



Jesus was
transfigured
before them

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St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

2500 Arbeiter Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 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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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 tmulcahy@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



St. Patrick's Day

Dinner Dance

March 16, 2018

Hospitality/ Name Tag Day Sunday

Please join us for coffee, juice or water
and lots snacks.

If you would like to donate your own favorite
treats it would be much appreciated

A Message from Our Deacon Victor,

Meister Eckhart (1260-1328) was a German theologian, Dominican preacher, philosopher and mystic. He taught about the four principles of understanding how we are made in the image and likeness of God. First, he says, there is a light in the soul at the core of our personality which cannot be separated from God. It is a divine essence that is at the center of our consciousness. Second, this divine essence cannot be hidden by our everyday personality. Instead, we should try to learn about our true self so that it becomes our everyday personality. Third, the discovery of our true self is life's real and highest goal. Our supreme purpose in life is not to make a fortune, nor to pursue pleasure, nor to write our names in history, but to discover the spark of the divine that is in our soul. Fourth, when we realize this goal, we discover that the God in our souls is the same God in every person on earth. When we discover that, we discover peace. So, you may ask, how do we realize this goal? How do we find the spark of the divine that is in our soul? By being quiet...and listening to God, who speaks to your soul every day.

May you find some quiet this Lent, and may the peace of Christ be with you always ,

Dn Vic

Remember
St. Francis Xavier Parish
in your Prayers

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.



Easter Egg Hunt
K of C Auxiliary

To continue our event we are in need of candy (No chocolate) that will fit in the eggs and volunteers to help fill the eggs.

Contact: Karen at krea@comcast.net

**coming
attractions**

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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-FCFF after 10am Mass
Mar 18-Confirmation Class 6:00-7:30pm/NO MASS
Mar 19-K of C Auxiliary Mtg 7:30pm

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.

K of C Ladies Auxiliary

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

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

MEALS on WHEELS

Just an hour of your time is needed to deliver hot lunches to seniors in need within the local Joliet & Crest Hill area.

To find out more about this special opportunity with Meals on Wheels of Will County,
or to sign up please call:

815-726-0094 EXT: 324



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
March 11

Catechist Training
March 4 & Apr 8

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16;
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;
Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11;
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7;
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

**St Francis Xavier
St Patrick's Dinner Dance**

Friday March 16, 2018

**Bolingbrook Golf Club
2001 Rodeo Dr.
Bolingbrook**

**6pm Cash Bar
7pm Sit Down Dinner
Second Hand Soul Band
Live Music / Irish Dancers**

**Silent Auction
Door Prizes
Basket Raffle**

**Come Join us, Bring your friends
for
Fun and Fellowship**



Tickets on sale after all Masses in the Narthex
Tickets are \$50.00
A table of 10 is \$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.

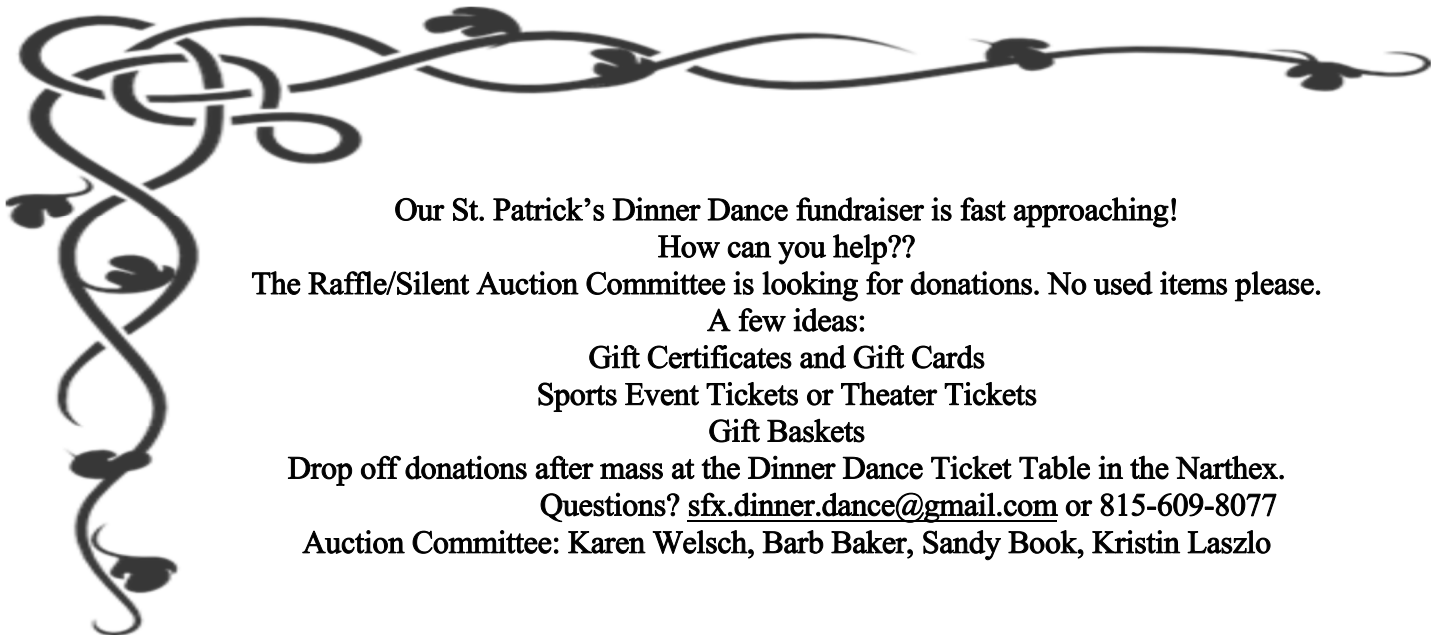
A few ideas:

**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. 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



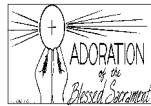
Mass Intentions

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

Monday Feb 26, 9:15am Intentions of the Celebrant
Tuesday Feb 27, 9:15am Dunkin Family
Wednesday Feb 28, 6:30pm Intentions of the Celebrant
Thursday Mar 1, 9:15am Intentions of the Celebrant
Friday Mar 2, 9:15am Intentions of the Celebrant

Saturday Mar 3, 4:30pm St. Francis Xavier Parishioners
Sunday Mar 4, 8:30am Charles Anzelc Sr
Sunday Mar 4, 10:00am Jack Tarter

TUESDAY **WEDNESDAY**
EVENING **EVENING**
5—8 p.m. 5:45-6:30pm



THURSDAY
MORNING
9:45—10:45

Mass Schedule for March 3rd and 4th, 2018

	Saturday 4:30 pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 10:00 am
GREETERS	GREETERS NEEDED	Daugherty Family	Wolcott Family
LECTOR	Jacquelyn Bennett Gayle Claffy	Annalyn May	Monica Hehl Elizabeth Kingsbury-Puscas
MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION	Deacon EM NEEDED EM NEEDED EM NEEDED EM NEEDED	Deacon Liam Abbott Mary Abbott EM NEEDED EM NEEDED	Deacon Ken Weber Amy Schwert EM NEEDED EM NEEDED
SERVERS	AS NEEDED AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	AS NEEDED AS NEEDED AS NEEDED	AS NEEDED AS NEEDED AS NEEDED
SCRIPTS	Audra Marino	Jim Thomas Cindy Thomas	Bernice Sagenbrecht

Our Sunday Offering

February 11, 2018

Envelopes used:	\$2769.00
Loose Currency:	\$ 657.00
Total:	\$3426.00
February Blue Envelope Total	\$1424.00

Approximate number of Registered Families 585

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Please pray for . . .



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

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

If God is for us, who can be against us

-Romans 8:31b



Major Anthony Thies
Saul Arce
Gus Warpinski
Michael Panek
William Miranda



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.