



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.

FIRST



“Thus, the last will be
first, and the first
will be last.”

MATTHEW 20:16

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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 Saturday at St. Joseph Church.

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www.ssjfx.org

For information about Saints JFX School, please visit
www.saintsjfx.org

Saints JFX is on social media!

*Follow us on Instagram (saintsjfx_wilmette) and
Facebook (Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier)*

Dear Friends,

God keeps turning things upside down! How often do we have to hear that God's ways are not our ways, or that the last shall be first, or that the world's standards cannot compare to God's standards or any other value altering statement from Sacred Scripture before we really get it? Our Lord calls us to examine our lives and align them more with God. The readings this week completely illustrate that the perspective of God is right, just, and merciful. They invite us to make God's perspective ours. As we listen to the Gospel this week, do not our voices blend with the long suffering all day workers, "It's not fair!" What is fair? What is just? What is right?

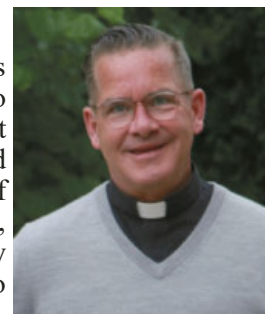
One of my favorite expressions in speaking of the One who created us, calls us, provides for us, forgives, and pursues us is a simple three-word statement: "God is good!" God *IS* good. God does great things for us. Have you thought about it recently? What great things has God done for you? Perhaps those folks in the Gospel parable who went out early in the day have taken the goodness and the generosity of the landowner for granted. Sometimes I think we do the same thing.

On Tuesday nights, I am reminded to be grateful, to count my blessings. As the tired, smelly, hungry, dirty, guests arrive for the Tuesday Night Supper and enter Saint Vincent Hall at Catholic Charities, I greet them. I do my best to welcome them and give them a smile and some cheer. It might be the only greeting, smile or cheer they receive all day.

This Tuesday was no different. Smelly, hungry, and dirty, they crossed the threshold of the dining room. I tried to ask each one how he or she was feeling that particular evening. Many of them responded cheerfully, "I'm Blessed." Imagine that. Many, carrying all of their worldly possessions in the tattered bags they have somehow found, are able to see God's goodness in the midst of their intimate struggle with poverty, loneliness, and difficulty. They did not complain that I wore a clean shirt, and they did not. They did not moan that I had a bed to sleep in and they did not. Many simply said, "I'm Blessed!"

We are blessed. God is good. In today's Gospel, the landowner's benevolence and perseverance impress me. The call goes out, over and over and over again, from early in the morning to late in the evening. The landowner himself personally goes out and invites those standing around to work with him. All are called. All are welcome to work in the vineyard. God shows the same universality and persistence with each of us.

Our benevolent God personally asks each one of us (and ALL of us) to work in God's vineyard. One cannot even count the blessings that God gives, and *will* give us at the end of our days, us as a reward. Somehow, the poor realize that. Hopefully someday, we will too. It is never too late to hear and respond to the call. It is never too late to work with the Lord. God does not ever stop pursuing us. Aren't those good words to hear?



So, hear the call. Maybe God is calling you to answer the call by becoming more deeply involved in the ministries (internal and external) of Saints JFX. On this Ministry Sunday, we become God's voice of invitation to you. We need you. We need volunteers at all the liturgies - and there are lots of opportunities to volunteer at Family Promise, Catholic Charities and St Thomas of Canterbury's school and food pantry. Work for the Lord. Experience God's munificence. And, above all, be grateful. Let's not take God's kindness for granted. Forget about looking at what we lack or comparing others' situations to our own. Let's put on the attitude of gratitude. And in return, serve the Lord with generosity and joy.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Wayne T. Wain". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

PS We had a great turnout at the One Plan town hall at Saint Joseph last Tuesday. There's another town hall Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 pm in the SFX gym. Make your voice heard. Come and see the exciting potential plans and let the team know what you think of them.

Weekly Mass Schedule

<p>Monday September 25, 2023 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Carol Perkins (L)Haser Family Intentions</p> <p>Tuesday September 26, 2023 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Dave Crome +Carol Perkins (L)Chris Lee & Family (L)Haser Family Intentions</p> <p>9:00 am-10:00 am SJ Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>+ Deceased / (L) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier SJ -St. Joseph</p>	<p>Wednesday September 27 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)Haser Family Intentions</p> <p>Thursday September 28, 2023 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Joseph Dang (L)Haser Family Intentions</p> <p>Friday September 29, 2023 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Carol Perkins +Arthur & Virginia Roth +Dennis Roth +Olivia Sergot (L)Timothy Lee & Family (L)Haser Family Intentions</p>	<p>Saturday September 30, 2023 8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)People of the Parish</p> <p>9:00 am SJ Confession</p> <p>1:00 pm SFX Wedding Tenerelli/Edgar</p> <p>3:00 pm SJ Wedding McKenna/Wynn</p> <p>5:00 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Hendrickson, SJ</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Loretta Frank +Carol Perkins</p> <p>5:00 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Pug & Dade Ellison +Jack McDonagh (L)Haser Family Intentions</p> <p>Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel.</p> <p>To find our channel, search Saints JFX on www.youtube.com</p>	<p>Sunday October 1, 2023 8:00 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Liliana Suci</p> <p>9:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Margaret Richards</p> <p>10:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Ernest DeSharnais +Kenneth Paxson +Carol Perkins (L)Intentions of the Carmel Monastery, Des Plaines</p> <p>11:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Margaret Krolikowska</p> <p>12:30 pm SFX Baptism McIntyre Family</p> <p>1:00 pm SJ Animal Blessing</p> <p>4:45 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)Haser Family Intentions</p> <p>7:30 pm SFX ACTION <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p>
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Please pray for the sick and those in need:

Seda Aghajani
Carmen Albino
Rory Andrykowski
Laura 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:*

Gene DiClementi



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



Experienced 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 mbirmingham@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

September 17, 2023

Collected at Church:

Envelopes: \$ 5,344.00

Loose Cash: \$ 1,586.00

Electronic

Contributions: \$21,880.00

Total: \$28,810.00



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

Marriage Banns

*Gianna Tenerelli and Sean Edgar
Bann III*

*Margaret McKenna and Ryan Wynn
Bann III*

*Emily Bradford and Jason Trueblood
Bann II*

*Madeline Rock and Brian Fulginiti
Bann II*

*Jamie Gamber and Connor Watts
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

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
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 September 24, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,
4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

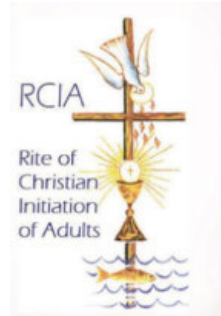
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/
Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:
1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:
1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



*Seeking God gives us life and joy. He
is our refuge and our salvation
(Amos 5:4-6, Lamentations 3:25, 1
Chronicles 22:19).*

**RCIA is a fantastic program for
anyone who wants to learn about
our Jesus and his Holy Church!**

The program will officially start on Wednesday October 4, 2023 - please sign up by emailing Michael Cesario at: mjcesario@ssjfx.org

The RCIA program assists individuals who want to receive the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, & Reconciliation.

Not sure about joining yet? Please still reach out to Michael for a conversation, he'd love to meet you and learn about your faith journey!

Our second town hall meeting will be held on Tuesday September 26. If you missed the first town hall, please join us, we want to hear your opinion!



VISIONING TOWN HALLS

What do you envision for the future of Saints JFX?

Join us to share your thoughts!

WHEN: Tuesday, September 19 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm
WHERE: St. Joseph Gymnasium, 1740 Lake Avenue, 60091

OR **WHEN:** Tuesday, September 26 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm
WHERE: St. Francis Xavier Gymnasium, 808 Linden Avenue, 60091

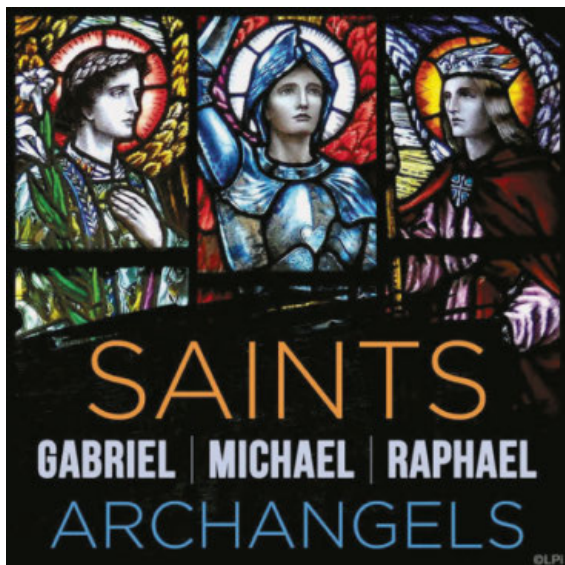
**Note locations have changed from the church to the gymnasium!*

For the Saints JFX master planning process, the Parish is hosting **two Visioning Town Halls** to share initial concept studies that illustrate exciting opportunities and enhancements for the Saints JFX One Plan. Both Town Halls will cover the same information and will be in an **informal open house layout with a rolling introductory presentation** to give people context about what the Saints JFX One Plan is all about! Feel free to drop by one or both events, any time between 6:30pm and 8:30pm - presentations will run every ten minutes starting at 6:30pm.

Town Halls will include both informational and interactive exhibits, to provide you with the opportunity to learn about the planning process, explore concept studies, provide input and ideas directly on the exhibits, and actively contribute to shaping the future of Saints JFX.

We need your input! Bring the whole family, this is a family friendly event. Come explore with us and spread the word to neighbors and friends.

www.SaintsJFXOnePlan.com



From the Loft

Our choir season is now in full swing, with our first Mass at St. Joseph on September 10th, St. Francis Xavier on September 17th, and back at St. Joseph this week.

Today, our communion meditation will be a reprise of an old favorite, "The Potter's Hand". As the lyrics suggest, we are the clay and Christ is the potter. We give ourselves to Him to mold and shape us according to His will.

A reminder that our Parish Choir is open to all, and we rarely have evening rehearsals. We meet one hour before Mass for rehearsal and practice. The choir sings three Sundays each month, alternating between our churches. Our next Parish Choir Mass will be October 8th at St. Francis Xavier, with an 8:30 am rehearsal in the choir loft.

Our goal is to grow the choir by 50%, so we invite you to "give us a try" and "make a joyful noise".

John Hopkins (jhopkins@ssjfx.org)
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Sisters of Christian Charity

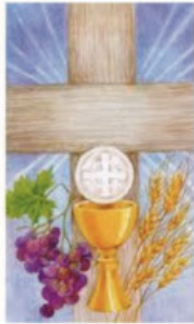
The Eucharistic love of Christ impels us to receive and give God's love daily for the life of the world.

If you think you might have a call to religious life...

CONTACT

callscs@sccwilmette.org

Moms and Dads at Morning Mass



Please join us for **8:30am Mass at St. Joseph Church** on **Friday, September 29** after morning drop off for our first Moms and Dads Mass of the year. Come pray with us for your children, our Sts JFX teachers, and our priests.

Join us for coffee and donuts in the Community Room following Mass to talk and enjoy time with other school parents. All are welcome.

Hosted by HSO Spiritual Life Committee
 Margaret Borrasso (marchiba16@gmail.com)
 Alexandra Shea (alehayde@gmail.com)
 Kirsten Solmos (k.solmos@comcast.net)

Congratulations to Fr. Wayne Watts, who was honored with the *In Service of One Another Catholic Humanitarian Award* at the Rector's Classic Dinner last week. Well deserved!



Thanks to Everyone for Another Successful and Fun-Filled Oktoberfest!

And a special thank you to **all** the volunteers including but certainly not limited to the Men's Club, our eighth graders, and of course our wonderful parish staff. Everyone worked so hard to make this wonderful event possible and we couldn't have done it without you all. Thanks also to sponsor Canning & Canning LLC.

Danke! Danke! Danke!

The SJFX Oktoberfest Planning Committee
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Upcoming Weekend Programs:
 November 17-19, 2023 – Chicago, IL
 December 1-3, 2023 – Minneapolis, MN
 January 26-28, 2024 – Madison, WI
 February 16-18, 2024 – Central, WI
 February 23-25, 2024 – Milwaukee, WI

For more information, call **1.800.470.2230** or go to the website, www.helpourmarriage.org. You may call anonymously or Register Online. Please be assured that all names are kept in the strictest confidence.
 No group discussions.

Hope is only a phone call away!



On Saturday, September 30, and on Sunday, October 1, the St. Vincent de Paul, Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Conference will hold a Clothing and Household Goods Donation Drive from 1 to 3:30 pm in the St. Joseph Church parking lot. Drivers can pull into the lot from Lake Avenue and our volunteers will take the donations and put them into trucks.

Please bring bags or boxes of clothing and household goods such as pots and pans, plates, glasses, silverware and small appliances like toasters and blenders. (Sorry, furniture will not be accepted).

Please help us to help others! Donate to our September 30-October 1 Donation Drive and consider joining our team to staff our call line, create sack meals for those without enough to eat, and assist people struggling to care for themselves and their families. Contact Brian Avery at sfxstvincentdepaul@comcast.net to learn more.



Our next meeting will be Thursday October 5.

Encourage your friends to enroll as a member of the Men's Club via the parish website: ssjfx.org/mens-club.html

If you're looking for fellowship and a sense of community, we need you! Scan the QR code for ways to serve, and a team leader will reach out.



Saints JFX Men's Club
ssjfxmensclub@gmail.com



Mundelein's Annual Rector's Mass and Brunch

Save the Date for Mundelein's annual Rector's Mass and brunch. Your presence would be truly appreciated on this joyful occasion!

We kindly extend an invitation for you to join us in celebrating Mass, followed by a light brunch with Very Reverend John Kartje, Rector of Mundelein Seminary.

- Sunday, October 15, 2023
- Chapel of Immaculate Conception, Mundelein Seminary
- Mass beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Main Chapel
- Light brunch reception at 10:30 am in the USML refectory following Mass

To support the continuity of our mission, a \$25 donation for this event is suggested. Nevertheless, we want to express our gratitude for any generous gift you may contribute to help us in our endeavor to nurture holy, joyful parish priests for the future generations of the Church. Your support means the world to us!



For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-rectors-mass-tickets-690948715207>

Share Our Gifts with Tax Credit Scholarships

"Our relationship with St. Thomas offers Saints JFX parishioners incredible opportunities to live their discipleship...We are one body of Christ and one church, no matter what the ZIP Code." - Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Sharing Parish Commitment

Illinois' bipartisan Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program provides need-based scholarships for students to attend K-12 private schools, like our sharing parish partner, St. Thomas of Canterbury School. Donors who give through our scholarship granting partner Empower Illinois in support of these scholarships receive a 75% state income tax credit on their gift and can direct their donation to St. Thomas of Canterbury.

And there has never been a better time to take advantage of the Tax Credit Scholarship Program.

Last year, a generous group of parishioners participated in a match that raised over \$800,000 and funded over 130 scholarships to help clear the waitlist of students eligible for tax credit scholarships at St. Thomas of Canterbury. And this year's match has already begun! Gifts made to St. Thomas of Canterbury through the Sharing Our Gifts campaign will be matched \$1 for \$1 to clear the waitlist, which means that **for every dollar you donate an additional dollar will be donated to St. Thomas of Canterbury, our Sharing Parish School.** But we must act fast! The matching gift program will only last until October 1, or until matching funds are depleted.

With this match, if you make a \$3,000 tax credit scholarship gift:

- You earn a \$2,250 state tax credit
- You are only out of pocket \$750
- Your donation will be matched (\$1 to \$1) to become \$6,000
- You fund a FULL scholarship for a child in need

Please consider giving a child the gift of a quality education this year. Scan the QR code to request more information and contact Pat Bittorf, Empower Illinois' Director of Major Gifts, at patrick@empowerillinois.org with any questions.



At Fatima, from May 13 - October 13, 1917, the Blessed Mother asked three children: "Are you willing to pray, sacrifice and suffer as an act of reparation for the sins of which my Son is greatly offended and for the conversion of sinners?" Our Lady identified the difficulties of today's world as it's rejection of God, or sin. She said unless enough people return to God, matters will only worsen. "Souls will be lost, wars...crimes will continue..."

Will you please join this prayer crusade by committing to these holy practices given by our Holy Mother?

- Pray five decades of the Rosary daily. After each decade, say "O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy Mercy."
- Offer all your sufferings, sacrifices of each day to Jesus for sinners.
- Make the first Saturday of each month: confession, Holy Communion, pray and meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary, keep Jesus and Mary company for 15 minutes with the intention of offering Reparation to Mary for the world's sins.

Each first Saturday after the 8:30am Mass at St. Joseph Church, special Fatima prayers and songs are included along with the Rosary, confession and meditations so to fulfill Our Lady's requests. Please plan on praying with us every month!

Did you know that the Rosary is the Bible on beads? We visualize the life of Jesus as we pray each decade and honor Him and His mother at the same time. "The Rosary is our ladder to Heaven", *St. John Vianney*

As October is the month of the Rosary, we also plan to have a Rosary Rally for Peace in front of St. Joseph Church on Saturday October 7 at 12:00pm. Please join with us to console the hearts of Jesus and Mary...step up to witness and make a difference.

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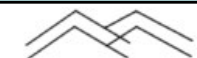
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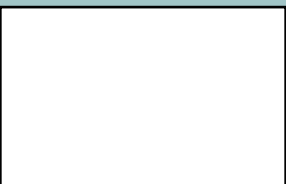
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