



# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

2500 Arbeiter Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

## First Sunday of Lent March 10, 2019

### Mass Schedule

**Sunday Obligation**  
 Saturday .....4:30 pm  
 Sunday .....8:30am & 10:00 am  
**Weekday**  
 Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday..... 9:15 am  
 Wednesday .....6:30 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:

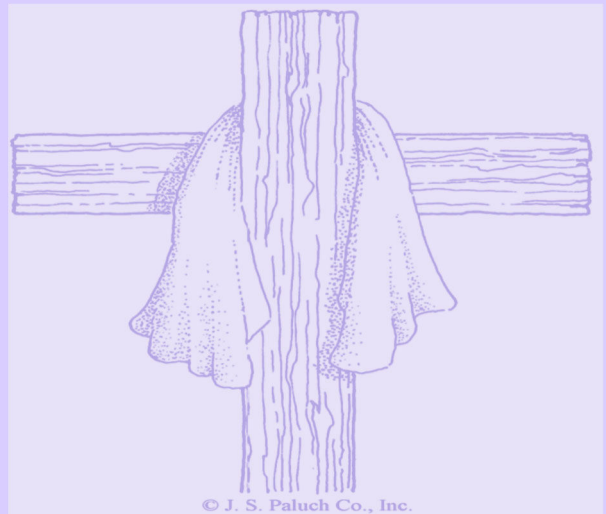
Monday & Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm  
 Tuesday 11:30am to 3:00pm  
 Friday 8:30 am to 1:00 pm  
 Office closed on Wednesday

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 Pastor.....Rev. Karl Langsdorf  
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### ALMSGIVING, PRAYER, FASTING, AND TEMPTATION

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

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A Message from Our Pastor  
Dear Brothers and Sisters,



The first Sunday of Lent reminds us of the humanity of Jesus. He is hungry and probably tired after forty days of fasting and prayer. The devil sees an opportunity to move in on someone who is vulnerable and in a weakened state. He attacks on three levels, hunger, power and faith. O for that loaf of nice fresh hot bread, even the mention of it is temptation. If the devil succeeds on this one, he has great hopes for the others. Jesus is weak but he is not stupid. He sees what the devil is up to. It is in our moments of weakness that the devil tries to attack us. He uses our vulnerability to attack us, in our hunger, our need for companionship or power, or our moments of unbelief. Like Jesus we need to be prayerful and aware. Lent is a time to build our defenses by being more prayerful and more penitential. Pray for the strength not to be led into temptation and to be delivered from all evil. We journey together in faith.

Fr Karl

Remember  
St. Francis Xavier Parish  
in your Prayers

### Knights Of Columbus

#### Fish Fry

The Knights are once again having a Fish Fry every Friday in Lent From March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, thru the 12th of April

Volunteers are needed to help cook, serve and clean up. Any amount of time you can give would be greatly appreciated

4:30pm to 8:00pm

Donations of desserts would be greatly appreciated

- Mar 8, K of C Fish Fry
- Mar 10 FCFE after 10:00am Mass
- Mar 10-Mar 10-Confirmation Class 2019 6:30- 8:00pm
- Mar 12- Lake Retreat Center 10:00-11:30am
- Mar 17-FCFE after 10 am Mass

### The Knights of Columbus Annual Hog Raffle



is underway. 1st prize is half a hog. 2nd prize is the other half. 3rd prize is a Script card. Tickets are \$5 and only 300 will be sold. Visit the Knights table and get yours today. Winners will be drawn at the annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

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

2019

#### FIRST COMMUNION Parent /Child

#### RETREAT

Sat. March 9, 2019  
9-11:30am

Or

Sat. March 16, 2019  
9—11:30am

#### 1st COMMUNION PRACTICE

Thursday April 25, 2019

6:30- 8:00pm

#### 1st COMMUNION MASS

Saturday April 27, at 4:30pm

Sunday April 28, at 8:30am  
April 28 at 10:00am

## Season of Lent

A time to let go and let God's healing grace  
Bring us to wholeness.

Learning to forgive others and our selves.

Tuesday March 12, 10: am - 11:30am  
At Marian Lake Retreat Center

### *The 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is underway!*

Our parish goal is \$30,900 Help us to exceed this goal in paid pledges. Our parish will receive 70% of the amount over goal for use in our parish! Together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our Diocese through our ministries and help God hold us in His hands. Thank you in advance for your support.

*Welcome  
to Our New Parishioners ...*



**Kyle & Alexandra Connell  
and daughter Kylee Rose  
and son Kole**

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

## 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:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;  
Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;  
Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;  
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1];  
Lk 9:28b-36



### LENT THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois Guidelines

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday** and all the **Fridays of Lent**. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast and to abstain on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. On **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

### Why Register?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition and responsibility. Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, weddings or when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor.

Church law advises that territories or boundaries no longer limit parish registration. We accept anyone who wants to share in the life of our parish regardless of where they live.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

( ) New Address ( ) New Phone #

( ) Moving, please remove from membership list.



**Family Centered Faith Formation**  
Mar 10 or 17

**Confirmation Class 2019**  
6:30-8:30pm/ Mass at 7:30pm  
Mar 10

**Youth Group 6:30 –8pm**  
Apr 14

**Catechist Training**  
Mar 31

**Amazon Smile**

If you shop online with Amazon  
St Francis Xavier in Joliet is register with  
Amazon Smile.  
It is an easy way to donate to our church and  
shop at the same time

**TUESDAY  
EVENING**  
5—8 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY  
EVENING**  
5:45-6:30pm



**THURSDAY  
MORNING**  
9:45—10:45

**Scrips**

Scrip is sold after 4:30pm, 8:30am and before  
10am Mass. We place special orders  
the 3rd Sunday of the month.  
email Cindy Thomas  
at thomas08us@yahoo.com  
for information or to volunteer

Cards purchased benefit the Parish



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday Mar 9, 4:30pm** Bob Zalud  
**Sunday Mar 10, 8:30am** Marjorie Mueller  
**Sunday Mar 10, 10:00am** St Francis Xavier Parishioners

**Monday Mar 11, 9:15am** Darius Missel  
**Tuesday Mar 12, 9:15am** Intention of the Celebrant  
**Wednesday Mar 13, 6:30pm** Intention of the Celebrant  
**Thursday Mar 14, 9:15am** Intention of the Celebrant  
**Friday Mar 15, 9:15am** Intention of the Celebrant

**Saturday Mar 16 4:30pm** St Francis Xavier Parishioners  
**Sunday Mar 17, 8:30am** Anne Roberts  
**Sunday Mar 17, 10:00am** St Francis Xavier Parishioners

*Mass Schedule March 16 and 17, 2019*

*Online sign up at [st-francis-xavier.org](http://st-francis-xavier.org)*

*Click on [-Getting Involved](#) menu link*

	Saturday 8:30pm	Sunday 8:30am	Sunday 10:00am
<b>LECTORS</b>	Jacquelyn Bennett	Rick Undesser David Nahs	
<b>LITURGICAL MINISTRIES</b> Liturgical Ministers are encouraged to sign up for serving either on line or at the Ministry Corner in the narthex Then under this "Liturgical Ministry" Please continue to check the Ministry assignments before Mass . We thank you for your willingness to serve God's holy people			
<b>Scrips</b>		Jim Thomas Cindy Thomas	

*Our Sunday Offering*

February 24, 2019

Envelopes used: 110	\$3114.00
Loose Currency:	\$ 876.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3990.00</b>
February Blue Envelopes	\$ 337.00

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 . . .*

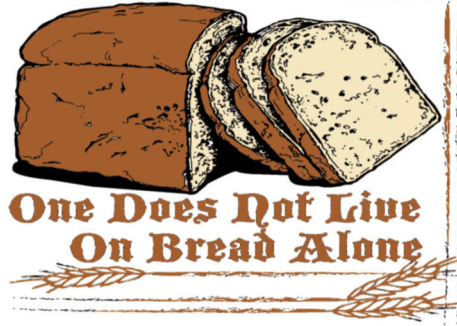
Anna Lopez	Lois Steinhoff
Agnes Badar	Larry Formella
Drew Griffin	Darlene Janulis
Pat Gierich	Pamela Mazzone
Anne Marie Long	Sam Watson
Scott Schwartz	Tara McDonald
Art Siegel	Richard Siegel

Jim O'Brien

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March 10, 2019**

*The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart.*

*Romans 10:8*



**OFFICE /STAFF INFORMATION**

Pastor.....Fr Karl Langsdorf  
 Dn Terry Saffo..... 815-735-4088  
 Deacon.....Vic Puscas  
 Deacon.....Tom Sagenbrecht  
 Pastoral Associate .....Sandy Book  
 Religious Education/FCFF Coordinator.....Penny Giunta  
 Religious Education Asst.....Denise Mohler  
 Pastoral Care Coord.....Ronnie Cagney

Secretary .....Jackie White  
 Sacramental Preparation: .....Kathy Roberts  
 RCIA.....Tom & Bernice Sagenbrecht  
 Music Coordinator .....Mark Epling  
 Daybreak Coordinator.....Don Newhall  
 Adult Faith Enrichment .....Sandy Book  
 Bulletin Coordinator.....Kathleen Thoman  
 Webmaster.....webmaster@st-francis-xavier.org  
 Pack 58 Cubmaster .....Bill Clotfelter  
 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.