



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.



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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July 23, 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.

Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish Offices

St. Joseph Campus

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Hours: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday

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For emergencies outside of office hours,
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For additional parish information, please visit
www.ssjfx.org

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

Dear Friends,

Saint Paul tells the people of Rome in today's second reading that God provides. God provides us with all that we need. God knows what we need. He searches our hearts and sends the Holy Spirit to intercede for us with *inexpressible groanings*. The Holy Spirit, our Advocate, Helper and Guide, makes up for that which we lack, in faith and wisdom. If only we could turn our lives over completely to the direction of the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel we hear of the weeds and the wheat. The fieldworkers were dismayed that there were weeds amidst the wheat that the farmer sowed. They wanted to rip out the wheat along with the weeds. The farmer allowed the wheat to continue to grow, and the weeds by its side. We live in a world of proverbial wheat surrounded by weeds. Evil and violence are indeed a part of our lives.

We see evil and wonder why. Sometimes in the midst of personal and communal difficulties we might wonder why such things are happening. Philosophers and moral theologians would say physical and metaphysical evil results from moral evil (the weeds). Because God has created us with free will, and we often sin (moral evil), the other evils enter the world. So, what can we do? Let's look to the Gospel for answers.

The Gospel tells me two things: resist sin and do not let moral evil ensnare us, choke us, or bring us down. We can do this by living a life close to the Lord and striving always to do God's will, in little ways and big ones. As wheat (most of the time anyway) in the midst of weeds we must strive to produce great fruit, and know that our lives will be judged at the end of time.

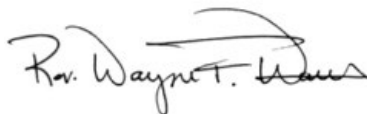
By the time most of you read this column, I will be on European soil, heading to Lourdes on our annual service pilgrimage. We will serve the sick in Lourdes and participate in the daily prayers and processions. We carry your intentions with us and will be praying for this great community every day. I ask you to pray for the safety of our travels and fruitfulness of the pilgrimage for all involved, especially the youth and young adults who join me on pilgrimage. We will send updates, to be included in the Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday eblasts. In next week's column, we will share some highlights of our first days in Lourdes.

By the time we return, we will be turning the pages of our calendars to the busy month of August. August promises to bring great things (and people!) to this amazing parish. We have back to school events, a strong push to eliminate the Tax Credit Scholarship waitlist for the Saint Thomas of Canterbury School students, the commencement of Family of Faith, and the return of the regular meetings of our councils and committees. Time flies!

Also in August, we plan to welcome Michael Cesario as our new Director of Evangelization and Ministry. Michael brings youthful enthusiasm and a love for our Lord to this position. We will hear more from Michael when he begins in earnest in mid-August, after he returns from World Youth Day in Lisbon. His job responsibilities will include RCIA, Adult Faith Formation, Family of Faith Adult Formation (working with Dana and Father Ryan), and other exciting ministries. After over a year of searching to fill this position, we are happy to have found a great match for our needs. I look forward to welcoming Michael to our dedicated team and I thank Joe D'Arco, Father Ryan, and many dedicated parishioners who have served on the search and interview committees. Michael and MaryClare Birmingham, the new Director of Ministry of Care and Bereavement, will join the Core Staff, alongside whom I am proud to serve.

I end with the opening prayer, the Collect, of today's Mass – a great prayer for all of us these days.
Show favor, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith, and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.

Peace,



PS If you haven't already done so, please go to www.pushpay.com to make your giving commitment for fiscal year 2024, which started at the beginning of this month. I encourage a five to ten percent increase from your last year's offering. That's what I will do.



Please note the following Mass schedule change! On Saturday July 22, 2023 Fr. Watts will celebrate Mass at 4:00pm at St. Joseph Church prior to leaving for the Lourdes pilgrimage. The regular 5:00pm St. Joseph Mass that day will be merged into this departure Mass, and all are welcome to attend.

5:00pm Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church will be unchanged. Thank you!

Weekly Mass Schedule

<p><u>Monday July 24, 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 +Daniel McGrath (L)Anna Choo (L)Celine Olivia Purathru (L)Rehbok Family Intentions</p> <p><u>Tuesday July 25, 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: +Alfred Brandt +Frank Merges +Veronica Merges +Juventina Montano Pena +David Shaughnessy</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><u>Wednesday July 26, 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: +Adam Goodsell +Juventina Montano Pena +Arthur & Virginia Roth +Dennis Roth (L)Peter Lee & Family</p> <p><u>Thursday July 27, 2023</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Juventina Montano Pena (L)Jo Zehren</p> <p><u>Friday July 28, 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: +Brian Carey +Juventina Montano Pena +Joan Waddick</p>	<p><u>Saturday July 29, 2023</u> 8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Bob & Kitty Jones +Juventina Montano Pena +Judy Schumann (L)Mark Colegrove</p> <p>11:00 am SJ Baptism McClure Family</p> <p>11:30 am SFX Baptism Litwin Family</p> <p>12:00 pm SJ Baptism Brown Family</p> <p>5:00 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Phil Couri +MJ & Woody Herlocker +Juventina Montano Pena +Lorraine Paxson +Michael Tischler</p> <p>5:00 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Rev Daniel Lenihan +Danny McCarthy</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 July 30, 2023</u> 8:00 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +MJ & Woody Herlocker +Juventina Montano Pena +James Martin Weir (L)Bridget Weir</p> <p>9:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Margaret Delaney</p> <p>10:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Bob & Kitty Jones +Frank & Veronica Merges +Juventina Montano Pena +Liliana Suci</p> <p>10:30 am SFX Baptism Keefe Family</p> <p>11:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Dave Crome</p> <p>4:45 pm SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)People of the Parish</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:*

Jeff Teske



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, 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 16, 2023

Collected at Church:

Envelopes: \$ 7,131.00

Loose Cash: \$ 1,767.00

Electronic

Contributions: \$21,880.00

Total: \$30,778.00

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 I*



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 23, 2023

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:
38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26,
27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:
19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-
128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:
44-52 or 13:44-46

2023 Summer Scripture Conference

Catching the Wind
Pneumatology in Sacred Scripture

AUGUST 3rd-6th 2023

REGISTRATION

#1: Single Room Overnight
Thursday Night – Saturday Day **\$500**
+ Saturday Overnight Stay, Sunday Brunch, IPS Scripture School Faculty Speaker, Mass & Graduation (all are welcome!) **\$95**

#2: Shared Room Overnight
Thursday Night – Saturday Day **\$425 per person (two guests to a room)**
+ Saturday Overnight Stay, Sunday Brunch, IPS Scripture School Faculty Speaker, Mass & Graduation (all are welcome!) **\$95/person**

#3: Commuter
Thursday Night – Saturday Day **\$300**
+ Sunday Brunch, IPS Scripture School Faculty Speaker, Mass & Graduation (all are welcome!) **\$35**

#4: Commuter Sunday
Commuters, IPS Scripture School Graduates, and their Guests
+ Sunday Brunch, IPS Scripture School Faculty Speaker, Mass & Graduation (all are welcome!) **\$35**

In collaboration with the Institute of Pastoral Leadership at the University of St. Mary of the Lake (Mundelein, IL), the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University Chicago is pleased to announce its first-ever joint Summer Scripture Conference! Held on the beautiful USML grounds in early August, a number of exciting things have been planned, including special seminars by Dr. Gina Hens-Piazza and Dr. Sherri Brown, both experts in the biblical field and scholarly community.

Minds and hearts are sure to be engaged as participants are invited to ponder the identity and role of God the Holy Spirit within Sacred Scripture. All are welcome as we "catch the wind" together, allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us and through us as we become more authentic versions of ourselves, called to be disciples of Christ more fully alive today.

Scan the QR code to register!

Register Today!

University of Saint Mary of the Lake | 1000 E Maple Avenue, Mundelein, IL 60060

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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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

*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!

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QUO VADIS DAYS

Sunday, July 30 – Wednesday, August 2, 2023
Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL



Quo Vadis is a camp led by Chicago and Joliet Seminarians, open to young men who have graduated middle school and have an openness to growing in discipleship and fraternity, and learning more about the priesthood.



For information and registration, visit:
chicagopriest.com/events/quo-vadis-days



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!



 **Sing to the Mountains**
An Evening of Song and Celebration with Jesuits and Friends



Thursday, September 21, 2023
7:00 pm
Old St. Patrick's Church
700 West Adams Street
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A FAMILY OF
Faith

Saints JFX is moving away from the traditional "Sunday YFF/RE/PREP classes" to a new program called Family of Faith. This week we conclude presenting frequently asked questions and answers to share information about the program. Please do not hesitate to contact Dana McKenna at dmckenna@ssjfx.org if you'd like to receive the registration link or more information about the program.

Q: *How will the sacramental preparation work?*

A: All Sacrament parents are expected to attend parent meetings and receive instruction on how to work at home with their children. In addition, the students will participate in the following:

First Reconciliation, students will attend three special educational sessions. Sessions will be 90 minutes in length. First Reconciliation will be in February.

First Communion, students in the Family of Faith program will attend three educational sessions plus a retreat with all the First Communion students from the parish. The week prior to First Communion in May the students must attend a First Communion practice.

Confirmation, candidates (includes 7th and 8th graders) will attend special sessions, beginning with the opening of the school year (end of September) through February. Confirmation candidates must also experience a Confirmation retreat.

Although parents do not attend the special sacrament instruction, the families of all the candidates for these sacraments at Saints JFX must participate in the Family of Faith program during the school year.

Q: *Will there still be First Communion and Confirmation celebrations?*

A: Yes. As a Family of Faith, Saints JFX has a long-standing tradition of the entire parish celebrating these important sacraments as memorable events for our students and their families.

Q: *How much does the Family of Faith program cost?*

A: As this is a family program, tuition is assessed per family, rather than for individual. Costs are: \$325.00 per family cost, which includes the books and training per year.

*This applies no matter how many children you have in the program.

Extra charges for sacramental preparation:

\$100.00 per student receiving First Reconciliation and First Communion.

\$125.00 per student receiving Confirmation.

Calling all SJ Generals Class of '73!!

We are in the planning stages for our 50th year reunion, and hope to schedule it for sometime in the fall.

We are in the process of trying to locate classmates for the reunion.

Please contact Theresa (Terry) Schneider Mikos via email at kubfan9@aol.com or via phone at 847-910-1507.

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.



Light the Night

An Evening of Prayer and Reflection for Youth
Friday, September 1, 2023, 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- Prayer candles + Faith activities + Short testimonials + Confession.
- Conversations with Seminarians, Priests and Religious.
- Meet youth from beyond your own parish. All ages welcome.
- Join us for Eucharistic Exposition, Procession, and Celebration of Mass.

REGISTER for this FREE event at:
<https://LightTheNight2023SMDP.eventbrite.com>
 Registration deadline is August 15, 2023.

Santa Maria del Popolo Parish Center, 151 N Lincoln Ave, Mundelein, IL 60060
 For more information about this event, please email: lightthenightpaish@yahoo.com

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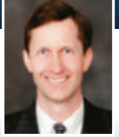
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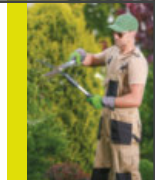
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