



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.



September 19, 2021

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Please note: Face coverings are required to be worn in all of our parish buildings, which include our churches, parish offices and schools. Thank you.

Stewardship Report

September 12, 2021

Collected at Church:

Envelopes: \$5,882.00

Loose Cash: \$1,487.00

Electronic

Contributions: \$20,660.87

Total: \$28,029.87

If you are able, please consider contributing to the Parish electronically, through Give Central:

www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/238

Thank you for your support.

Please join us to pray the Rosary at 7:30 am daily

To dial in: call (571) 317-3116

Access Code is 954-103-541

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Banns of Marriage

Ailyn Gutierrez and Carlos Reyes Bann II

Hanna Surman and Michael Nieman Bann II

Andrea Mulcahy and William Joob Bann I

For additional information about our parish,
please visit our website at www.ssjfx.org.

Staff Guest Columnist Kieran Lyons, Director of Faith Formation and Ministry of Care & Bereavement



Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us. This past week we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, one of the many Marian feasts of our church calendar year. So many people hinge their love to Mary because they relate to her suffering and she understands their own grief and heartaches in life. “Your sorrow is my sorrow,” Mary seems to say to us with gentle wisdom and compassion. We are comforted that Mary understands our anguish and laments right alongside us truly “knowing” our pain. She’s been there. It is a beautiful thought to ponder. If we can’t make sense of our crying hearts, at least let us ask Mary to understand and hold us in her open heart as the sorrowful mother.

Sadness and suffering are part of all our lives. Man’s Search for Meaning, the insightful and inspirational work of Victor Frankl, explores the business of the difficulty of life. Despite the most despairing conditions, Frankl, a survivor of a Nazi concentration camp, is emphatic that life has meaning. Always. No matter what. We make choices as to how we react and deal with our suffering. We must find meaning in it. Frankl believes “we are responsible for something in life.” We are curious, our humanity asks for more and offers it. These are tough issues to explore, but Frankl’s work was significant enough to warrant 73 editions in a number of languages.

This brings me to the experiences and observations that have been so much of my work here at Saints JFX. The Bereavement Ministry seeks to be open to those who are mourning, to receive and acknowledge the sorrow of those who have lost a loved one. It is privileged work. Having a presence in the process of planning a funeral and seeing it carried out with grace and dignity takes compassionate ministers and sacristans. We are blessed to have these generous volunteers. Musicians and cantors add depth, beauty and expression to the liturgical celebration. We are blessed to have such dedicated and talented people. Priests dig deep to prepare their funeral homilies and underscore one of our deepest Christian beliefs: life is changed, not ended in death. We are blessed to have them be so generous.

Life is changed not just for those who have died, but for us as well. Our loved one is with us in a different way, in memories and stories and in our dreams, perhaps. Despite how lost, lonely and/or sad we are, and how terribly real our suffering is, we choose to look ahead. The veil is thin between life and death so we pray for those who have died and ask them to pray for us. They are closer than we think.

We celebrate our deceased friends and family in the context of our Christian community; the funeral rite is rich and gives us an eloquent and significant experience when sorrow is so difficult to express. We accompany those who have been a part of our lives through death into eternal life. There is hurt, pain and grief; but we find meaning in Christian hope, in knowing as a community, like Mary, your sorrow is my sorrow.

Peace,

Kieran Lyons



Please join us for one of our Saints JFX Adult Faith Formation Fall offerings, facilitated by Kieran Lyons.

RCIA: Monday at 7:00 pm

Breaking Open the Word: Thursday at 2:00 pm via Zoom

Lectio Divina: Wednesday at 2:00 pm via Zoom

God Talk: Thursday at 7:30 pm via Zoom

Please contact Kieran at klyons@ssjfx.org for more information

Weekly Mass Schedule

<p><u>Monday, Sept 20, 2021</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Thomas Mineo</p> <p><u>Tuesday, Sept 21, 2021</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Dr. Bruce Beckord +Patricia Ann Hilbring +Silvio & Maria Marinaro</p> <p>9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ Adoration</p> <p>10:00 am SJ: Benediction <i>Presider: Deacon Robey</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">+ Deceased / (L) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier Church SJ - St. Joseph Church</p>	<p><u>Wednesday, Sept 22, 2021</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Peter Carey</p> <p><u>Thursday, Sept 23, 2021</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i> <i>Deacon Kerls</i></p> <p>Intentions: +James Jolicoeur</p> <p><u>Friday, Sept 24, 2021</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Sue Gaynor (L)Annie Buxton (L)Nicole Collins</p>	<p><u>Saturday, Sept 25, 2021</u> 8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)Active Military</p> <p>9:00 - 10:00 am SJ Reconciliation</p> <p>12:30 pm SFX: Baptism Budde Family <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>5:00 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Lucia Fonte +Mary Ann Ford</p> <p>5:00 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Joan & Jack Kelly +John & David Leath +Deceased members of the DiClementi & Stewart Families</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To find our channel, search <i>Saints JFX</i> on www.youtube.com</p>	<p><u>Sunday, Sept 26, 2021</u> 8:00 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Hendrickson, SJ</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Edward & Blanche Geishecker +Joan & Jack Kelly (L)Liliana Suci</p> <p>9:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i> <i>Deacon Kerls</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Edward & Blanche Geishecker +Michael McGreal (L)Kristi Schlax</p> <p>10:15 am SFX Gym Mass 50th Anniversary <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>10:30 am SJ Parking Lot <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Marjorie & Hugh Miller +Jim Moore +Fran & Jim Muench +Irma O'Brien</p> <p>11:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +People of the Parish</p> <p>7:30 pm SFX: ACTION Mass <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p>
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Please pray for the sick and those in need:

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| Carmen Albino | John Patrick Gabby | Will Leming | Mary Stapleton |
| Rory Andrykowski | Ryan Glassberg | Betsi Burns Landolt | Liliana Suci |
| Ginnie Becker | Phillip Hall | Dolores Meier | Trudy Tonelli |
| Robert Byrne | Tim Hanson | Colin Mowbray | Elliott Villarreal |
| Heather Campbell | Barbara Hardy | Daniel O'Herron | David W. |
| William Carlin | Barbara Hawkinson | Pam O'Reilly | Dolores Welch |
| Arlene Carlson | Laura Hendricks | Monica Pecuch | Krista Wilkinson |
| Cecelia Cruz | Loretta Jacobs | Olivia Sergot | Audrey Williams |
| Peter DiClementi, Jr. | Kathy Kaul | Brian Slowinski | Shirley Zeeb |

Please email officessjfx@ssjfx.org to add or remove a name.

*In prayer
and loving memory of:*

*Our beloved
family members*



Readings for the week of September 20, 2021

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to helping the poor and others who have fallen upon difficult times.

If you or someone you know is in need of help, please call the parish office at 847/256-4250 and ask for extension 44. If you are calling outside of business hours, press 3 to leave a message, and we will return your call as soon as possible. All inquiries are treated in confidence.

From the Loft

This weekend, our parish choir will be singing at the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass at Saint Joseph church. As has been our practice over the last few years, the choir anthem will be gospel based. At the offertory, we will be singing a lively and spiritual rendition of *Praise His Holy Name*. The music is upbeat and will have you moving in your pews. We hope you enjoy our rendition.

At the consecration we will again sing *The Mass of Revelation*, written by our own co-director of music, Jonathan Metzinger. You will be hearing those Mass parts every time the choir sings. Please join in singing as the music becomes more familiar.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

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(1 John 4:19)

We love because He first loved us.

Please consider making a QCD gift to our parish, as a reflection of His love for us all.

Making a gift from your IRA can have benefits for you and for our parish. An IRA charitable rollover, also known as a qualified charitable distribution (QCD), allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free.

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Your gift will be immediately used, allowing you to see the impact of your gift now.

If you would like more information on making a QCD gift, please contact **Joe D'Arco at jdarco@ssjfx.org**.

RCIA BEGIN THE JOURNEY ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH AT 7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Have you been thinking about joining our faith tradition? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith? Would you like to learn more about being baptized in the Catholic tradition? Have you been baptized Catholic but never received the sacraments of Confirmation and Communion? Have you been baptized in another Christian tradition but would like to learn more about what it means to be a Roman Catholic? The RCIA is a process involving adult conversation, questions, reflection and exploration of the Catholic tradition. We meet weekly and have a host of guest speakers and presentations on a variety of topics all meant to invite you to learn about who we are and what we believe. Contact Kieran Lyons at kyons@ssifx.org or call 847-256-4250 to set up an initial conversation.



"GOD TALK " facilitated by Kieran Lyons

THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:30 – 8:30 P.M. **via Zoom**

Join us for conversation, questions, and reflections related to faith, community. Meet new people, share ideas and concerns. Contact kyons@ssifx.org for Zoom link. All are welcome. Check it out!



September 22 - October 31
40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

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- **Vigil location:** Waukegan Planned Parenthood, 1601 North Lewis, Waukegan, IL 60085
- **Vigil hours:** 8 am to 5 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Kevin Connolly at SJFX parish, kconnolly@usa.com or Katie Vail at FHC parish, Leorisng7@aol.com
- **Waukegan contact:** Amy Kirch, (224) 252-0935 or waukegansaf1@gmail.com.
- **Learn More:** sign up for prayer times at the web address below today!

SIGN UP FOR VIGIL HOURS NOW BY GOING TO:

40daysforlife.com/Waukegan

GOD BLESS YOU!

Additional Support Option

Please **Donate** to local pro-life groups - **Aid for Women** at aidforwomen.org and **Pro-Life Action League** at prolifeaction.org.

Growing With Grace



A Day of Reflection for Women Amidst these Challenging Times

Join us for prayer, journaling, sharing & walking in nature

Saturday, October 30, 2021

Check-in and Coffee at 8:30am

Day of Reflection Promptly Begins at 9:00am

Gathering Ends at 4:00pm

Mass Begins at 4:00pm

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OCT 13 – NOV 10, 2021

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Who is Jesus? If someone were to ask you this question, what would you say? Do you think an answer would come out easily, or with difficulty? Would an answer come out at all? Do you feel you really know who Jesus is, or why you believe in him? Do you want to find out? Please join us for this fall's online program as we find out together. In this 5-week series, we will:

- Develop our understanding of Jesus through examination of particular Gospel texts, which illuminate his life and teaching!
- Explore what the Church teaches about who Jesus is, and why!
- Cultivate and nurture personal relationship with Jesus by engaging in rich, meaningful discussion!

We meet online via Zoom, 2 hours/week, 5 weeks in a row

Wednesdays, October 13th – November 10th

Morning Section | 10am – 12pm **OR** Evening Section | 6:30 – 8:30pm

This series is designed for any person seeking faith formation. All are welcome. No prior academic experience necessary, just an open mind and heart.



FACILITATOR

Kevin Pease, M.T.S.
Institute of Pastoral Studies

Kevin Pease serves as Director of IPS Scripture School. A graduate of the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, CA, he remains passionate about Jesuit education and adult faith formation. He believes Scripture Studies deepen relationship with God, self, and others, and is so looking forward to sharing in this experience with you.

REGISTER

Please contact Director, Kevin Pease, by e-mail for ZOOM link to join!

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We meet online (Central Time), via ZOOM
2 hours/week, 10 weeks in a row, Sept 14 – Nov 18:

- **Old Testament Foundations**
Tuesday Morning Section Available 10:00 – 12:00
Wednesday Evening Section Available 6:30 – 8:30
- **New Testament Foundations**
Wednesday Morning Section Available 10:00 – 12:00
Thursday Evening Section Available 6:30 – 8:30

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FOUR SECTIONS AVAILABLE
Morning/Evening Options

SEPT 14 – NOV 18, 2021

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A1C Shane O'Dell, Great Grandson of Mike Eberle
2nd Lt Luke Stensberg, Friend of Matt Revord family

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Maj Jason Harlan, Nephew of Val Deady
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Sgt Brenda Lore Mayo, Friend of Carpenter family
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US Marine Corps

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Sgt Joseph Devroy, Grandson of Marlene Devroy
Cpt Peter Dulaney, Grandson of Diana Madden
Sgt Brandon Galgay, Friend of Matt Revord family
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Cpt 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, Brother of Hope Talbot

US Navy

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and Nephew of Matt & Lisa Revord
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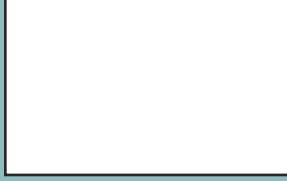
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