



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.

17th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

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"The kingdom of heaven is like a
treasure buried in a field, which
a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells
all that he has and
buys that field."
- Mt 13:44

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July 30, 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 (September-April)

*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,

As most of you read this, we will have been on our Lourdes pilgrimage for almost one week and will be returning home in less than one more week. The pilgrimage is always an amazing, faith-filled experience and a highlight of my year. I send a daily update to parents and friends of our pilgrims, and today I share with you some of the highlights of the first few days. Please continue to pray for us as we will for you.

Peace,

Rev. Wayne F. Watts

July 23

Some of the pilgrims, including this scribe, bragged of sleeping very well on the flight, but most found it difficult to sleep on the plane. I must say that even with a lack of sleep and a very long journey, this pilgrim group has handled the day quite well.

We found our driver and loaded the bus, the young people graciously helping the seniors. Prior to boarding the train to Lourdes, we had some time to spend in Paris. My favorite place to visit is The Chapel of the Miraculous Medal. When I was 5 years old, Sister Marie Imelda gave all the kindergarten students a little medal with Mary's image. I lost that medal, but it's story and significance remain with me to this day.

The short story says that Mary appeared to Saint Catherine Laboure when she was a novice with the Daughters of Charity and told her to have a medal struck in the image she suggested. She said whoever wears the medal close to his heart will receive countless graces. After protests from priests and superiors, Mary's plan was realized, and countless healings have been attributed to the wearing of the medal. I call myself the Midwest distributor of the Miraculous Medal.

We boarded the bus and headed for the Montparnasse Train Station on the southern part of Paris. Twenty-five hours after we gathered at Saint Joseph Church, we have arrived at the Hotel Sainte Rose. God is good!

July 24

Greetings from Lourdes! The weather here is chilly and misty. The dampness has not dampened our spirits. You can feel the joy and the camaraderie shared by the pilgrims any time we're together.

I escorted the crowd down to the shrine. We watched a video, which gave a great overview of the history, and the present of the shrine.

We passed by the grotto, filled our water bottles with Lourdes water, and began our walk in the footsteps of Saint Bernadette. We learned a lot about the simple peasant girl, to whom the Virgin Mary decided to reveal herself. Her life went from simplicity to poverty. And in her poverty, she was richly blessed with a visit from Our Lady. Not only did Mary visit Bernadette, but she also entrusted to her a great mission. Bernadette happily heeded her call. Because she did, we are here today. Mary told Bernadette, "Tell the priest to build a chapel here, and have people come in Procession." She went back-and-forth quite often with the message and the priest's response. Ultimately, on March 25, 1858, Mary revealed herself as the Immaculate Conception. That certainly got the priest's attention!

Along the way, we stopped into the Maximilian Kolbe exhibit, and listened to Brother Peter talk about Maximilian, his crowns of purity and martyrdom, his love for Mary and his desire to spread the Gospel.



We had Mass and celebrated our Lady of Lourdes. The Scriptures chosen for that Mass are beautiful. The Gospel was about the wedding feast at Cana. The back-and-forth between Jesus and Mary could be fodder for a stand-up comic. The mother comes to her son with the problem. The son says, "not my problem." The mother ignores the comment and continues with her plan. The son ultimately does what the mother wants. I told the pilgrims that Mary has very few lines in the Scriptures. And today's Gospel has one of her best. "Do whatever he tells you." When we do whatever Jesus tells us, amazing things happen.

We spent the remainder of the afternoon continuing in the footsteps of Saint Bernadette. After dinner we braved the mist and went down to the sanctuary for the evening candlelight rosary procession. The whole group made it. It was beautiful. About 15,000 people, and many, many, young people on their way to World Youth Day in Lisbon were in attendance. The rain came down harder. The joy remained. It gives great hope for the Church.

July 25

Today is the feast of Saint James the Apostle. The readings at our morning Mass challenged us to be great. If we want to be great, Jesus says we must serve. Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve, and today we are given the opportunity to serve.

At Mass, in my homily, I remembered two men who exemplify service. Dan Lynch, who, as a senior, joined the Pilgrimage. After he retired, he traveled and many youth pilgrimages with me, including at least two trips to world youth day. In his retirement, Dan said he wanted to serve and help in any way I needed him. I remember him in his 70s sleeping on a gym floor. After a few days, he told me that gym floors are best for basketball! He had a great line that I thought of as I read the Gospel. He said that Jesus wants us to be "all in." Dan was "all in!" He went to God a few years ago, but his spirit lives on this pilgrimage. I also mentioned Deepak Deveraj. Deepak is the chair of the parish council at Saints JFX. He says, "We are all soldiers in God's army." He always says yes-and is willing to help. Saint Bernadette has a great line that we saw yesterday along the way. She preaches "Love without limits." That's the call of the Gospel.

After a training session on how to operate the chariots safely and securely, we met our malades. One of the teen pilgrims said that this didn't really feel like service. She said it's like hanging with the elderly and being human Ubers. We transported them to their opening Mass. After Mass, we transported them to the front of the rosary basilica. We had a group photo. The people of Belle-Ars really consider us part of their group and invited us to be part of the large group photo. After the photo, we transported our malades for their much-awaited passage to the grotto. Their eagerness to connect with the rock of Massabiell, and their faith are inspirational.

Weekly Mass Schedule

<p><u>Monday July 31, 2023</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Juventina Montano Pena (L)Rehbok Family Intentions</p> <p><u>Tuesday August 1, 2023</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Juventina Montano Pena</p> <p>9:00 am-7:00 pm SJ Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>6:00 pm SJ Confession</p> <p>+ Deceased / (L) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier SJ -St. Joseph</p>	<p><u>Wednesday August 2, 2023</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Molly Harris +Juventina Montano Pena +Gene McGuire +John R and Ruth Smith (L)Rehbok Family Intentions</p> <p><u>Thursday August 3, 2023</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Dr. Eugene Broccolo +Juventina Montano Pena +Anthony Wallace</p> <p><u>Friday August 4, 2023</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Florence McNerney +Juventina Montano Pena (L)Intentions of Pat O'Brien (L)Rehbok Family Intentions</p> <p>1:00 pm SJ Baptism Martinez Family</p>	<p><u>Saturday August 5, 2023</u> 8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Juventina Montano Pena</p> <p>9:00 am SJ Confession</p> <p>11:00 am SJ Baptism Barnum Family</p> <p>11:00 am SFX Baptism Lopriore Family</p> <p>5:00 pm SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Josephina Cannon +Mark Solomon D'Silva +Ernest Desharnais +Juventina Montano Pena</p> <p>5:00 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Danny McCarthy +Margaret Richards</p> <p>Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel.</p> <p>To find our channel, search Saints JFX on www.youtube.com</p>	<p><u>Sunday August 6, 2023</u> 8:00 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Juventina Montano Pena +Liliana Suci</p> <p>9:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Hugh Mulligan</p> <p>10:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Ernest Desharnais +Massimo DiDomizio +Juventina Montano Pena +Joe Sullivan +Zygmunt & Kazimiera Kaczorowski</p> <p>11:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Dave Crome</p> <p>12:30 pm SFX Baptism Granros de Azeredo Family</p> <p>4:45 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Peggy Coady +Juventina Montano Pena</p>
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Please pray for the sick and those in need:

Seda Aghajani
Carmen Albino
Rory Andrykowski
Laurie B.
Ginnie Becker
Heather Campbell
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
Bob Kerrigan
Will Leming
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

David Rochman
Brian Slowinski
Mary Stapleton
Gary Strutz
Trudy Tonelli
Elliott Villarreal
David W.
Krista Wilkinson
Audrey Williams

*In prayer
and loving memory of:*

*Ernest Desharnais
Gloria Fruin
Vincent Nicholson*



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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, those in senior facilities, and Evanston Hospital.

If you or a family member would like to schedule a visit, please contact the MOC Care line at (847) 256-2273 (CARE) or email moc4202@ameritech.net.

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

July 23, 2023

Collected at Church:

Envelopes: \$ 6,644.00

Loose Cash: \$ 1,791.00

Electronic

Contributions: \$21,880.00

Total: \$30,315.00

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



Thank you for your generosity.

Marriage Banns

*Margaret Rosinski and
David Bragiel
Bann II*



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>

Meeting ID: 243 977 469 891

Passcode: MYhkSx

If you prefer to call in:

Dial (872)242-9930;

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

US Air Force

Ssgt John Wesley Hobbs
2nd Lt Luke Stenberg

US Army

Rev Chaplain Maj John Barkemeyer
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 Brenda Lore Mayo
Sgt David Lore Mayo
Maj Anita Scattone
Lt Col Shawn Schwarz
Lt Ryan Slattery
Maj Benjamin Stumpf

US Marine Corps

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Pvt Stuart Corboy III
Sgt Joseph Devroy
Cpt Peter Dulaney
Sgt Brandon Galgay
Sgt Aidan Gobeyn
Cpt Brad Gustafson
Ssgt Walter Ramirez
Cpt William Smith
Pfc Trevor J. Talbot
Pvt 1st Class Stevie Williams

US Navy

Cmdr Kevin Carlson
PO2 Kevin Morrison
ENS Hugh Rider
Lt Cmdr Tom Smith
Shane Zeman

US National Guard

Liam Gobeyn
Sgt Steven Tetzlaff
Sgt Jackson Knott

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



Readings for the week of July 30, 2023

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1: 16-19/Mt 17:1-9

All-day Eucharistic Adoration is Tuesday August 1 9:00 am until 7:00 pm at Saint Joseph Church.

Confession will be offered from 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm



If you have questions about Eucharistic Adoration, please reach out to Fr. Ryan at rsryan@ssjfx.org.

All are invited to join the Saints JFX First Saturday Devotions group on Saturday August 5 after the 8:30am Mass at St. Joseph.

We pray the rosary along with devotions in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; prayer guides will be available at the church.



THY KINGDOM COME!

Fr. Wayne Watts will be honored with the *In Service of One Another Catholic Humanitarian Award* at the Rector's Classic Dinner on September 14, 2023. Tickets can be purchased through the website or by using the QR code. Please join us!



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*In Service of One Another Catholic Humanitarian Award 2023 Honoree
Reverend Wayne Watts, Pastor of Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish*

REGISTRATION

10:00 a.m. Pine Meadow Golf Club

DRIVING RANGE

10:00 a.m. – Noon Pine Meadow Golf Club

LUNCH

10:45 a.m. – Noon Pine Meadow Golf Club

SHOTGUN START

12:15 p.m. Pine Meadow Golf Club

RECEPTION

6:00 p.m. Mundelein Hall on campus

DINNER

7:00 p.m. Dining Hall on campus



An online auction and raffle will be held the day of the event as well. A full invitation will be mailed at the end of June 2023.

To register visit rc2023.givesmart.com

For more information, please contact Jillian Mortillaro at (847) 970-4938 or by email at jmortillaro@usml.edu.



We look forward to seeing you this year!

We need volunteers – join us in this work of love!

Do you have a heart for people suffering infirmity or loss? The sick, the infirm, and the grieving, and their families, are visited, accompanied, and loved through **Saints JFX Ministries of Care and Bereavement**. We need more volunteers to meet the great need for compassionate presence and prayer!

Ministry of Care

I was sick and you visited Me. Mt 25:36

People who cannot come to church are comforted and strengthened by the embrace of the Body of Christ. In our visits to homes, senior facilities, and Evanston Hospital, our ministers provide that embrace through presence, conversation, and Holy Communion.

Bereavement

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Mt 5:4

Our ministers accompany the grieving by assisting with planning and staffing the funeral for their loved one. We enfold them in our All-Souls' Day Mass when we pray for all our beloved dead together.

To learn more about the volunteer roles available, please call the Ministry of Care Line at 847-256-2273 (CARE) or email Mary Clare Birmingham at mbirmingham@ssjfx.org. Training takes place in September and October so don't wait. We'd love to have you join us!

SAINTS JFX MEN'S CLUB



Saints JFX Men's Club Corner

Scan the QR code below for opportunities to get involved. See you in September!



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Saints JFX New Family of Faith Program



FAMILY OF FAITH:

Our new Family of Faith program is replacing the previous Youth Faith Formation program beginning this fall, enabling parents to reconnect with their own faith as they learn how to share it with their children. Families choose when and where to work on preparing their children to receive the sacraments, accommodating a wide range of schedules, learning styles, and abilities.

To register for the Family of Faith program, click on the link below. Please contact Dana McKenna at 847-251-3734 or dmckenna@ssjfx.org with any questions.

Family of Faith Registration can be found here:
<https://ssjfx.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/9/responses/new>



QUESTIONS:

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Invest In Kids Tax Credit Scholarships

Illinois' bipartisan Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program provides need-based scholarships for students to attend private schools. Donors who give through Empower Illinois receive a 75% state income tax credit on their gift. Your tax credit scholarship donation will help students from low-income and working-class communities attend their best-fit school. This program will sunset by the end of 2023 unless legislators reauthorize it to continue. **Please help! Contact your legislator to ask that the program be continued. You can use the following link to write an email or place a call: <https://p2a.co/gmqrehi>**

Also, please consider being part of the Saints JFX Sharing our Gifts Campaign. Our goal is to fund every student in line for a scholarship at St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Mary of the Lake Schools for the 2023-24 school year. Together, we can help all 160 students receive a tax credit scholarship by raising our goal of \$1 million.

We invite you to contact Katie Taylor, from Empower Illinois, at 312-392-0220 ext. 212, or katie@empowerillinois.org to begin the process of investing your tax dollars into a gift of education.



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The Archdiocese of Chicago Mission Cooperation Plan Collection July 29-30

Each summer the Global Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Chicago facilitates the Mission Cooperation Plan, an opportunity for about 75 international missionary dioceses, religious congregations and organizations to share their stories and invite support from our faith communities. This annual second collection provides vital support to ministries that witness and proclaim the love of Jesus in areas of the world affected by poverty and upheaval.

Sister Perpetua Chime and Sister Justina Nnajofor will be speaking at our Masses this weekend. Sister Perpetua and Sister Justina are Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena, Gusau Nigeria. The Sisters' mission serves a growing number of families, children and young adults in northern Nigeria who are being displaced due to increased violence against Christians and humanity. Many of the families and children suffer various forms of abuse and live in abject poverty. The Sisters provide basic essentials such as shelter, food, clothing, healthcare and education. The ministries are faced with many daily uncertainties including the threat of violence, which makes the work very challenging.

The Sisters work hard to continue to provide for many of the displaced families who have relocated to eastern Nigeria away from the threat of violence and abuse but are faced with different challenges of being in an unfamiliar territory. The goal is to provide them a safer and nurturing environment that will allow for growth, happiness and advancement in the education of their children.

Thank you for your consideration in assisting the Sisters as they evangelize and carry out the mission of Jesus Christ to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34).



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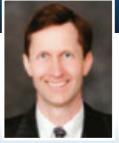
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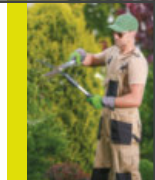
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