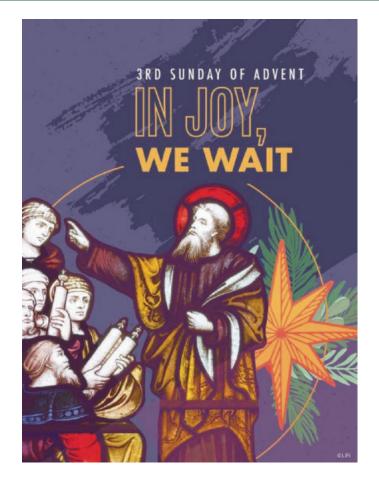
Our Mission:



Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

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 11, 2022

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For emergencies outside of office hours, please call 708-237-6665 For additional parish information, please visit our website at **www.ssjfx.org**

Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish



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Saints JFX Mass Schedule

Daily Mass 6:30 am (SFX) Monday through Friday 8:30 am (St. Joseph) Monday through Saturday

> Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm (St. Joseph) 5:00 pm (SFX)

<u>Sunday Mass</u> 8:00 am (St. Joseph) 9:30 am (SFX) 10:30 am (St. Joseph)* 11:30 am (SFX) 4:45 pm (St. Joseph) 7:30 pm (SFX) Teen ACTION Mass

*Drive up communion is offered at St. Joseph Church after 10:30 am Mass. Please drive through the lower church parking lot to the Annex door on the south side of the church to receive communion.

Pray the Rosary

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 To join online: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/954103541

The Rosary is prayed before 8:30 am Mass, Monday through Saturday at St. Joseph Church. If you'd like to join, we begin at 8:05 am.

Marriage Banns

Alison Pontarelli and Michael Joyce Bann III





Wayne's World

Dear Friends,

Be joyful! Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Two weeks Over the last few weeks, hundreds of from today we will proclaim that Emmanuel has come, and wish list ornaments were taken from invite all to adore him. Violence still plagues our city and harsh our "Giving Tree." At last week's words still fly regarding race, law enforcement and politics Masses, we brought, along with the (among other things). We still have to experience the darkest gifts of bread and wine, presents for days of our calendar year, yet the liturgy calls us to rejoice. Why children and families to brighten their should we?

My joy starts with gratitude. For so many reasons, I thank God. Mostly, I praise and thank God for your goodness, your generosity, and your willingness to lend a hand, to support those by the gift of the Christ Child, lives on in need, to commit to making great things happen in this parish here. and beyond.

renewal and revitalization of the Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Men's Club.

community. We identified the need to engage and support men piece. I report the power of Christ moving in the hearts of this of the parish more actively. The Parish Pastoral Council made great community. As I reflect on it, I am grateful - and my the reinstitution of Saints JFX Men's Club a priority. Using the gratitude causes my joy. tools and the history of the Men's Club and the Dad's Club, we are combining resources and need your help.

I call all men of the parish to get involved. I'm asking you more than just to consider; I'm asking you to actively participate. Whether vou're a dad or not, no matter vour age, vour children's age, whether you're married or single, we need and want you.

The Saints JFX Men's Club will build community, with a threepillar focus on spirituality, service, and social events. There will Peace, be something for everyone and all are welcome to share their gifts. The attached plan for the men's club describes 15 leadership positions along with their respective responsibilities and the required time commitment. Once these positions are filled, we will begin hosting meetings in 2023.

Open Meetings for those Interested in Serving in a Leadership Position:

Thursday, December 15: 7:30pm-8:30pm St. Joseph Room 1747 Lake Ave Lower level of the Saint Joseph rectory

Tuesday, December 20: 7:30pm-8:30pm Providence Room 524 9th Street Second floor of the SFX Parish Office

Building community is essential to the proclamation of the kingdom of God. It's a key leg on which we stand to becoming a vibrant faith filled parish. Know that I pray for you and your families daily and that I am honored to walk with you as your pastor. I look forward to the rapid growth and development of Saints JFX Men's Club.

Christmas. December 25th will be a great day for those enrolled in the program - and really for all of us because the spirit of giving, inspired



None of this is done on our own. With my whole heart, I believe One thing that is new and exciting and is on the horizon is the that all the great things that happen here directly result from God's power and the gift of the Holy Spirit. God authors, guides and protects the work. Jesus told John's disciples when they questioned whether he was "the one who is to come," "Go and The survey we took a year ago indicated a longing for report what you see and hear." In a sense, that's what I do in this

> Finally, the solemn blessing at the end of the advent Mass says in part, "As you run the race of this present life, may God make you firm in faith, joyful in hope and active in charity." Let's live that blessing during the busyness of these final fourteen days of Advent.

Rejoice. The Lord is near.

Rov. Wayne T. LA

Weekly Mass Schedule

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	Monday December 12, 2022 6:30 am SFX Presider: Fr. Sheridan 8:30 am SJ Presider: Fr. Watts Intentions: +Joseph Dang +Peggy Gallas +Mary O'Donoghue +Charles Skach +June Walsh (L)Pablo & Nora Fortuna Tuesday December 13, 2022 6:30 am SFX Presider: Fr. Watts 8:30 am SJ Presider: Msgr. Mayall Intentions: +Christopher Patrick Alonzi +Maggie DiClementi (L)Jennifer Vacala 9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ Adoration	Wednesday December 14, 20226:30 am SFXPresider: Fr. Watts8:30 am SJPresider: Fr. SheridanIntentions:+Trudy & Frank Fernholz+Stephanie Fernholz+Stephanie Fernholz+Stanley Kohn+Dottie & Herb Kurt+Robert Lindblom+Thomas Mowbray(L)Laura PhillipsThursday December 15, 20226:30 am SFXPresider: Fr. Ryan8:30 am SJPresider: Msgr. MayallIntentions:+Guillermo Cannon+Hon. Charles P. Horan+Andrew Leider+Mary Louise Stepen Wehman	Saturday December 17, 20228:30 am SJPresider: Fr. RyanIntentions: +Mr. & Mrs. Robert Russell9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ Confession1:00 pm SFX Baptism Leonard Family2:00 SFX Baptism Ahlstrom Family3:00 SJ Wedding Pontarelli/Joyce5:00 pm SFX Presider: Fr. WattsIntentions: (L)People of the Parish5:00 pm SJ Presider: Fr. SheridanIntentions: +Loretta Frank	Sunday December 18, 2022 8:00 am SJ Presider: Fr. Watts Intentions: +Stuart LaFontaine 9:30 am SFX Presider: Fr. Ryan Intentions: +Daniel Reilly 10:30 am SJ Presider: Msgr. Mayall Intentions: +Maria/Domenico DiDomizio +Jill Malan (L)Liliana Suciu 11:30 am SFX Presider: Fr. Watts Intentions: +Dave Crome 12:30 pm SJ Baptism Montesano Family 4:45 pm SI
	Adoration 10:00 am SJ Benediction Presider: Msgr. Mayall	Friday December 16, 2022 6:30 am SFX Presider: Fr. Watts	+Loretta Frank +Michael Tischler	4:45 pm SJ Presider: Fr. Dorsey Deacon Robey
	+ Deceased / (L) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier SJ -St. Joseph	8:30 am SJ Presider: Fr. Ryan Intentions: +Joseph O'Connor	Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel. To find our channel, search <i>Saints JFX</i> on www.youtube.com	Intentions: +Stanislaw Szostak 7:30 pm SFX ACTION <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i>
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Please pray for the sick and those in need:

Seda Aghajani		
Carmen Albino		
Rory Andrykowski		
Ginnie Becker		
Julie Butler		
Heather Campbell		
William Carlin		
Cecelia Cruz		
Hao Dang		
Peter DiClementi, Jr		
Gino DiPaolo		

John Patrick Gabby Ryan Glassberg Sally Griffin Phillip Hall Tim Hanson Barbara Hardy Barbara Hawkinson Laura Hendricks Catherine Horan Bob Kerrigan Will Leming Kaylee Lentino Betsi Burns Landolt Barbara Lori-Mayo John McGuinness Dolores Meier Colin Mowbray Daniel O'Herron Pam O'Reilly John Ondrejicka Keith Osmanski Monica Pecuch Davida Rochman Brian Slowinski Mary Stapleton Gary Strutz Liliana Suciu Trudy Tonelli Elliott Villarreal David W. Krista Wilkinson Audrey Williams Shirley Zeeb In prayer and loving memory of:

> Sally Bredemann Howard Huber



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

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, please press 3 to leave a message, and we will return your call as soon as possible. All inquiries are treated in the strictest of confidence.



Sacraments at Saints JFX

Sacrament of Baptism

Request form can be found on our parish website: <u>ssjfx.org/baptism.html</u>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9:00 am—10:00 am at St. Joseph Church or by appointment. Please call 847/256-4250

Sacrament of Marriage

Request form can be found on our parish website: <u>ssjfx.org/weddings.html</u>

Parish registration forms can be found on our website: ssjfx.org/join-our-parish.html

Readings for the week of December 11, 2022

Sunday:	ls 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/
	Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Monday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
	Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19
	and 23/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10,
	11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a
	and 13b/Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	ls 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/
	Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
	Mt 1:1-17
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/
	Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Saints JFX Ministry of Care

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. If you would like to schedule a visit, please contact Ana Alda-Falcon at (847) 251-0771 or aaldafalcon@ssjfx.org.



Stewardship Report December 4, 2022

Collected at Church: Envelopes: \$7,053.00 Loose Cash: \$1,234.00 Electronic Contributions: \$21,706.51 Total: \$29,993.51

> If you are able, please consider contributing electronically through Give Central: www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/238 Thank you for your generosity.



Saints JFX Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, Christmas Eve

3:00 pm St. Joseph 3:00 pm SFX 3:15 pm SFX School Gym 5:00 pm SFX 5:30 pm St. Joseph 10:00 pm Christmas Concert St. Joseph 10:00 pm Christmas Concert SFX 10:30 pm St. Joseph 10:30 pm SFX

December 25, Nativity of our Lord

8:00 am St. Joseph 9:30 am SFX 10:30 am St. Joseph 11:30 am SFX

Masses on December 31 and January 1 will follow our regular weekend schedule.





Thank you to all who so generously donated to the annual Catholic Charities Celebration of Giving toy drive. The Celebration of Giving supports children and families throughout Cook and Lake counties, giving to those who otherwise would not have gifts for Christmas. Thank you for your help in adding joy to holiday celebrations for these families in need.

The Women's Club Christmas Bake Sale will be held this weekend (December 10 and 11) after all Masses at St. Joseph and St. Francis Xavier . The Cookie Walk is back by popular demand, and will be held at the St. Joseph campus. Sales begin after 5:00 pm Masses and will continue after Sunday Masses until we are sold out.

Thank you to all who are baking! Drop off your goodies at St. Joseph on Saturday, December 10 from 2:00pm until 6:30pm.



Attention all men of Saints JFX!

The Saints JFX Men's Club is being reinstituted and we invite you to be involved. There will be something for everyone and all are welcome to share their gifts.

If interested in serving in a Leadership Position, please join us Thursday December 15: Joseph Room at St. Joseph Rectory (1747 Lake Ave), 7:30pm-8:30pm OR Tuesday December 20: SFX Parish Office (524 9th Street), 7:30pm-8:30pm

Once the leadership positions are filled, we will begin holding meetings in 2023.

If you'd like information on the leadership positions, please contact <u>ssjfxmensclub@gmail.com</u>



Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

MAGNIFY & REJOICE TAIZE PRAYER & MUSIC

THURSDAY, DEC. 15 · 7:30 PM · ST. JOSEPH CHURCH 1747 LAKE AVE, WILMETTE

St. Thomas of Canterbury Food Pantry is in need of paper products (toilet paper, paper towel) as well as personal care products (sanitary pads, diapers, body wash, shampoo, etc).

Donations can be brought to the parish offices. As always, thank you for your generous support of our sharing parish.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop 835 North Rush Street Chicago, IL 60611-2030 312.534.8230 archchicago.org

December 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

On the Third Sunday of Advent, our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Our senior religious are a treasure—both for their service to our Church and for the ways their prayer and witness enrich our faith. "Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bear fruit even in old age" (Ps 92:14-15). As I reflect on the ministry of women and men religious—past and present—I am grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith. I also value the tremendous service they have offered our Archdiocese. Perhaps you, too, recall an older religious who made a positive difference in your life.

Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising health-care costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide financial support that helps religious communities care for aging members while ensuring younger ones can continue the good works of their elders.

I understand you are asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute what you can at masses the weekend of December 10-11. Most importantly, please pray for God's continued blessing on all our women and men religious. Rest assured that they are praying for you.

Wishing you every blessing during this Holy Season of Advent. With kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Alac and again Archbishop of Chicago

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022 3PM AT SFX & SJ

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Christmas Eve

FAMILY MASS AND PAGEANT

The Children of Saints JFX Parish are invited to participate in one of the 3:00pm Christmas Eve Pageant Masses. Use the link or QR code below for more information and to sign up.

RSVP FOR SFX (FIRST GRADERS ONLY) CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE: **RSVP FOR SJ (PS THROUGH** 12TH GRADE) CLICK HERE



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, PRAY FOR PEACE

If you would like to add or remove a name, please contact us at officessjfx@ssjfx.org

US Air Force

SSgt John Wesley Hobbs, Nephew of Frank & Jody Weschler 2nd Lt Luke Stensberg, Friend of Matt Revord family

US Army

Rev Chaplain Maj John Barkemeyer Maj Brian L. Bell, Son-in-law of Bob & Jeanie Quinn LTC Kelly Quinn Bell, Daughter of Bob & Jeanie Quinn Cpt Christopher Cannon, Son of Mark & Sue Cannon Cpt Ryan Cannon, Son of Mark & Sue Cannon 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 SPC Zach Lueken, Nephew of Todd & Rebecca Stewart Sgt Samantha Lueken, Niece of Todd & Rebecca Stewart Sgt Brenda Lore Mayo, Friend of Carpenter family Sgt David Lore Mayo, Friend of Carpenter family 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

Pvt 1st Class Colin Brennan, Nephew of Mary Lou DiClementi Pvt Stuart Corboy III, Son of Marcia Corboy 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 & Michele Hinchcliff 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

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 Tom Smith, Nephew of John & Mary Smith

US National Guard

Sgt Steven Tetzlaff, Son of Peter & Katie Tetzlaff and Grandson of Roger & Dolores Meier Sgt. Jackson Knott, Brother of Ryan Knott Lt Col Grant Swinger, Son of James and Carol Swinger Sgt Liam Gobeyn, Grandson of George & Michele Hinchcliff

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