



# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

2500 Arbeiter Rd, Joliet, IL 60431

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 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

Telephone.....815/609-8077

Fax.....815/609-8078

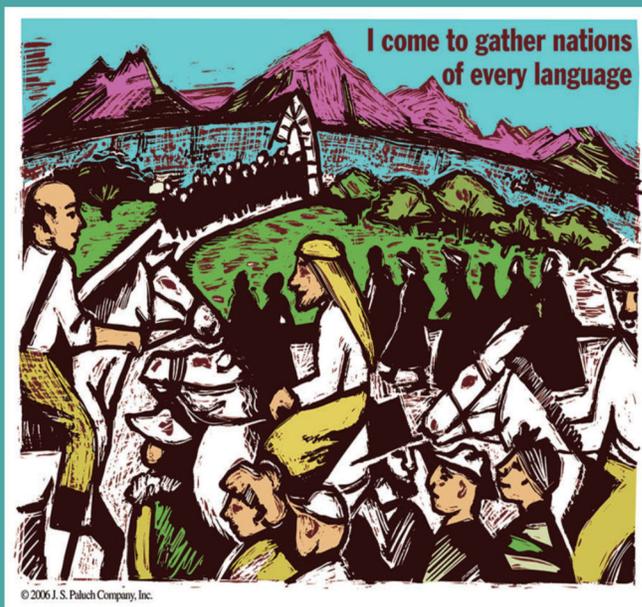
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Emergency Line-815-669-7752



### 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 9/7 and 9/8 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



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Catholic Church on Facebook.



A Message from Our Deacon,  
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday night the confirmation class have their retreat. Penny Giunta and the Catechists in the family centered faith formation and Kathy Roberts and her team in the confirmation classes have worked hard with them throughout the years to give them an understanding of what it means to be a catholic in our world. Through teaching and practical programs (such as day break and visiting senior homes) they have tried to put their faith into action. We by our example can help them on their journey of faith by challenging and encouraging them to live it out in practical ways. Faith is a journey... a life long journey. We live in a community and that community can help or hinder our faith. We all need to practice our faith and it is through that example that we encourage the young to do likewise. By telling them to do something and not doing it ourselves is bad example and that's what they see. Practice and example are the best teachers. We journey together in faith Let us continue to do that together.

Fr Karl

**coming  
attractions**

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Aug 31-Mass for Life at Our Lady of Mercy Parish at 9am  
Sept 2-Labor Day  
Sept 8- There will be a 5:30pm Mass

## SAVE THE DATE

*St. Francis Xavier Parish Dinner Dance  
A casual night of fun, food, fellowship and  
music for*

*The St. Francis Parish Community*

*Singles .....Couples....Groups...21 years and  
over*

*Sunday, March 15, 2020*

*5:00 pm - 10 pm  
Bolingbrook Golf Club*

*More details to follow.....*

*Welcome  
to Our New Parishioners ...*



**Robert & Lori Ann Dela Fuente**

**Michael & Jennifer Hough  
and daughters Gianna, Aubrey and Faelyn**

**Oscar & Danielle Camargo  
and son Elijah and daughter Olivia**

**Michael & Paula Bates  
and daughters Chelsea, Kayla & Emma**

**Thomas & Luz Maria Urban  
and daughter Abilene**

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

**UPCOMING EVENT  
MASS FOR LIFE  
AT**

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish**

701 S Eola Road,  
Aurora IL 60504

Saturday August 31st at 9.00 am  
Celebrant : Most Rev R. Daniel Conlan



**Mass Times for Travel**  
**Masstimes.org**  
**If you are traveling  
this summer  
check out this App**

**Starting September 8th, 2019  
there will be a Mass at 5:30pm on  
the second Sunday of every month**

## St Peregrine Ministry

We gather on the **second Saturday of each month at 4pm** to pray for healing from God through the intercession of St Peregrine. We will celebrate the liturgy together, proclaiming the Sunday scriptures. All gatherings will include a blessing with a first class relic of St Peregrine and reception.

For further information contact the Mantellate Sisters at Ph 815-436-5796

## FCFF (Family Centered Faith Formation) Registration in Progress

For a family experience of faith formation, please be sure to register for classes that will begin in September. In this unique model for Religious Education, families come once a month to experience the faith together. Then, at home, they complete two interactive, hands-on lessons each month which build on what they learned at church, providing a family-friendly way to learn or review the truths of the faith. Don't miss this great opportunity to deepen your faith and the faith of your children! Registration forms are in the racks in the Vestibule. Questions? Please contact Penny or Denise at 815-609-8077.

### The Legion of Mary

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

## Spiritual Adoption Update

### Week Three: Cells Join and Divide

Immediately upon fertilization your little one is set as a boy or a girl. The cells contain all of the genetic information (DNA) necessary to become a child. Forty-six chromosomes combine pre-determining all of a person's physical characteristics. If you did not have the opportunity to sign-up to participate in the "spiritual" adoption campaign, it is not too late! We are only in the third week of a 40 week term. There are copies of the Spiritual Adoption prayer and reminder wrist bands in the Narthex, or for more information please contact Craig Mazur at Qandc876@gmail.com



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26  
**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32  
**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29  
**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13  
**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30  
**Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

## Spiritual Direction Companionship

### Why work with a Spiritual Director/Companion?

- They offer deep listening, which helps you find and follow your own spiritual path.
- They allow space for stillness and silence to help foster contemplation and awareness within.
- They honor free will and discernment of each human being in a spiritual matter.
- They help create a stronger relationship with self, other and God.

### What is Spiritual Direction?

- Spiritual Direction/Companionship explores a deeper, confidential relationship with the spiritual aspect of being fully human. It is helping to tell your sacred story.
- Spiritual Direction is an encounter that explores a deeper relationship with the Holy Trinity.
- Spiritual Direction inspires the experience of truth in your life as you reflect on your faith journey through listening, guiding, and prayer support, to a deeper relationship with God.
- Spiritual Direction sessions are a set time of 1 hour with a mutually agreed upon time and place.

### What Spiritual Direction is NOT:

- Spiritual Direction is not counseling nor therapy and does not offer financial advice.

*"Spiritual Direction is the contemplative practice of helping another person or group to awaken to the mystery called God in all of life, and to respond to that discovery in a growing relationship of freedom and commitment".*

James Keegan, SJ

If you would like to learn more about Spiritual Direction / Companionship, or wish to make an appointment, please contact;

Elizabeth Kingsbury-Puscas or Sandra Book (Resumes on parish website [www.st-francis-xavier.org](http://www.st-francis-xavier.org))  
(630-708-0802) (815-474-4896)

## Knights of Columbus



Annual golf outing will take place on Saturday September 28th at Praire Lakes golf course in Marseilles \$50 a golfer \$200 for a foursome. First tee time is at 11am. Sandwich and a beverage on the course, with a lunch finish at Mc Brides.

Proceeds benefit the Pavillion Fund  
Stop by the Knights table to sign up or to sponsor a hole.

Beef Raffle tickets are here.  
1st Prize is a quarter of a steer.  
Stop by the Knights' table to purchase yours

### REVERENCE for LIFE

You are invited to join a prayer vigil for life **every 2nd Saturday of the month** with parishioners of St Mary Immaculate of Plainfield at the Aurora Planned Parenthood on Saturday September 14, 2019 from 7am to 3pm. Please contact Don Newhall at 815-690-3050 for more details

**TUESDAY EVENING**  
5—8 p.m.

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



**THURSDAY MORNING**  
9:45—10:45

## Scripts

Script 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 Aug 24, 4:30pm** St Francis Xavier Parishioners  
**Sunday Aug 25, 8:30am** Lederer Family  
**Sunday Aug 25, 10:00am** Colette Bus  
**Monday Aug 26, 9:15am** Intention of the Celebrant  
**Tuesday Aug 27, 9:15am** Intention of the Celebrant  
**Wednesday Aug 28, 6:30pm** Casey Choragwicki  
**Thursday Aug 29, 9:15am** John Dubrovich Jr  
**Friday Aug 30, 9:15am** Dave Alwood  
**Saturday Aug 31, 4:30pm** Mary Keller  
**Sunday Sep 1, 8:30am** Terry Stanley  
**Sunday Sep 1, 10:00am** St Francis Xavier Parishioners

### Mass Schedule for August 31 and September 1

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

Click on *—Getting Involved menu link*

|  | Saturday<br>4:30pm | Sunday<br>8:30am           | Sunday<br>10:00am |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| LECTORS  | Jacquelyn Bennett  | David Nahs                 | Dan Schwert       |
| LITURGICAL MINISTRIES<br>Liturgical Ministers are encouraged to sign up for serving either on line or at the Ministry Corner in the narthex<br>Then under this "Liturgical Ministry" Please continue to check the Ministry assignments before Mass .<br>We thank you for your willingness to serve God's holy people |                    |                            |                   |
| Scripts  |                    | Jim Thomas<br>Cindy Thomas |                   |

## *Our Sunday Offerings*

August 11, 2019

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Envelopes used:115  | \$3206.00        |
| Loose Currency:     | \$1358.00        |
| <b>Totals:</b>      | <b>\$4564.00</b> |
| <br>August Blue Env | <br>\$ 331 .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..*

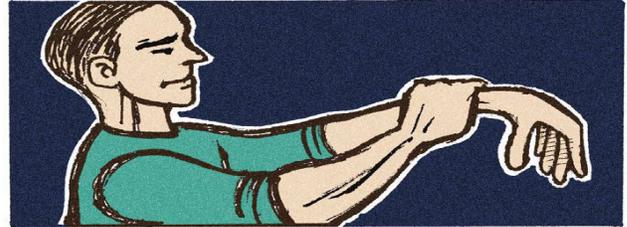
## *Please pray for . . .*

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Anna Lopez       | Lois Steinhoff         |
| Drew Griffin     | Darlene Janulis        |
| Pat Gierich      | Pamela Mazzone         |
| Sam Watson       | Scott Schwartz         |
| George Ehrlinger | Tara McDonald          |
| Jim O'Brien      | Larry Formella         |
| Lucas Arseneau   | James & Theresa Talley |

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 2019

**Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.**

— *Hebrews 12:12* □ 13



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### 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](http://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.