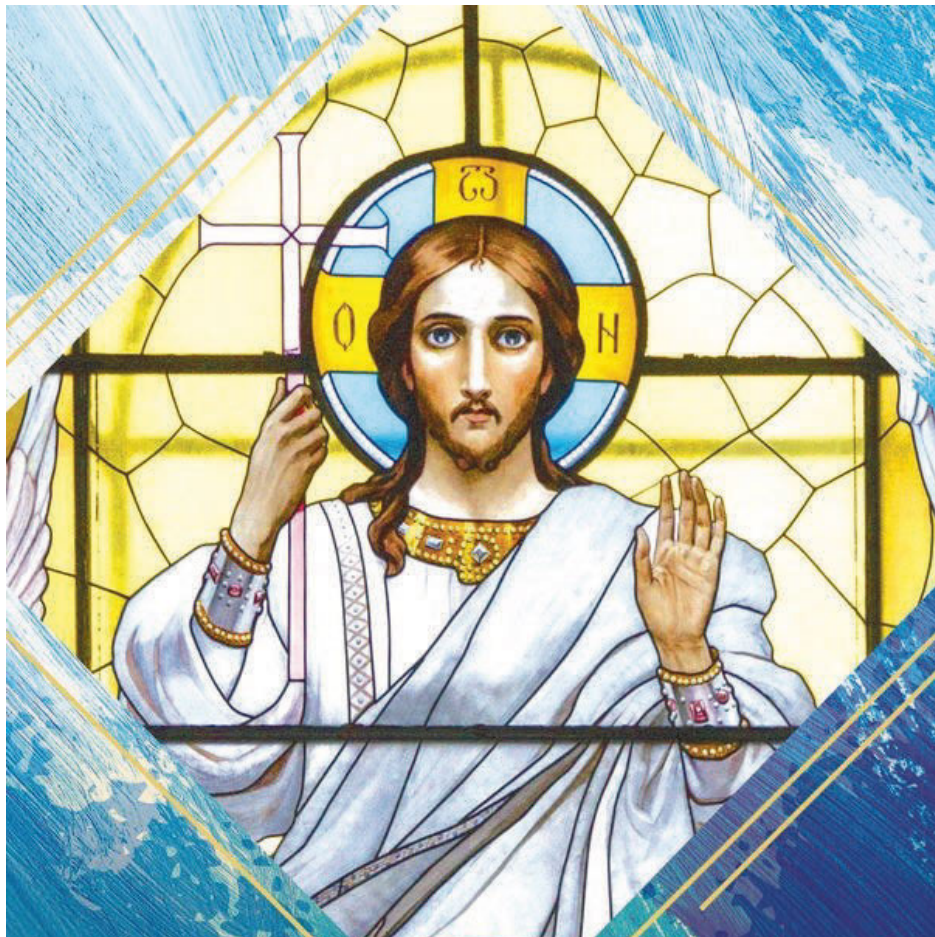




## Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

### 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.



**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.” - Mt 21:43

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October 8, 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 Saturday at St. Joseph Church.

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For information about Saints JFX School, please visit  
[www.saintsjfx.org](http://www.saintsjfx.org)

*Saints JFX is on social media!*

*Follow us on Instagram (saintsjfx\_wilmette) and  
Facebook (Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier)*

Dear Friends,

The God of peace will be with you. Let me say it again, the God of peace will be with you.

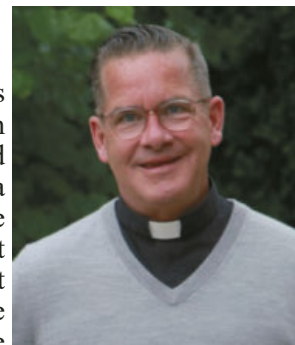
On Sunday night, just hours after we were together for the Christifidelis Awards, my good friend and auxiliary bishop of Chicago, Bishop Kevin Birmingham, went home and went to bed. At some point in the early hours of Monday morning, the Feast of the Guardian Angels, the fifty-one-year-old Bishop died in his sleep. So many call his passing - so suddenly and so young- a tragedy for the Archdiocese. I'm reminded of a saying I read over thirty years ago. "God whispers to us in the ordinary occurrences of life. God speaks to us in coincidence. And God shouts at us in tragedy." God is shouting to us this week. What is God shouting?

God, through the divinely inspired words of Saint Paul, exclaims and demands. It starts with our hearts and minds. Paul tells us how to think. ***"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."*** So often we get caught up thinking negative, judgmental thoughts. It seems like harsh language and judgments have become more than acceptable in today's parlance. Less and less often do we hear good things - in the media, especially social media these days, and in casual conversation. Harsh words and accusations take the place of the good things.

I encourage all who read this to consider the charge, and think before we speak or write, or text, snap, or tweet. I also encourage parents of teens to regularly check their children's devices to ensure that they too are producing thoughts and words that are pure, lovely, gracious, and excellent. Is the "good" emanating from our being? Are we living, thinking and acting honorably? Bishop Birmingham gave great example of living a life worthy of praise. And until his final hours, he seemed like he had a lot of fun doing it.

As I remember my friend, Kevin Birmingham, the one who called me to let me know that the Cardinal wanted me to apply for this position in Wilmette, and the one who supported me as we worked for unification here, I think of Saint Paul's words. He lived his life prayerfully, joyfully, playfully, and enthusiastically. He thought about the true, honorable, just, and pure. We always knew and cared for each other, but we really became close when he became the Priest Secretary to Cardinal Cupich.

The then "Father Kevin" was asked to give up his pastorate in the Humboldt Park neighborhood and was concerned about losing a connection to the faithful people of God. I invited him to be a part of our bilingual community at Saint John Berchmans, where he made his church home until he became a bishop. He told everyone that I was his pastor! As the Cardinal's Secretary, then as an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese, he always answered a call and was always willing to offer words of encouragement and hope. When the announcement of my Mundelein award came out in May, Bishop Birmingham was the first to purchase a ticket - and let me know immediately. Although when I saw him last week, he told me he left right after dinner, so he didn't have to listen to the talks. I tried not to take that personally, since I was one of the speakers!



God shouts at us! As a community we must put grumbling, judging and complaining aside and think about that which is true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and gracious. Evil thoughts tear down. Good thoughts build up. So what can we do when the bad thoughts creep in? I suggest first and foremost PRAYER. We need to allow God's love and mercy to touch our hearts and minds. With merciful hearts and minds, we must realize and consider that the other about whom we think is a child of God. We must try to find something honorable and worthy of praise about the other. As children of God, we all possess redeeming qualities. Let's search them out and recognize them, even in those we find most contemptible. Then the God of peace will be with us.

Peace,



# Weekly Mass Schedule

<p><b>Monday October 9, 2023</b> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Erlinda Lopez (L)Dalton Ohle (L)Haser Family Intentions (L)Jones-Paterson Family Intentions</p> <p><b>Tuesday October 10, 2023</b> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Ben Bishop +Erlinda Lopez +Jeff Teske +Carol Perkins (L)Haser Family Intentions</p> <p>9:00 am-10:00 am SJ Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b>+ Deceased / ( L ) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier SJ - St. Joseph</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday October 11, 2023</b> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Trudy &amp; Frank Fernholz +Erlinda Lopez +Erin Mahoney +Libia Murillo +Joseph O'Connor (L)Danielle Colegrove (L)Haser Family Intentions</p> <p><b>Thursday October 12, 2023</b> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Robert B. Davis +Erlinda Lopez (L)Robert B. Davis Family (L)Haser Family Intentions</p> <p><b>Friday October 13, 2023</b> 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 +Mardell Leeper (L)Haser Family Intentions</p>	<p><b>Saturday October 14, 2023</b> 8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)Erik Lee &amp; Family (L)Rehbock Family Intentions</p> <p>9:00 am SJ Confession</p> <p>11:00 am SJ Baptism Downe Family</p> <p>11:30 am SFX Baptism Olson Family</p> <p>5:00 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Donald Butzen, Jr.</p> <p>5:00 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Jack McDonagh (L)Haser Family Intentions</p> <p><b>Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel. To find our channel, search Saints JFX on www.youtube.com</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday October 15, 2023</b> 8:00 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Guillermo Cannon +Olivia Sergot</p> <p>9:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Mike Eberle +Stephanie Fernholz +Womens Club Members</p> <p>10:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Gene DiClementi +Stanley &amp; Marianne Feret +Gino Gambacorta +Joseph Soukenik</p> <p>11:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Munz, SJ</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Stephen N. Vogel MD</p> <p>12:30 pm SFX Baptism Saleh Family</p> <p>4:45 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Joseph Rotunno +Liliana Suciú (L)Haser Family Intentions</p> <p>7:30 pm SFX Action Mass</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  
Paige Ehlman  
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:  
Bishop Kevin Birmingham*



*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](mailto:mbirmingham@ssjfx.org)

**Sacraments at Saints JFX**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Request form can be found on our parish website: [ssjfx.org/baptism.html](http://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](http://ssjfx.org/weddings.html)

Parish registration forms can be found on [ssjfx.org/join-our-parish.html](http://ssjfx.org/join-our-parish.html)

**Stewardship Report**

October 1, 2023

Collected at Church:

Envelopes: \$ 6,140.00

Loose Cash: \$ 1,499.00

Electronic Contributions: \$21,880.00

Total: \$29,519.00

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



Thank you for your generosity.

**Marriage Banns**

*Christine Deliva and Paul Contreras  
Bann II*

*Ann Henry and William Polacek  
Bann II*

*Kelly Walsh and Joseph Montesano  
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

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



## Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20  
(Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

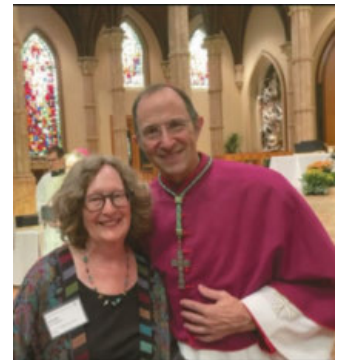
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Special congratulations to Shelagh Donoghue, who received the Christifideles Award on October 1, 2023.

This Archdiocesan award is bestowed upon an individual Catholic layperson who has demonstrated by participation in parish life the personal and ministerial renewal called for by the Papal Exhortation, Christifideles Laici, calling the laity to the vocation of responsibility for the Church's life springing from the gift and mission of their baptism. This award is given to one person per parish annually.

Thank you, Shelagh for all that you do for Saints JFX!



ALL SOULS DAY – NOVEMBER 2

All members of Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish are invited to the All Souls Mass on Wednesday November 2, at 7:30 PM at St. Francis Xavier Church. This Mass will honor those members of our parish and our parish friends who have died in the past year. All of our deceased parishioners and friends will be prayed for by name.



OUR PARISH BOOK OF THE DEAD

November is the month that we are asked to remember and pray for our dead. We have a parish custom at Ss. Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish. Names of former parishioners and family members are inscribed into a beautiful Parish Book of the Dead, which is displayed in the sanctuary during the month of November. We are now adding the names of those who died during this current year. Our list comes from our Sunday Prayers of the Faithful.

If we missed someone from your family, you can have them added to the Book by bringing their names to the parish office, or contacting the office via email ([officessjfx@ssjfx.org](mailto:officessjfx@ssjfx.org)) or phone (847-256-4250) by October 25th.



**From Here to Eternity**

*Death and Dying Embraced by our Catholic Faith*

*Please join us for our next Tri-Parish event! We will have an enlightening discussion on a topic all of us must face as a natural part of life – Death & Dying*

*We will have the outstanding dynamic duo of Fr. Wayne Watts and Nancy Lou Kelly (our founding Ministry of Care Director) navigating us through this topic.*

*The event starts at 7:00 p.m. on November 13th in St. Joseph's church and will be followed by light refreshments in the St. Joseph Community Room.*

*Please direct all questions you may have to Michael Cesario at [micesario@ssjfx.com](mailto:micesario@ssjfx.com)*



Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish  
One Plan

Thank you to everyone who came out to share their thoughts and ideas during the Visioning Town Halls! **Couldn't make it or want to share more feedback?** We designed a Virtual Town Hall Survey to give you the chance to go through the information covered and share your thoughts and ideas.

The Virtual Town Hall survey offers an overview of the Parish **master planning process**, explores **illustrative concept studies** that introduce exciting improvements for both campuses, and gives you a chance to **actively contribute** to the future of the Saints JFX Parish.

We need your input; take the survey and spread the word to neighbors and friends! The survey will be open until **Friday, October 13**. The survey can be found at [saintsjfxoneplan.com](http://saintsjfxoneplan.com).





Join us at Misericordia, Jean Ryan Center on October 13th for our annual Fall Festival - a night of fun and philanthropy to benefit the students of Austin and West Humboldt Park.

Enjoy live music by Jim Sullivan, great company, an open bar, and delicious hors d'oeuvres while supporting a cause that makes a real impact. Meet fellow supporters, community partners, and St. Joseph Services staff and celebrate our shared commitment to transforming lives in the community. Specifically, YOUR sponsorship will:

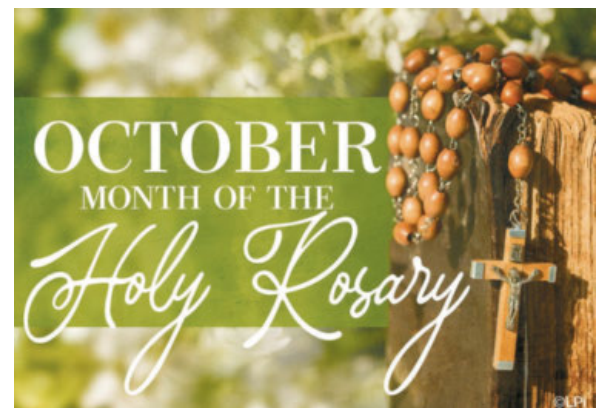
- Enable students to work toward productive goals and rise above the surrounding violence and poverty in their communities.
- Promote academic excellence, health, nutrition, life skills, leadership, positive life choices, and community engagement for youth in a safe, supportive environment.
- Provide educational, recreational, and enrichment opportunities to over 1,000 youth and adults annually.

Registration is available at [stjosephservices.org](http://stjosephservices.org). Together, we can continue transforming lives!



Saints JFX Area Parties are back in full swing! Our thanks go out to the Leisinger, Scanlan and Tauke families for kicking off the season. They graciously hosted an Evanston area party on September 10th. These get-togethers within neighborhoods or our Parish are being organized by the parish Stewardship Committee as a way for parishioners to socialize with friends as well as meet new. Our goal is to reach all registered parishioners within the coming year.

If you are interested in hosting or co-hosting an informal, friendly event, please contact Genevieve LeFevour at [glefevo@gmail.com](mailto:glefevo@gmail.com).





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## In-Person PreCana Weekend Encounter

2023

On behalf of all of us here at the Archdiocese of Chicago, congratulations on your engagement! We are blessed to accompany you on your journey to the sacrament of marriage. The Office of Lifelong Formation offers a **PreCana Encounter Weekend** for couples to learn about the sacrament of marriage and prepare their hearts leading up to their wedding day. For more information on how to get married in the Catholic Church, please visit [pvm.archchicago.org/lifelong-formation/marriage](http://pvm.archchicago.org/lifelong-formation/marriage) or email [precana@archchicago.org](mailto:precana@archchicago.org).

**English** | [events.archchicago.org/englishprecana](http://events.archchicago.org/englishprecana)

This event is filled with great speakers, activities, prayer and reflection for engaged couples on the sacrament and vocation of marriage. The cost for this event is \$495 per couple to include lodging (separate rooms for the bride and groom), food, presentations, books, resources and social gatherings.

**October 21 and 22, 2023**  
**Saturday 9 a.m. — Sunday 3 p.m.**  
**University of Saint Mary of the Lake**  
 1000 East Maple Avenue, Mundelein, IL 60060  
[usml.edu](http://usml.edu)

**Español** | [events.archchicago.org/precanaespanol](http://events.archchicago.org/precanaespanol)

Este evento está lleno de grandes oradores, actividades, oración y reflexión para los novios sobre el sacramento y la vocación del matrimonio. El costo de este evento es de \$495 e incluye alojamiento (habitaciones separadas para los novios), comida, presentaciones, libros, recursos y reuniones sociales.

**21 y 22 de octubre de 2023**  
**Sábado 9 a.m. — Domingo 3 p.m.**  
**University of Saint Mary of the Lake**  
 1000 East Maple Avenue, Mundelein, IL 60060  
[usml.edu](http://usml.edu)



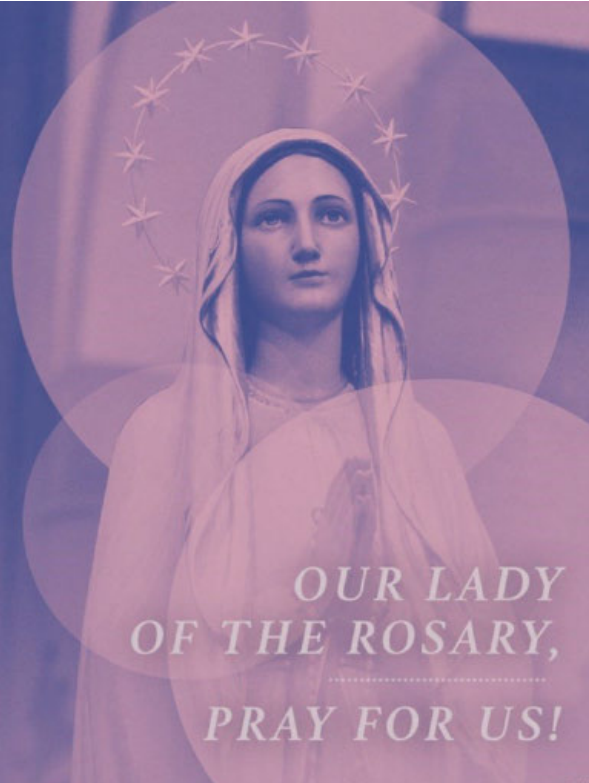
 **Sisters of Christian Charity**

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**

[callscscc@scCWilmette.org](mailto:callscscc@scCWilmette.org)



**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY,**  
 .....  
**PRAY FOR US!**

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 **SAVE THE DATE**

**LIGHT THE NIGHT**

7-12th Graders:  
 Join us on Saturday,  
 February 17, from  
 5:30-8:30 p.m. at  
 Carmel Catholic High School  
 for an evening of faith,  
 fellowship, and reflection.

To learn more:  
[carmelhs.org/lightthenight/](http://carmelhs.org/lightthenight/)







# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

September 27 - November 5

## HELP SAVE LIVES IN CHICAGOLAND!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion
- Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

**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](mailto:kconnolly@usa.com) or Claudia Morse-Karzen at [cmorsekarzen@gmail.com](mailto:cmorsekarzen@gmail.com) 847-924-9089

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>.

[40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com)

NORTHWEST FAMILIES  
**March for Life**





"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11.

**SATURDAY**  
**OCT. 21<sup>ST</sup> 2023**  
1:00 - 3:00 PM  
ST. THERESA DOLAN CENTER GYMNASIUM  
455 N. BENTON, PALATINE

Doors open at 12:30 for T-shirt sales and informational display tables

**1pm** Gather in the gym for music, prayer, and inspirational speakers!

**2pm** Walk to Northwest Highway lining the street with pro-life supporters!

**3pm** Return to the gym to be renewed with refreshments and prayerful thanks!




Find us at   @NorthWestFamiliesforLife

Sponsored by NorthWest Families for Life, local churches and the Knights of Columbus  
[www.NorthWestFamiliesforLife.weebly.com](http://www.NorthWestFamiliesforLife.weebly.com) 847-651-4877 NWFL526@gmail.com



### 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.

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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.

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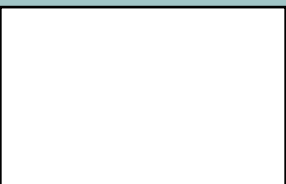
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