopcinski Bill Thoman Kathy Thoman EM NEEDED	Deacon Dave Guglielmi Elizabeth Kingsbury-Puscas Paola Vieyra EM NEEDED
SERVERS	AS NEEDED AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	AS NEEDED AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	Julia Schwert AS NEEDED AS NEEDED
SCRIPTS	Audra Marino	Jim Thomas Cindy Thomas	

Our Sunday Offering

February 4, 2018

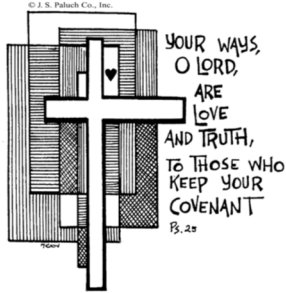
Envelopes Used: 149 \$3901.00
 Loose Currency: \$1308.00
 Total: \$5209.00

February Blue Envelope Total \$1239.00

Approximate number of Registered Families 585

Thank you for your generosity!

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



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Your ways, O Lord, make
 known to me,
 Teach me your paths

Psalm 25:4

Please pray for . . .



Anna Lopez
 Agnes Badar
 David Warburton
 Pat Gierich
 Sam Watson
 Cindy Houston
 Lois Steinhoff
 Larry Formella
 Drew Griffin
 Pamela Mazzone
 Tara McDonald



Major Anthony Thies
 Saul Arce
 Gus Warpinski
 Michael Panek



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OFFICE /STAFF INFORMATION

Pastor.....Fr Karl Langsdorf
 Dn Terry Saffo..... 815-735-4088
 Deacon.....Vic Puscas
 Deacon.....Tom Sagenbrecht
 Pastoral AssociateSandy Book
 Religious Education/FCFF Coordinator.....Penny Giunta
 Pastoral Care Coord.....Ronnie Cagney
 SecretaryJackie White

Sacramental Preparation:Kathy Roberts
 RCIA.....Tom & Bernice Sagenbrecht
 Music CoordinatorMark Epling
 Daybreak Coordinator.....Don Newhall
 Adult Faith EnrichmentSandy Book
 Bulletin Coordinator.....Kathleen Thoman
 Webmaster.....webmaster@st-francis-xavier.com
 www.st-francis-xavier.org

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.