

Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

Our Mission:

We honor the traditions of our parish and welcome all to unite in prayer and the Sacraments.

Loved by God and guided by the Holy Spirit, we share the good news of Jesus Christ through joyful worship, faithful formation, and dedicated service.



December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

Daily Masses:
Monday—Friday
6:30am SJ
8:15am SFX
8:30am SJ

Saturday Masses:
8:30am SJ
5:00pm SJ and SFX

Sunday Masses:
8:00am SJ
9:30am SFX
10:15am SFX (School)
10:30am SJ
11:30am SFX
6:00pm SJ
7:30pm SFX
(ACTION Youth Mass,
September through April)

See Christmas Mass Schedule on Page 3 of Bulletin.



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Parish Office Hours:
 Monday-Wednesday: 9am—8:00pm
 Thursday and Friday: 9am—4:30pm
 Saturday: 9am—1pm
 Sunday: 8:30am—11:30am

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 Saturday: 9am—1pm
 Sunday: 8:30am—11:30am

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Wayne F. Watts, Pastor
 Msgr. Dan Mayall, Senior Priest
 Rev. Rodlin Rodrigue, Associate Pastor
 Rev. Matthew Spotts, S.J., Associate Pastor
 Rev. William J. Sheridan, Pastor Emeritus, SFX
 Rev. Edward F. Harnett, Pastor Emeritus, SFX
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 Dana McKenna, Director of Religious Education
 Dani Froelich, Coordinator of Religious Education
 Mary Therese Brown, Director of Youth Ministry,
 ACTION

Schedule of Events: Week of December 15 - 22

Sunday, December 15

9a Religious Ed - SJ Campus
 10:30a Children's Liturgy of the Word - SJ Annex - 1C

Monday, December 16

6p SPRED Religious Ed: Joseph Room - SJ Campus
 7p RCIA - SFX Parish Office

Tuesday, December 17

9a - 7p Adoration - SJ Church
 9:30a Al-Anon - SJ Annex - 1C
 7p Benediction - SJ Church

Wednesday, December 18

2p Lectio Divina - SFX Parish Office
 6p Adult Choir Rehearsal - SFX Church

Thursday, December 19

9a Legion of Mary - SJ Annex - Rm 1C

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21

8a AA - SJ Annex - 1C
 9a Confessions - SJ Church
 4:15p Confessions - SFX Church

Sunday, December 22

10:30a Children's Liturgy of the Word - SJ Annex - 1C
 6p Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide/LOSS - Joseph Room - SJ Campus

Dear Friends,

Gaudete! This third Sunday of Advent carries with it a command in Latin. Gaudete! The command encourages the commanded to "be joyful." The faithful light the pink candle of the Advent wreath. Today is different. In the arena of liturgical colors, the presider is even encouraged to wear the joyful, hopeful color rose on this day. Since I'm new here, I'm not sure we have that color vestment. But we, presiders and people in the pews, are commanded today to radiate joy. The readings for this "be joyful" Sunday remind us that we have many reasons to do so.

Isaiah tells his people that God is here to save them. That causes joy to be sure! "Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you." God's saving power continues to this day. Pope Francis reminds all of us about the importance and efficacy of joyfulness. Being joyful exudes gratitude. As we are thanking God for His saving power in our lives, we must express that gratitude with lives of joy. When we do so, our joy will attract others to life with Christ, and then they too will know true joy.

A few Advents ago, Pope Francis admonished the leaders of the Church, and maybe all of us. He spoke strongly of the importance of joy in the Christian life.

"We always think of Jesus when He preaches, when He heals, when He travels, walks along the street, even during the Last Supper . . . But we aren't used to thinking about Jesus smiling, joyful. Jesus was full of joy, full of joy. In that intimacy with His Father: 'I rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and I praised the Father.' It is precisely the internal mystery of Jesus, that relationship with the Father in the Spirit. It is His internal joy, the interior joy that He gives to us."

"And this joy," he said, "is true peace: not a static peace, quiet, tranquil" no, "Christian peace is a joyful peace, because our Lord is joyful." And, too, He is joyful "when He speaks about the Father: He loves the Father so much that He can't talk about Him without joy." Our God, the Pope said, "is joyful." And Jesus has willed that His spouse, the Church, should also be joyful":

"You can't imagine a Church without joy; and the joy of the Church lies precisely in this: to proclaim the name of Jesus. To say: 'He is the Lord. My spouse is the Lord. He is God. He saves us, He walks with us.' And that is the joy of the Church, that in this joy of being a bride becomes a mother. Paul VI

said: the joy of the Church is precisely to evangelize, to go forth and to speak about her Spouse. And, to transmit that joy to the children that she bears, that she raises."

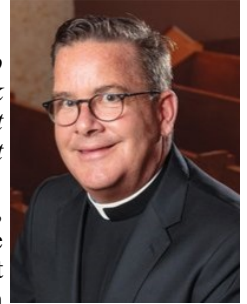
So, on this Gaudete Sunday, maybe minus the pink vestments, as we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath, I urge you to consider your own joy. Think about it. Are you transmitting joy?

As I write this, we still reel from the sadness in Pensacola and we hear of violence in our own beloved Chicago. Political rhetoric bubbles with negativity and polarization. I'm pretty sure that is NOT the evangelical joy to which our Holy Father calls us.

You might say those are isolated incidents. I think they happen in our lives far too often. We cannot let the stressors and difficulties of life cloud our joy. God gives us hundreds of reasons to be joyful. Peace, patience, love and joy must rule our lives.

In ten short days, we celebrate the real cause of our joy – the Nativity of Our Lord. I pray that the joy of the Christ Child fills your hearts and rules your lives. Amid the busyness of life, I encourage you to joyfully encourage your friends and family members to join us this Christmas. And I ask that you join me in exhibiting "radical hospitality" especially to those who are visiting or coming for the first time in a while. Your welcome to the stranger, your sharing Christ's joy will reap great rewards. Our celebrations promise to be moving and joy filled.

Peace,

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

December 24 - St. Joseph Church
6:30am, 8:30am, 3:00pm and 5:30pm

December 24 - St. Francis Xavier Church
8:15am, 3:00pm, 3:15pm-Gym and 5:00pm,
10:00pm Choral Concert, 10:30pm Mass

December 25 - St. Joseph Church
8:00am and 10:30am

December 25 - St. Francis Xavier Church
9:30am, 10:15am-Gym and 11:30am

Parish Offices: Christmas/New Year Schedule

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Monday, December 23:	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
Tuesday, December 24:	9:00a.m. – Noon
Wednesday, December 25:	CLOSED
Thursday, December 26:	9a.m. – 4:30p.m.
Friday, December 27:	9a.m. – 4:30p.m.
Saturday, December 28:	9a.m. – 1p.m.
Sunday, December 29:	8:30a.m. – 11:30a.m.
Monday, December 30:	9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
Tuesday, December 31:	CLOSED

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Wednesday, January 1:	CLOSED
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Schedule for Masses, Sacraments and Benediction

<u>Monday, December 16, 2019</u>	<u>Wednesday, December 18, 2019</u>	<u>Friday, December 20, 2019</u>	<u>Sunday, December 22, 2019</u>
<p>6:30am SJ +Giuseppe Arezzo +M. Joseph O'Connor <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>8:15am SFX (L) Parish Intentions for Active Military <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30am SJ +Nicolas and Anmia Purgatorio <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p>	<p>6:30am SJ +Margaret Huston and Harriet Weisbart <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:15am SFX (L) Sick of the Parish <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>8:30am SJ +Jill Malan +Henry F. Stec <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p>	<p>6:30am SJ +Loretta Szmyd <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p>8:15am SFX +Mary Craven Hoyle <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>8:30am SJ +Loretta Szmyd <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <hr/> <p>Saturday, December 21, 2019</p> <p>8:30am SJ +Teresita Dejarne and All Souls in Purgatory <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Confessions 9:00am SJ: <i>Msgr. Mayall</i> 4:15pm SFX: <i>Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>11:30am SFX Baptisms: Farmer/O'Leary <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>5:00pm SFX +Sydney Smith +Bill Geary +Rosemary Hrabe <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>5:00pm SJ +Cecilia Davis <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p>	<p>8:00am SJ (L) Parishioners of Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i> <i>Deacon Kerls</i></p> <p>9:30am SFX +Tom Rees, Sr. +Kate Henn +Meyer, Takarchik and Ruhala Families <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p>10:15am SFX School +People of the Parish <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>10:30am SJ +Enrique Lucchini +Giuseppe and Lucia Arezzo +Gene and Helene Quirini <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>10:30am SJ Baptism: Coleman <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>11:30am SFX +Anna Mae Thayer <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p>1:00pm SFX Baptism: Tobin <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>2:00pm SJ Baptism: Pullega <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>6:00pm SJ +Randy Lazzaro <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p>
<p>Tuesday, December 17, 2019</p> <p>6:30am SJ +Trudy and Frank Fernholz <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>8:15am SFX +Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p>8:30am SJ +Anthony Ventura and Herminia Bartolini <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>10:00am SFX School Mass <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>7:00pm SJ Benediction <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p>	<p>Thursday, December 19, 2019</p> <p>6:30am SJ +Julie K. Soper and Tom E. Soper <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p>8:15am SFX +Francis Xavier Tobin, Sr. <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>8:30am SJ +Sharon Mahoney <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p>		
<p>+ Deceased / (L) Living</p> <p>SJ - St. Joseph Church / SFX - St. Francis Xavier Church / SFX School - St. Francis Xavier School</p>			

Prayers for the sick and those in need

Seda Aghajani	Peter DiClementi, Jr	Brier Johnston	Monica Pecuch
Carmen Albino	Ryan Glassberg	Charles Jonaitis	Olivia Sergot
Ginnie Becker	Margaret Grothe	Richard Keefe	Brian Slowinski
Tom Beitzel	Phillip Hall	Bob Kerrigan	Dino Tonelli
Heather Campbell	Tim Hanson	John Krupka	David W.
Vivian Cangelosi	Barbara Hardy	Dolores Meier	Dolores Welch
Guillermo Cannon	Barbara Hawkinson	Paul Molaro	Krista Wilkinson
William Carlin	Laura Hendrickson	Daniel O'Herron	Audrey Williams
Cecelia Cruz	Tom Hopkins	Pam O'Reilly	

Please call the parish office at 847/256-4250 if you'd like to remove a name from this list.

In prayer and loving memory of:

Deceased members of the parish.





PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, PRAY FOR PEACE

**Do you have a family member or friend in the Military (stateside or overseas)?
Call the parish office and we will put their name on our prayer list.**

US Air Force

SSgt John Wesley Hobbs, Nephew of Frank & Jody Weschler
A1C Shane O'Dell, Great Grandson of Mike Eberle
2nd Lt Luke Stensberg, Friend of Matt Revord family

US Army

Rev Chaplain Maj John Barkemeyer, Son of Hank Barkemeyer
Maj Brian L. Bell, Son-in-law of Bob & Jeanie Quinn
LTC Kelly Quinn Bell, Daughter of Bob & Jeanie Quinn
Pilot Christopher Cannon, Son of Mark & Sue Cannon
Spc Michael Carlson, Grandson of Arlene Carlson
PFC Richard Carlson, Grandson of Arlene Carlson
Spc Harrison Daniels, Grandson of Mary Lou DiClementi
Maj Jason Harlan, Nephew of Val Deady
Lt Kyle Healy, Great Nephew of Agnes and Barb Schneider
Pvt Ryan Higgins, Nephew of Jim & Janet Black
Pvt Zach Lueken, Nephew of Todd & Rebecca Stewart
Sgt Brenda Lore Mayo, Friend of Carpenter family
Sgt David Lore Mayo, Friend of Carpenter family
LTC Michael J. Roth, Nephew of Sharon Roth
Maj Anita Scattone, Sister of Anthony Scattone
Lt Col Shawn Schwarz, relative of Tim & Young Hee Johnson
Lt Ryan Slattery, Grandson of Faye Rebarchak
Maj Benjamin Stumpf, Son of Ron & Judy Stumpf
Cpt John Weidinger, Grandson of Gerda Weidinger

US Marine Corps

1st Lt Jeff Barak, Friend of Frantzen family
Pvt 1st Class Colin Brennan, Nephew of Mary Lou DiClementi
Pvt Stuart Corbooy III, Son of Marcia Corbooy
Sgt Joseph Devroy, Grandson of Marlene Devroy
Cpt Peter Dulaney, Grandson of Diana Madden
Sgt Brandon Galgay, Friend of Matt Revord family
Sgt Aidan Gobeyn, Grandson of George & Mchele Hinchcliff
1st Lt Brad Gustafson, Son of Garth & Myrna Gustafson,
and Brother of Jack Gustafson
Ssgt Walter Ramirez, Son of Enrique & Mary Lou Ramirez
2nd Lt William Smith, Nephew of John & Mary Smith
Pfc Trevor J. Talbot, Son of Bill & Mary Talbot,
and Brother of Hope Talbot

US Navy

Cmdr Kevin Carlson, Son of Arlene Carlson
Lt. Ted Luker, Grandson of Jack & Skip Revord,
and Nephew of Matt & Lisa Revord
PO2 Kevin Morrison, Grandson of Doug & Joyce Spinner
Lt Alison Smith, Niece of John & Mary Smith
Lt Tom Smith, Nephew of John & Mary Smith

US National Guard

Sgt Steven Tetzlaff, Son of Peter & Katie Tetzlaff
and Grandson of Roger & Dolores Meier
1st Lt Zach Hubbard, Illinois National Guard,
Nephew of the Later family

Maintenance Item

**Please note:
Parish staff are addressing
the concerns regarding the
SFX Church door, which is
not closing correctly due to
the wood being warped.**

**Replacement of the door may
be necessary. All options are
being considered.**

Eucharistic Adoration

Ss Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

*Please join us in St. Joseph Church
for Eucharistic Adoration 9am—7pm*

Upcoming dates:

December 17th

January 7th and 21st

*For more information or to sign up for an hour of adoration
please email Kirsten at: k.solmos@comcast.net
or call 847/337-1708*

*“If we are to know the Lord, we must go to Him.
Listen to Him in silence in Eucharistic Adoration.”
Pope Francis*

From the Loft

At today's 10:30am St. Joseph Church Mass, the combined SSJFX choirs sing two beautiful Advent anthems. *Lord of Peace* is a contemporary work by Joseph M. Martin with lyrics by Tina English. *Come!* is a moving work with both classical and jazz influences by Chicago-based composer and pianist Thomas W. Jefferson.

Join the choir this Monday night for neighborhood caroling! Vocal warm-ups will begin at 6:30pm in SFX church with door-to-door caroling to follow. Music will be provided. All families and parishioners are welcomed to join in spreading Christmas cheer! A reception in the SFX school cafeteria will follow caroling with cookies and hot chocolate. Bring your Santa hats!

MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

Gentlemen of the parish, My name is Phil Couri, and I am the retreat captain for Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington. I invite and encourage all of you to attend the SILENT retreat which is held on the weekend of January 17-19, 2020. I cannot say enough about how this retreat has had a positive influence on my life each year.

The idea of silence for a whole weekend may seem unattractive, but I assure you the silence is relaxing, comforting and spiritual.

There is no protocol while on the retreat. A series of eight lectures are given by the retreat leader which you can attend or not attend. The talks center on real life experiences, scripture and are tailored to facilitate self-examination. They are spread throughout the day and they last about 30-40 minutes. There is plenty of scheduled down time in between the talks to reflect on the talks, pray, read, exercise, or just sleep.

In addition, the retreat house campus is unbelievable. The house is huge with libraries, a living room with a fireplace and other separate rooms for reflection. Each retreatant has his OWN bedroom (you do not share a room with anyone else). The retreat campus and silence provide an ideal atmosphere to communicate with God.

The retreat starts on Friday night with a wine/beer reception and dinner at 7:00 pm followed by one talk and a mass and continues through Sunday, concluding with a mass and lunch at noon.

I understand that schedules are busy, but I strongly encourage you to take the leap and attend. For those of you who do attend, I guarantee you will want to make it a yearly event. All are welcome, so please pass on the information to others who you think may benefit from the retreat. Below is a small bio on the retreat leader this year, Fr. Richard Malloy.

Just email pac@courilaw.com or call me (847.323.8605) if you have questions or would like to reserve a spot.

There are several parishes designated for that weekend so spots, believe it or not, do fill up quickly and I cannot guarantee a spot if you wait too long to rsvp.

Meet Fr. Richard Malloy, SJ

Fr. Richard Malloy, SJ was born in Philadelphia. He graduated from St. Joe's Prep, the Jesuit high school in Philadelphia. He attended Lafayette College in Easton, PA, where he played football, lacrosse, and rugby. He earned a doctorate at Temple. While in Jesuit formation, he taught high school in Chile and spent one year in pastoral work in Santiago. At the University of Scranton, he is the University Chaplain and teaches courses in Anthropology, Sociology, and Theology. His books, *A Faith That Frees: Catholic Matters for the 21st Century* (Orbis Books 2008) and *Being On Fire: The Top Ten Essentials of Catholic Faith* (Orbis Books 2014), were recognized with awards by the Catholic Press Association. His newest book, *Spiritual Direction: A Beginner's Guide* was published in 2017. Fr. Malloy has a blog (jesuitjottings.blogspot.com). You can follow him on Twitter @FrMalloy.

St. Thomas of Canterbury School 2019

St. Thomas of Canterbury School was established in 1916 in the Uptown area of Chicago. Today it is a vibrant, eclectic community of people from all over the world. 40% of the Preschool through grade 8 students are immigrants from foreign countries, and 95% of the parents were born outside the United States. The families currently come from 33 different nations of the world. Thus, English as a second language is a key component of our curriculum.

Most of our immigrants are refugees, many from wars and conflicts across the globe, and 98% live in poverty, as defined by the federal free and reduced lunch guidelines. The families all value education as the way out of poverty for their children. All pay something, but we must rely on donations for much of our costs. Our donors and volunteers make it possible for St. Thomas of Canterbury School to continue to provide students with a quality education. We are entrusted with the sacred duty of enabling the children to embrace a new language and culture, while retaining the roots of their native customs and culture. It is indeed a privilege to learn and grow in this global environment as rich cultural traditions are shared with each other as all grow in the American way.

This is a private Catholic school and our faith is shared with all, yet we respect the different beliefs and traditions of those who come to us. Together with our donors and volunteers, we continue to help the newest American immigrant families to educate their children for inclusion in America and leadership in the world. Our graduates go on to a variety of fine high schools in the Chicago area and ultimately to colleges and universities across the United States.

The accomplishments of our students and graduates are many. We have recent graduates of fine universities such as Northwestern, the University of Chicago, Harvard and Yale, just to name a few. This could not be achieved without our core of volunteers and donors who make our vibrant school continue. As we look forward to the future we give thanks for our past, and pray and plan for our future. We are truly blessed to live in a microcosm of the globe within the freedom of our nation here at St. Thomas of Canterbury School.



The St. Francis Xavier School HSO
is sponsoring a Holiday Auction, Raffle and More!

- Place your bid to get **reserved seating** for Christmas Eve masses
- Take a chance to **win a stay at a luxury condo on Grand Cayman**
- Treat your family to a **horse-drawn sleigh ride**
- Purchase **Dress Down Day passes** for the kids

Please visit WWW.SFXSHOWCASE.COM for more details and to participate in these exciting holiday fundraisers!

Bidding and purchases close at midnight on December 18 and winners announced December 19

 **COME TOGETHER** SHOWCASE 2020



Lectio Divina, Gregory the Great says, summarizing the Christian contemplative traditions, leads us to “resting in God.” Join us and find out more about this meaningful prayer form.

WEDNESDAYS 2:00PM
PARISH OFFICE 524 9th

We will pray with Sunday's gospel.

Questions? klyons@ssjfx.org



THANK YOU

St. Thomas sends their thanks for all the dinners you provided for not only Families but also for the Singles and Seniors of the Food Pantry.

As of today, you have generously donated \$2000 toward the Thanksgiving Dinners.

All were very well fed and they thank you so very much!

SSJFX Book Club

Book: "Peace Like A River" by Leif Enger
When: December 17, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.
Where: Mallinckrodt Community Center
Reviewer: Dianne Home
Hostesses: Chris Porter and Kathy Hargrave

"Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger is narrated by an asthmatic 11-year-old named Reuben Land. It is the story of Reuben's unusual family and their journey across the frozen Badlands of the Dakotas in search of his fugitive older brother. Charged with the murder of two locals who terrorized their family, Davy has fled, understanding that the scales of justice will not weigh in his favor. But Reuben, his father, Jeremiah—a man of faith so deep he has been known to produce miracles—and Reuben's little sister, Swede, follow closely behind the fleeing Davy.

For further information call Donna Fugazotto at 847-256-2126

St. Thomas of Canterbury Outreach

St. Thomas school children received new winter coats from the annual Operation Warmth coat drive sponsored by parishioner George Pearce's Rotary Club of Wilmette Harbor.



School families participated in the 9th annual Thanksgiving food drive to benefit the St. Thomas Food Pantry.

Evening in Advent

Our parishioners came together to celebrate Advent, sharing a meal and creating Advent wreaths to display in their homes.



Stewardship Report

December 8, 2019

Collected at Mass:

Envelopes \$9,315.00
Loose cash \$1,786.48

Electronic Contributions \$16,600.00

Total: \$27,701.48

Thank you for supporting your parish!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

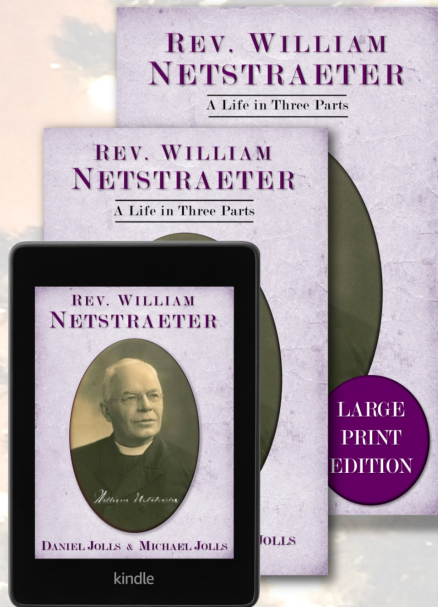
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Earlier this year, the parish archives of St. Joseph's were carefully studied to preserve the legacy of our leader. His story lives on!

Since his death in 1924, the enigma of a German priest has continued to endure and stand the test of time!

In the 1860s, Father William Netstraeter was sent to our farming community to salvage St. Joseph's Parish and Missions. Not only were the Catholics saved from certain economic doom, but the following years saw expansion! Fr. Netstraeter continued to make strides in local government and real estate, resulting in New Trier High School, Memorial Park Cemetery, OLPH, Mallinckrodt and the entire west side of Wilmette!

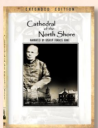
After his 50 year pastorate, Fr. Netstraeter donated his entire estate for the construction of St. Joseph's 1939 church — yet the funds would remain under the control of Cardinal George Mundelein, sparking a controversy that still remains a mystery.



This Christmas, share the inspiration of the priest whose life embodies the American dream!

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You can learn more about our parish's history and Father Netstraeter in Cathedral of the North Shore, on DVD with over 75 minutes of bonus features, available at St. Joseph's rectory. \$5 clearance sale!



d'Vine Affair – January 26

The 19th Annual d'Vine Affair returns to The Union League Club of Chicago on Sunday, January 26 from 2 to 6pm. This elegant event features over 90 vintners from around the world pouring more than 250 of their premium wines. Popular features include a craft and imported beer tasting room, a silent auction featuring unique experiences and special wine offerings, live auction of a barrel of wine, "Stock Your Cellar" raffle, and gourmet hors d'oeuvres and desserts. A special Wine Appreciation Seminar will be presented by Kevin Bratt, Concept Wine Director at Joe's Seafood, Prime Steak & Stone Crab at 2:00 p. m. A Beer Appreciation Seminar will be presented by Samu Rahn, Specialty Import & Craft Brand Manager for Louis Glunz Beer, Inc. at 2:45 p. m. Reservations are \$125 per person. Proceeds from the d'Vine Affair benefit Catholic Charities Self-Sufficiency Programs in Cook and Lake Counties.

Reservations can be made online at www.catholiccharities.net/dvine or by contacting Dave Gardner, Director of Regional & Program Events at (312)655-7907, or via email at dgardner@catholiccharities.net

MINISTRY OF CARE

Your spiritual needs are very important to the staff at Ss. Joseph and Francis Xavier. To insure that you receive the desired spiritual care if you are hospitalized or homebound with illness, please assist us by providing us with the following.

Hospital:

If you would like anointing prior to a scheduled surgery, please call the parish office to schedule an anointing with a priest. You may also receive anointing at the hospital when there is an emergency.

When you are admitted to the hospital it is critical that you or a loved one identifies your religious affiliation, your parish name and your desire for pastoral care and communion visits.

The patient may also call the Ministry of Care line to request communion at the hospital. A Minister of Care will make sure the hospital is informed of this request.

Homebound:

Trained Ministers of Care are available to bring communion to our parish sick and homebound. Ministers also visit local assisted living and nursing care homes. To schedule a visit, please call the Ministry of Care line at: 847 256-2273 press 0 and a Minister of Care will return your call.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to helping the poor and others who have come upon difficult times. As Vincentians, we serve those in need through one-on-one counseling, as well as providing financial and other help to those who have fallen on hard times. If you or someone you know wishes to meet with us, please call 847-256-4250 and ask for extension 44 and leave a short message. We will respond as soon as possible. All inquiries will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Ministry of Care Visits Sunday, December 22

After 8:00 Mass Hospital

M. Watts**

K. Kerls
J. Lober
E. Sullivan
K. Tyrrell

After 9:30 Mass Home

Demetrio**

C. Cerone
J. Gillard
M. Horton
J. Later
M. McCormick

Mather Home

10:00am
Meenaghans

Symphony

10:30am

SACRAMENTS AT SSJFX

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM :

Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :

Saturdays, 9 - 9:30am (SJ) and 4:15 - 4:45pm (SFX)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE :

Should be arranged at least six months in advance. Contact the Parish Office for details.

PARISH REGISTRATION :

Registration Forms available in vestibule of Church, at the Parish Offices or from our Website.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Schedule - December 22

- 5:00pm (SJ):** M. Versino, S. Webb, P. Tischler, J. Henik, A. Walberer, J. Walberer, J. Shaw
M. Versino (Lector 1), M. Shaw (Lector 2)
- 5:00pm (SFX):** P. Petrozzi, R. Charles, M. Charles, B. Quinn, J. Quinn, D. Fugazzotto
F. Riddle (Lector), J. Schade (Commentator)
- 8:00am (SJ):** M. Kahle, S. Donoghue, S. Couri, D. O'Brien, S. Feeley, C. Hutchinson, O. DeBerard
S. Donoghue (Lector 1), N. Ryan (Lector 2)
- 9:30am (SFX):** C. Reese, M. Horton, L. Glunz, M. Quinn, J. Langas, T. Wallace, B. Eichenlaub
J. Revord (Lector), C. Reese (Commentator)
- 10:15am (SFX School):** P. Schumann, J. Lawler, M. Rodgers
- 10:30am (SJ):** L. Quirini, Sr. M Nguyen, J. Santacruz, P. Galas, A. Hughes, K. Nugent, H. O'Toole
R. Hawkinson (Lector 1), F. Zawrazky (Lector 2)
- 11:30am (SFX):** M. Watts, PJ Pelton, C. Cowan, A. Foerstner, J. Lenz, M. Warwick
M. McManus (Lector), PJ Pelton (Commentator)
- 6:00pm (SJ):** G. Pearce, T. Johnson, S. Wiczorek
T. Flanagan (Lector 1), O. Connolly (Lector 2)

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