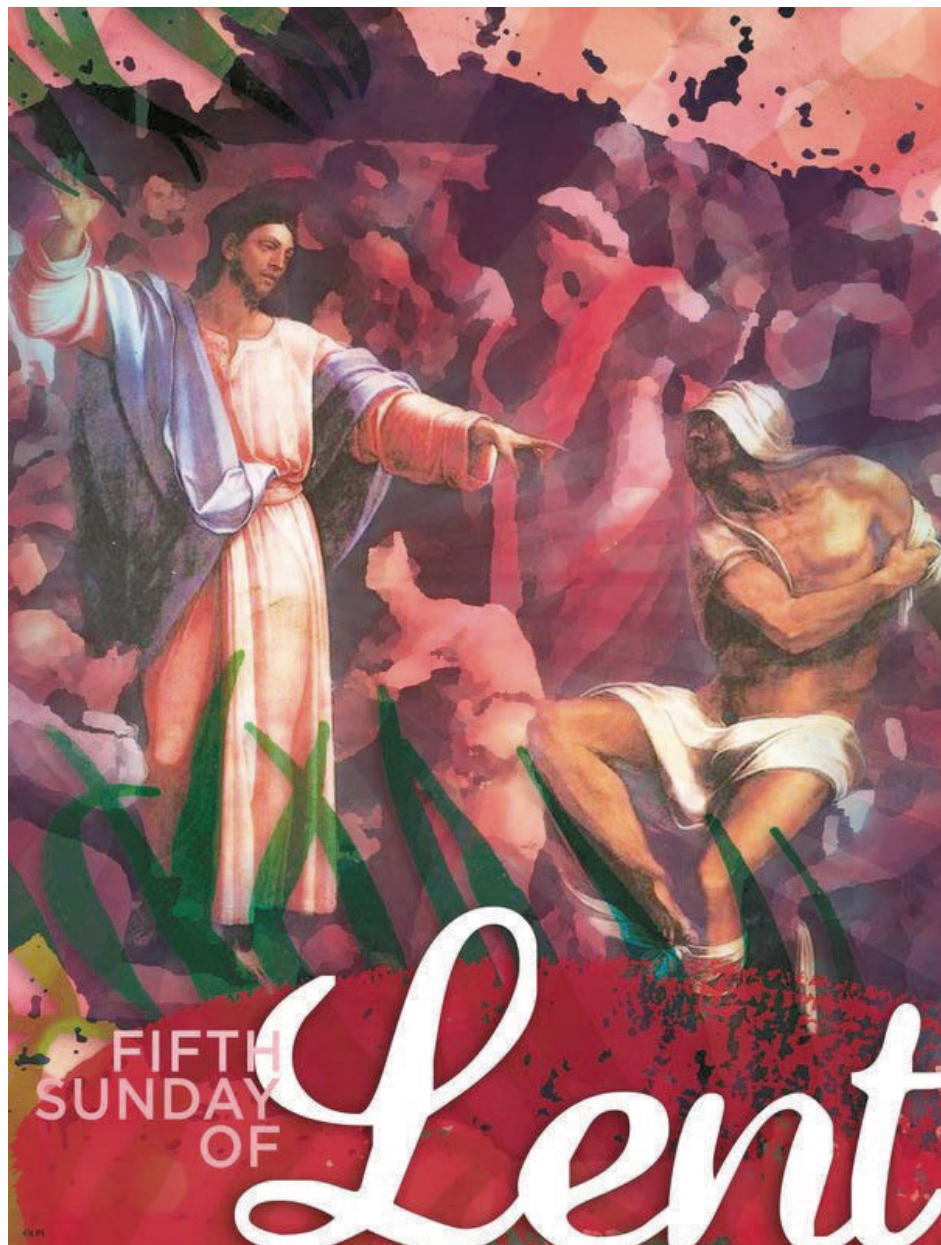




Saints Joseph and
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Parish

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.



March 26, 2023



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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)

Sunday Mass

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.

Confession is offered from 9:00 - 10:00 am on Saturdays at St. Joseph Church.

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Dear Friends,

Recently, I received an email from a priest colleague of mine, who jokingly ended his message sent to me and about seven other priests with, "I trust that you are continuing to have a miserable Lent as I am!" I laughed out loud as I read it. Lent, with its invitation to deny self, to live a more disciplined life, and to stretch a bit in our giving of self, purifies us. In the purification process, we can be pleasant or we can be miserable. Miserable is tempting at times. But, if we really reflect on the season, this joyful season, this season of grace, this holy season, this hope-filled season, Lent makes the most sense. It prepares us to celebrate the Paschal Season with minds and hearts renewed. What an opportunity!

As we continue our Lenten journey - and battle the seemingly endless chill of Chicago's *nominal* spring-time, we need hope. Ezekiel speaks to God's beloved, promising opened graves, resurrection, a new spirit and a new life. "I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord." In Jesus, God fulfills his promise. The story of the raising of Lazarus gives us reason to hope.

"Lord, if you would have been here, my brother would not have died!" Imagine the disappointment, grief, and anger in the voice of one of Jesus' dear friends. They believed in him. They really did! They sent for him, saying, "Master the one you love is ill." They expected him to come immediately. He delayed in coming. His delay disappointed them. Martha and Mary came face to face with disillusionment. They felt let down. And when they encountered Jesus, they let him know. They did not, though, stop believing. Martha said, "Even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus assured Martha that Lazarus would rise. He also gave her some insight into who he was in relationship to the Father. Finally, he asked her if she believed him.

In this poignant moment, Jesus reveals much about himself, his relationships, his love, and his power. In their grief, the sisters of Lazarus encountered the compassion of Jesus. He met them where they were. He listened to them and responded to their pleas. He showed his own humanity, his passion, and his love. Ultimately he showed that he had, and certainly has, power over death. Confidently he commanded them to roll back the stone, and confidently he called his friend to come out from the tomb, "Lazarus, come out!" And Lazarus did.

In last week's and this week's Gospels Jesus presents a question (maybe an invitation) to those he encounters. To the once blind man Jesus asked, "Do you believe in

the Son of Man?" In his encounter with the mourning Martha, after describing himself as "the resurrection and the life," and promising eternal life to all who believe in him, he asked her, in the midst of her sorrow, "Do you believe this?" These creedal questions posed to the man with

newfound vision and to a woman of faith, remain for us to answer. Do *we* believe in the Son of Man? Do *we* believe in the promise of the One who is the resurrection and the life? As we answer these questions of faith, we must also examine our lives. Our answers to the questions, our response to the invitation, must dictate the way we live our lives. The sisters of Lazarus lived their creed. So did the man born blind. Do we?

"With the Lord there is mercy and the fullness of redemption." We need the Psalmist's words now more than ever. We need the hope that Jesus' suffering and death offers us. We need to experience his life saving power. We need to do what so many, in his day and in ours, do not; we need to believe.

Lent is winding down. Before we know it we will be celebrating the holiest days of our church year. Have you chosen to be miserable this Lent, or have you decided to use this season to move yourself closer to God? Let's make these final days of this holy season fruitful ones.

Peace,



PS: The Lakota Group begins its *Engagement* process soon. You will be invited to share your hopes and dreams for our beautiful campuses, in listening sessions and focus groups. We will schedule town hall meetings in April and early May. Lastly, we have about a week to complete our Disciple Maker Index survey. We have invited you often. ***I pray for 100% participation.***



Weekly Mass Schedule

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<p>Monday March 27, 2023 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Hao Dang +Mary Kate Phelan (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>Tuesday March 28, 2023 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Hao Dang +Maurice DeVolder (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ Adoration</p> <p>10:00 am SJ Benediction</p> <p>7:00 pm SJ Parish Reconciliation Service</p> <p>+ Deceased / (L) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier SJ -St. Joseph</p>	<p>Wednesday March 29, 2023 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Hao Dang (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>Thursday March 30, 2023 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Brian Carey +Hao Dang (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>Friday March 31, 2023 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Hao Dang (L)Mary Kay Gorman (L)Rehbock Family (L)Catherine Rago</p> <p>7:30 pm SJ Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>Saturday April 1, 2023 8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Hao Dang</p> <p>9:00 am - 10:00 am SJ Confession</p> <p>11:30 am SFX Baptism Cappo Family</p> <p>5:00 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Laura Fogarty +Mike Skach</p> <p>5:00 pm SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Marilou DiClementi +Michael Tischler (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel. To find our channel, search <i>Saints JFX</i> on www.youtube.com</p>	<p>Sunday April 2, 2023 8:00 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Chun, SJ</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Hao Dang +James Miesenhelder +Emile Rago +Olivia Sergot</p> <p>9:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Hutchins Day Kealy +Joe Lenihan</p> <p>10:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +James Miesenhelder +Liliana Suci +Kazimiera & Zygmunt Kaczorowski (L)Rehbock Family (L)/+Nguyen Family</p> <p>11:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Dorsey, SJ</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Dave Crome +Meyer, Takarchik and Ruhala Families</p> <p>11:30 am SJ Baptism Weber Family</p> <p>4:45 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i> +James Miesenhelder</p>
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Please pray for the sick and those in need:

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Carmen Albino
Rory Andrykowski
Laurie B.
Ginnie Becker
Julie Butler
Heather Campbell
William Carlin
Cecelia Cruz
Peter DiClementi, Jr.

Gino DiPaolo
John Patrick Gabby
Ryan Glassberg
Sally Griffin
Phillip Hall
Tim Hanson
Barbara Hardy
Barbara Hawkinson
Laura Hendricks
Catherine Horan

Kaylee Lentino
Betsi Burns Landolt
Barbara Lori-Mayo
Tiffany McGivern
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
Trudy Tonelli
Elliott Villarreal
David W.
Krista Wilkinson
Audrey Williams
Shirley Zeeb

*In prayer
and loving memory of:*

Marian Haney



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.



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.



Sacraments at Saints JFX

Sacrament of Baptism

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

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: ssjfx.org/weddings.html

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

Stewardship Report

March 19, 2023

Collected at Church:

Envelopes: \$ 6,379

Loose Cash: \$ 1,090

Electronic

Contributions: \$25,958.92

Total: \$33,427.92

If you are able, please consider contributing electronically via PushPay using the QR code.



Thank you for your generosity.

Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- Monday: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Pray the Rosary

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

To join online:

<https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>

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Passcode: MYhkSx

If you prefer to call in:

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Conference ID: 267-145-550#

The Rosary is also prayed at 8:00 am, Monday through Saturday at St. Joseph Church, followed by 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, PRAY FOR PEACE

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2nd Lt Luke Stenberg

US Army

Rev Chaplain Maj John Barkemeyer
Maj Brian L. Bell
LTC Kelly Quinn Bell
Cpt Christopher Cannon
Cpt Ryan Cannon
PFC Richard Carlson
Spc Harrison Daniels
Maj Jason Harlan
Pvt Ryan Higgins
SPC Zach Lueken
Sgt Samantha Lueken
Sgt Brenda Lore Mayo
Sgt David Lore Mayo
Maj Anita Scattone
Lt Col Shawn Schwarz
Lt Ryan Slattery
Maj Benjamin Stumpf

US Marine Corps

Pvt 1st Class Colin Brennan
Pvt Stuart Corboy III
Sgt Joseph Devroy
Cpt Peter Dulaney
Sgt Brandon Galgay
Sgt Aidan Gobeyn
Cpt Brad Gustafson
Ssgt Walter Ramirez
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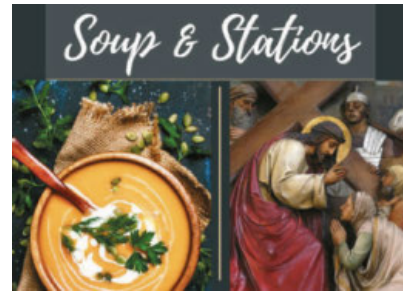
US Navy

Cmdr Kevin Carlson
Lt Ted Luker
PO2 Kevin Morrison
Lt Tom Smith
Shane Zeman

US National Guard

Sgt Steven Tetzlaff
Sgt Jackson Knott

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Stations of the Cross will be offered at St. Joseph Church on the following Fridays in Lent:

March 24
March 31

Stations begin at 7:30 pm. All are invited to meet in the St. Joseph Community Room beginning at 6:30 pm for a simple meal of soup prior to Stations.

No reservations are required. If you'd like to volunteer to bring soup, or help set up and serve the meal, please scan the QR code below



Thank you to all who so generously support the Food Pantry at St. Thomas of Canterbury.

The Food Pantry is currently in need of the following items:

- Cooking oils
- Rice
- Toiletries/Personal Care Products
- Diapers - Sizes 2 through 5

Donations can be left in the sharing corner in both of our churches, or brought to the parish offices during regular business hours.



He is Risen!***Join us for our Holy Week and Easter Services***

April 1, Palm Sunday (Vigil)
5:00 pm St. Joseph
5:00 pm St. Francis Xavier

April 2, Palm Sunday
8:00 am St. Joseph
9:30 am St. Francis Xavier
10:30 am St. Joseph
11:30 am St. Francis Xavier
4:45 pm St. Joseph

April 5, Tenebrae
7:30 pm Service of Shadows - St. Francis Xavier

April 6, Holy Thursday
8:30 am Morning Prayer - St. Joseph
7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Francis Xavier*
**Church will remain open concluding with Night Prayer at 10:30 pm*

April 7, Good Friday
8:30 am Morning Prayer - St. Joseph
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion - St. Francis Xavier
5:30 pm Living Stations of the Cross - St. Joseph
7:30 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion - St. Joseph

April 8, Holy Saturday
8:30 am Morning Prayer - St. Joseph
10:30 am Basket Blessing - St. Francis Xavier
7:30 pm The Easter Vigil - St. Joseph

April 9, Easter Sunday
8:00 am St. Joseph
9:30 am St. Francis Xavier
9:45 am St. Francis Xavier Gym
10:30 am St. Joseph
11:30 am St. Francis Xavier

**Time is Running Out
for the Parish Survey!**

We want to hear from you! We are conducting an important survey with the Archdiocese of Chicago. The goal of the survey is to learn where you are in your faith journey, and how Saints JFX can improve your experience and faith development.

The Disciple Maker Survey is going to all parishes in the diocese and will take 10-15 minutes to complete. Parishes will receive the results in June, and we will share the findings with you. We will act on what we learn.

Scan the QR code to take the survey by March 31.

Hard copies can be found in both churches and both parish offices. Please return completed surveys to either parish office before March 31.

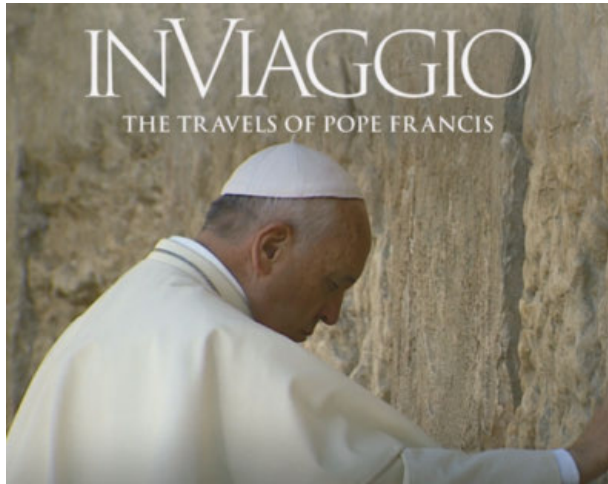
Thank you!

***From the Loft***

We hope you had the opportunity to attend the beautiful Taize prayer service last Thursday evening at St. Joseph Church. The choir will have a one-week holiday this weekend before heading into Palm Sunday and Holy Week services.

Also of interest: One of our lead cantors, Kaylee Lentino, has created a video detailing her fight against cancer, and includes a special song, "I Am Not Alone", which can be viewed on YouTube. You can find the recording at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npvxFvo_nYo. You can watch Kaylee talk about her journey at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bj7-o-4oLzk>

John Hopkins



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The Wilmette Theater will be running a special screening of *In Viaggio The Travels of Pope Francis* on **Tuesday March 28, 2023 at 2:00 pm**. Tickets will be available at the door as well as on the theater website: www.wilmettetheatre.com.

For more information and to watch the movie trailer, please see www.magpictures.com/inviaggio/home/

St. Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

JOIN US FOR THE Living Stations of the Cross:

Please join us on Friday, April 7th 5:30pm at St. Joseph Church as the children of our parish re-enact the Stations of the Cross.

Come and pray the Stations of the Cross with your children. It is a very prayerful and spiritual way to help your children understand the path Jesus traveled before His Crucifixion.

Easter Basket Blessing

Please join us on **Saturday, April 8th 10:30am** at **St. Francis Xavier Church**

Fill your basket with foods you would enjoy at your first Easter meal. Items to include in your basket: ham, sausage, lamb, breads, eggs, chocolate, bitter herbs, butter, wine, candy.

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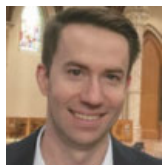
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At the Easter Vigil we will welcome our eight RCIA participants into the Catholic Church. We invite you to read their stories in the bulletins over the next two weeks, and ask that you keep them in your prayers during their final weeks of preparation.



Spencer Winters will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation

I was born and raised as an only child in Kirkland, Washington, a suburb of Seattle, before attending college in Colorado and law school in Michigan. My mom and dad were both raised Catholic and moved from Connecticut to the Seattle area in the 1970s, although they did not have me baptized. My parents still live in Kirkland in the house where I grew up, and I visit them regularly there.

I moved to Chicago after graduating from law school in 2013, where I work as a corporate lawyer today. I met my fiancé, Kitty, in Chicago through a mutual friend. Kitty teaches first grade at St. Josaphat School in Lincoln Park. Throughout the course of many discussions, I decided to join the church before our wedding in July and with the help of Kitty's uncle, Father Wayne Watts, enrolled in the RCIA program at SSJFX. Kitty and I are looking forward to growing in faith together through our marriage.

Through the RCIA process, I have learned extensively about the Catholic faith and its history, teachings, and practices. I found the lecture on the drafting and adoption of the original Nicene Creed at the First Council of Nicaea fascinating. I'm looking forward to the remaining classes leading up to my Baptism and Confirmation.



Jentry Jordan will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation

I was born in Grand Haven, MI and went to college at Western Colorado University in Gunnison, CO where I met my husband, Jermey Craighead. Upon graduation, we lived in Denver for six years and married in August of 2008. In 2010, Jermey and I moved to Chicago where we spent seven years living in the city. Ultimately we made the move to Wilmette in the summer of 2017.

We welcomed our first child, Cruz Craighead, into the world on July 10, 2021. Cruz was baptized at Saint Joseph Church in July of 2022. At that time Jermey and I both felt it was important to join Cruz in his journey as a Catholic and so we became part of the RCIA program in the fall of 2022.

Since June of 2010, I have worked at Goldman Sachs, an investment firm, where I currently serve as a Regional Director in the Asset & Wealth Management Division. I love traveling with Jermey and Cruz, but you can also catch me on the golf course with Jermey on the weekends.




Jermey Craighead will receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation

I was born and raised in Arvada, Colorado and went to college at Western Colorado University, where I met my wife, Jentry Jordan. After graduating college, Jentry and I lived in Denver for six years and were married in August of 2008. In February of 2010, we moved to Chicago and spent our first seven years in the city, mostly in the West Loop.


In the summer of 2017, we moved to Wilmette. Our first child, Cruz Craighead came into the world on July 10, 2021. I had been baptized Catholic as a child and it was very important to my grandmother that Cruz be baptized in the Catholic Church.

After Cruz was baptized in July of 2022, Jentry and I felt it was important to join Cruz in his journey and joined the RCIA program in the fall of 2022. With Cruz turning 2-years-old this summer, we are looking at enrolling him in the school program at St. Joseph which we believe will give all three of us the opportunity to become more involved with the church.

Since June of 2004, I have worked for Apex Systems, a Technology focused solution company, and currently serve as a Principal and VP of Operations for their three offices in Illinois. My hobbies and interests include fitness, along with trying new restaurants, traveling, and golfing with Jentry.

 Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

Calling all Students



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All students from the parish are invited to participate in Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 7, at 5:30pm at St. Joseph Church

Two practices will be held at St. Joseph Church to prepare for Living Stations:
 Tuesday April 4, 7:00pm-8:00pm
 Friday April 7, 11:00am-12:00pm

Participants will return to church on Friday April 7 at 4:30pm for final preparations.

Please contact Dana McKenna at dmckenna@ssjfx.org or (847) 251-0771 for more information.

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Vigil location: Carafem Abortion Center, 4711 Golf Rd. in Skokie. We meet in the middle of the block between Skokie Blvd. & Grosse Point Rd. (on south side of the street)

Vigil days/hours: Every Saturday at 9:30 am – 10:30 am (following 8:30 am St. Joseph's Mass)

SJFX Contacts: Kevin Connolly at 773-981-2972 kconnolly@usa.com or Claudia Morse-Karzen at cmorsekarzen@gmail.com 847-924-9089

WE NEED YOU TO SHARE IN THIS CRITICAL MISSION!

In addition, please donate to the following pro-life groups: **Aid for Women** at <https://www.helpaidforwomen.org>, **Pro-Life Action League** at <https://prolifeaction.org> and **Students for Life** at <https://studentsforlife.org>.

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