



## 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.



**May 17, 2020**

In compliance with the “stay at home” order from the State of Illinois which has been extended through May 30, 2020, the SFX and SJ churches remain closed. Please see page 4 of this bulletin for information regarding our video Masses and watch your email for updates on other spiritual outreach activities. For emergencies, call 847-496-0031.

The Parish Offices are also closed. Questions or concerns can be addressed to either of the following emails: [rleech@ssjfx.org](mailto:rleech@ssjfx.org) or [officessjfx@ssjfx.org](mailto:officessjfx@ssjfx.org).



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**Stewardship Report**

If you are interested in contributing to the Parish electronically at this time, you can do so through Give Central at the following address:

[www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/1531](http://www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/1531)

Thank you.

**Readings for the week of May 17, 2020**

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15, Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b, Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34, Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1, Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14, Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18, Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28, Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10, Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9, Eph 1:17-23, Mt 28:16-20

**The Ascension**

The feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on Sunday, May 24, 2020.

Dear Friends,

We live in a troubled world. Our national and international politics frighten calm spirits. We fret about our nation, state, city and Church. Violence continues to plague our cities. The pandemic has turned our world upside down. Through it all, Saint Paul exhorts us to always be ready to give a reason for our hope. I remain hopeful. I still believe that good wins. That's what Easter is about. And we are Easter people.

Saint Paul reminds his audience of the important task of the Christian life. He gives a twofold command to us today, saying, "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope..." I ask myself the question, "What am I doing to make Christ Lord in my heart?"

If you come to worship, virtually or otherwise, on Sunday and start another week without really committing to making Jesus Lord in your heart, maybe we are doing something wrong. We make Christ Lord by doing His will and making Him number one in our thoughts, words, and especially deeds. Different priorities vie for lordship in lives; our duty as Christians demands that we make Jesus the Lord of our hearts. If Jesus is indeed Lord of our hearts, then our lives must pump the love of Jesus! His love and His life must direct all that we do and say.

To make Christ Lord in our hearts, we must readily be able to give the reason for our hope. Why are you hopeful? Why are you joyful? I am hopeful and I am joyful because Jesus, by His suffering, death and resurrection, has saved us and has opened the gates of heaven for us. By His stripes we have been saved. I am hopeful because Jesus promised us the gift of the Holy Spirit and delivered on His promise. I am hopeful because I can feel the workings of the Holy Spirit in this great Saints JFX community.

No matter what is happening surrounding the coronavirus, Jesus does not leave us orphans. He lives and we live! I experience life in Christ as I look out at this wonderful community and the adaptive ways in which we have stayed connected. I am hopeful. When I hear of parishioners reaching out generously to help other parishioners in need, when I experience life at Saints JFX, I have reason to hope. Jesus lives at Saints JFX, just as He promised!

Reflect on His words from today's Gospel. Jesus says, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live, and you will live." As I read and re-read the Gospel this week the words of Jesus remind me of two things, just how much we are loved by our God, and how we must live if we want to be called disciples of the risen Lord.



Throughout the Gospel of Saint John, Jesus paints the picture of a loving, life-giving relationship between the Father and the Son. His description of the intimate love of the Father and the Son caused a great deal of difficulty for the leaders of the day. Yet He never stops talking about the unity of the Father and the Son. He depicts their love as the center of His message.

Jesus invites us into that relationship of love, and commands that we love Him, especially in the least of our brothers and sisters. When we keep the commandment to love, Jesus promises the Holy Spirit. To me, that is a great deal, a challenge, but a great deal: we love and we receive the Holy Spirit.

Let's live as Easter people, dedicated to Jesus and hopeful in His promise, and sharing the joy His promise gives. He lives and we live!

Happy Easter!

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

PS. Some people, during this time of virtual everything, have been concerned about the finances. I am too. People have asked if, during this time, people *have* to give electronically. My answer to that is a resounding NO! If you want to use your weekly or monthly envelopes, simply drop them in the mail or in the mail slot at either parish office. Whatever works for you works for us. I give my donation electronically because I would never be able to find my envelopes. The bottom line is we count on your generosity and are grateful for it.

## Schedule for Masses, Sacraments and Benediction

### Monday, May 18, 2020

*Video: Daily Mass*

+Denis Patrick Mahoney

### Tuesday, May 19, 2020

*Video: Daily Mass*

+Marguerite Clohisy

*Video: School Mass*

### Wednesday, May 20, 2020

*Video: Daily Mass*

+John Schinler and Dorothy Henderson Schinler

+ Deceased / (L) Living

SFX and SJ churches have been closed as of March 21, 2020. Daily Masses from SSJFX Parish are available via video broadcast. Links to these Mass videos are being sent in a daily email from the parish.

If you are not receiving these emails and wish to receive them, please send your email address to:

[officessjfx@ssjfx.org](mailto:officessjfx@ssjfx.org)

and you will be added to the group emails.

### Thursday, May 21, 2020

*Video: Daily Mass*

+Meyer, Takarchik and Ruhala Families  
+Walter McDonough  
+Mel Michon

### Friday, May 22, 2020

*Video: Daily Mass*

+William J. O'Donoghue  
+Randy Lazzaro

### Saturday, May 23, 2020

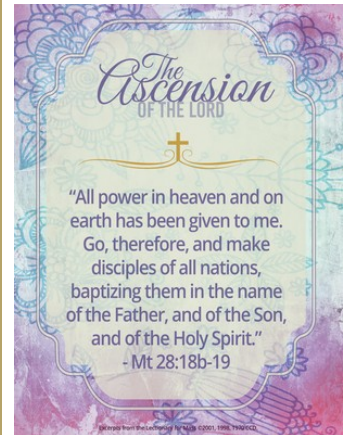
*Video: Daily Mass*

+Margaret McPhillips

### Sunday, May 24, 2020

*Video: Daily Mass*

+Kay Testa  
+Tony and Justin Hill  
+Ray Pesavento  
+Peggy Crumley



### Prayers for the sick and those in need

Seda Aghajani  
Carmen Albino  
Rory Andrykowski  
Ginnie Becker  
Tom Beitzel  
Heather Campbell  
Guillermo Cannon  
William Carlin  
Peter DiClementi, Jr.  
John Patrick Gabby  
Cecelia Cruz

Ryan Glassberg  
Margaret Grothe  
Phillip Hall  
Tim Hanson  
Barbara Hardy  
Barbara Hawkinson  
Laura Hendricks  
Tom Hopkins  
Loretta Jacobs  
Brier Johnston

Charles Jonaitis  
Bob Kerrigan  
John Krupka  
Dolores Meier  
Paul Molaro  
Daniel O'Herron  
Pam O'Reilly  
Monica Pecuch  
Fr. Gosbert Rwezahura  
Rich Santello

Olivia Sergot  
Brian Slowinski  
Liliana Suci  
Elliott Villarreal  
David W.  
Dolores Welch  
Krista Wilkinson  
Audrey Williams  
Carol Woodard  
Shirley Zeeb

*In prayer  
and loving memory of:*

Barbara Marran  
James Marran  
Robert John Rainey  
Blanche Swedberg



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## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, PRAY FOR PEACE

**Do you have a family member or friend in the Military (stateside or overseas)?  
Call the parish office and we will put their name on our prayer list.**

### US Air Force

SSgt John Wesley Hobbs, Nephew of Frank & Jody Weschler  
A1C Shane O'Dell, Great Grandson of Mike Eberle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Luke Stensberg, Friend of Matt Revord family

### US Army

Rev Chaplain Maj John Barkemeyer, Son of Hank 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  
Spc Michael Carlson, Grandson of Arlene Carlson  
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  
Pvt Zach Lueken, Nephew of Todd & Rebecca Stewart  
Sgt Brenda Lore Mayo, Friend of Carpenter family  
Sgt David Lore Mayo, Friend of Carpenter family  
Pvt Jasmine Ramsey, Granddaughter of Carol Solger  
LTC Michael J. Roth, Nephew of Sharon Roth  
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

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Jeff Barak, Friend of Frantzen family  
Pvt 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
1st Lt Brad Gustafson, Son of Garth & Myrna Gustafson,  
and Brother of Jack Gustafson  
Ssgt Walter Ramirez, Son of Enrique & Mary Lou Ramirez  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt William Smith, Nephew of John & Mary Smith  
Pfc Trevor J. Talbot, Son of Bill & Mary Talbot,  
and 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 Alison Smith, Niece of John & Mary Smith  
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

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## St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Ignatius: Urgent Request!

Food insecurity is an increasingly serious issue for our friends at our sharing parishes. Items needed are listed here if you are able to help.

### **Update as of 05/17/20:**

**If you have food to donate, please drop the items at the front door of the Saint Joseph Rectory at 1747 Lake Avenue anytime on Mondays and please let Msgr. Mayall know if you have dropped off items by texting him at (773)610-3170.**

### Dry Goods

Rice  
Pasta  
Beans  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Ramen Noodles  
Powdered Milk  
Creamer  
Coffee  
Cookies  
Dry Cereal  
Infant Formula  
Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5)

### Canned Goods

Tuna  
Fruit  
Vegetables  
Soup  
Meats  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly



It is with heavy hearts that we announce that the **2020 Jubilee Jog 5k Family Run** will NOT take place on Memorial Day as planned. In the light of COVID-19, our goal is to protect the safety and well-being of our community and respect the guidance of state and local authorities. Once more information is available, an announcement will be posted on whether the race will be canceled or postponed.

All of us at SSJFX Parish look forward to seeing your smiling faces again!

Stay safe and healthy. God Bless.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is dedicated to helping the poor and others who have come upon difficult times. As Vincentians, we serve those in need through one-on-one counseling, as well as providing financial and other help to those who have fallen on hard times. If you or someone you know wishes to meet with us, please call 847-256-4250 and when prompted by the recording for the St. Vincent de Paul line, press 3. We will respond as soon as possible. All inquiries are treated in the strictest of confidence.