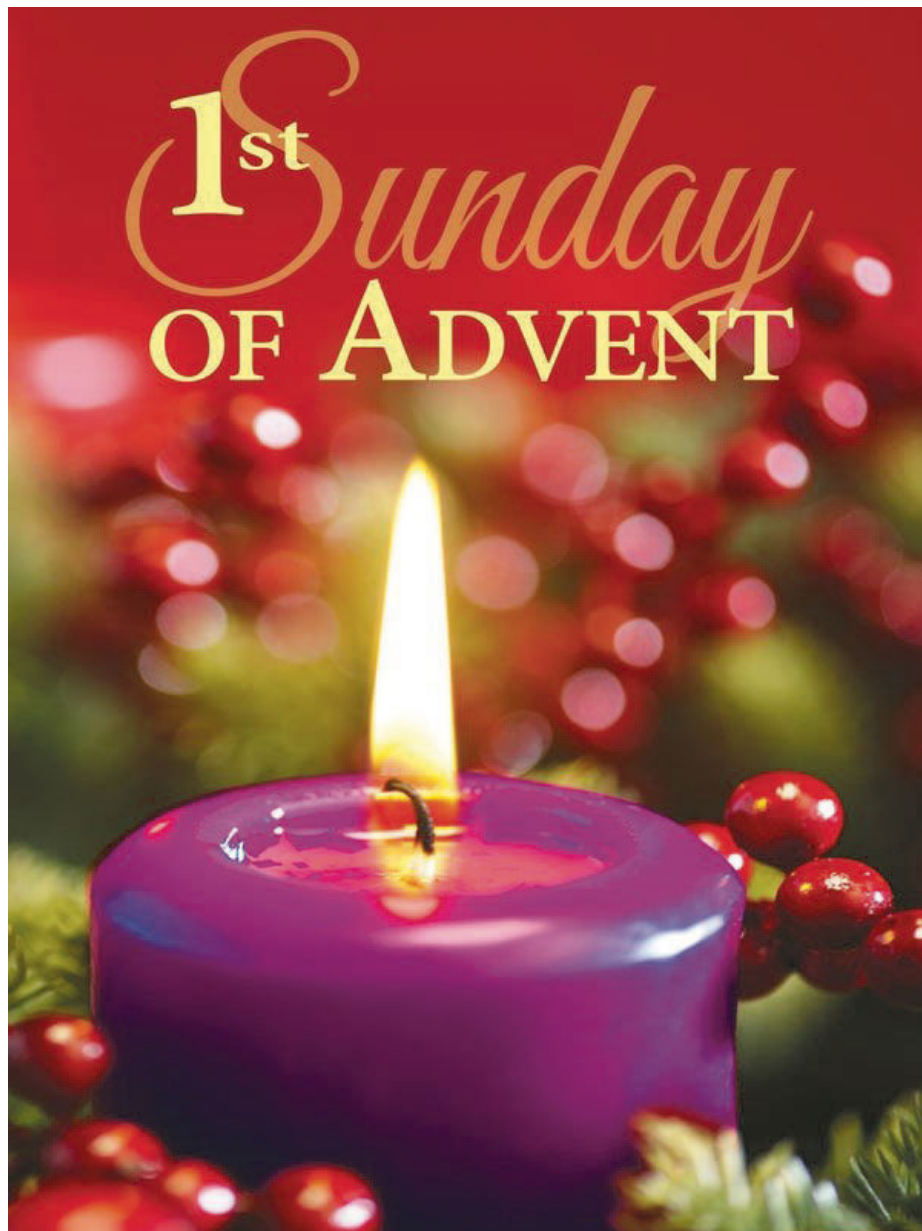




Saints Joseph and  
Francis Xavier  
Parish

### 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.



December 3, 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.

## Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish Offices

St. Joseph Campus

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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,

"O Come O Come Emmanuel!" It seems like just yesterday that we were planning for Christmas 2022. We come to Church this weekend, perhaps still recovering from over-indulging on Thanksgiving, or tired from our "Black Friday," "Small Business Saturday," or "Cyber Monday" shopping excursions. And we are told in no uncertain terms that the time is right to focus our attention on the Lord. Not turkey, not bargains, but Jesus. Prayer, penance, preparation... great key words for the season. And the season promises to be fleeting.

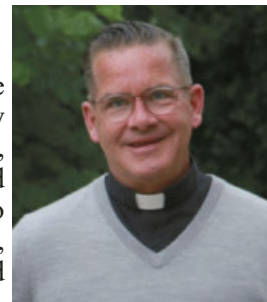
As we focus our attention on Jesus at the beginning of our liturgical year, Jesus tells us in today's Gospel to be watchful and to be ready. The final sentence of the Gospel, just one word, exclaims the command, "Watch!" We must not allow ourselves to get too wrapped up in the premature celebrations, the secular ones, of the season. We need to be sure that our hearts are ready to welcome the Lord anew into our hearts, homes and lives. In order to do that, we need to watch for his coming and make the prayer of the age-old song our own, O Come O Come Emmanuel!

To allow Emmanuel to come, we must make room for him in our hearts. This great season, coming at the darkest time of our calendar year, normally provides four weeks to prepare for the coming of the light of the world. We only have three weeks this year, with the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent also being Christmas Eve. At Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier, we will fill this time with prayer and petition, preparation, and penance.

We celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of the United States Church this week as Advent begins. We reflect on God's plan, God's great providence and the wisdom of our creator. On the eighth of December, ninth months before we celebrate her birth, we honor Mary's conception in the womb of her mother, Ann. I used to laugh at the prayers of this Mass in the new missal, as one of them used the term "prevenient grace." I have grown to love that term.

The prayer over the offering pleads, "*Graciously accept the saving sacrifice which we offer you, O Lord, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and grant that, as we profess her, on account of your prevenient grace, to be untouched by any stain of sin, so, through her intercession, we may be delivered from all our faults. Through Christ our Lord.*" Prevenient... In Anticipation. God gave Mary God's grace in anticipation of her conception in the womb of her mother, Ann.

While we honor Mary as the Immaculate Conception, we really praise *God's* wisdom, knowledge, generosity, and love - as God anticipated the grace necessary to save you and me. Prevenient grace, Mary's conception, forethought and preplanned by our loving, all-powerful and merciful God, demonstrates God's wisdom and love. So, at the beginning of Advent we celebrate the Immaculate Conception, and all that says about our salvation history, and the saving power of God.



In anticipation of the Immaculate Conception, On December 7<sup>th</sup>, the parish music and liturgy team will lead us in praying Solemn Vespers at **7:30 pm at St. Joseph Church**. God has gifted our community with generous, talented people who desire to bring us closer to Christ. This musical prayer promises to do just that, as we honor Our Lady and praise and thank God for his abiding love. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Join us for a Mass at 6:30am at Saint Francis and at 8:30am or 7:30pm at Saint Joseph.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, we will come together as a faith community, in this season of preparation, to confess our sins and seek the mercy of God in our annual Advent Reconciliation service. There probably is no better way to prepare for the coming of Jesus than to admit our sins, express our contrition for those sins and receive absolution. Jesus will find our hearts ready to welcome him as we choose to meet him in a state of grace. Many of my friends have told me that the Sacrament of Reconciliation isn't a priority for them. I think that is so unfortunate. God's grace, freely given, prevenient and constant, comes to you and me in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Advent, make the Sacrament a priority. Join us on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM at St. Joseph Church.

Peace,

Saints JFX is transitioning to a new Assisted Listening System at both of our churches, accessible via your Smart Phone. We expect that the system will be operational beginning next weekend (December 9). Instructions on connecting to the new system will be available in our eblast and bulletin next weekend. There will not be an operational listening system available at either church this weekend. We apologize for the inconvenience.

# Weekly Mass Schedule

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<p><b>Monday December 4, 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: +Kathleen &amp; Mike Merfeld +Barb &amp; Marty Schneider +Ioan Suci (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p><b>Tuesday December 5, 2023</b> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Josephina Cannon +John Clarke +Mark Solomon D'Silva (L)Regina Lee &amp; Family (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>9:00 am-7:00 pm SJ Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>6:00 pm-7:00 pm SJ Confession</p> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>+ Deceased / (L) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier SJ -St. Joseph</p> </div>	<p><b>Wednesday December 6, 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: +Carol Perkins +John R and Ruth Smith (L)Jo &amp; Jeph Harrison Family (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p><b>Thursday December 7, 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: +Marguerite Sullivan Condon +Jean Kutton Kane (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>7:30 pm SJ Solemn Vespers</p> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel.</p> <p>To find our channel, search <i>Saints JFX</i> on <a href="http://www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a></p> </div>	<p><b>Friday December 8, 2023</b> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Phillip Couri +Dave Crome +Stanley &amp; Marianna Feret +Jun Gu Lee +Olivia Sergot (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>7:30 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p><b>Saturday December 9, 2023</b> 8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>5:00 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Hendrickson, SJ</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Donald Butzen, Jr. +Maria Friedrich +Deceased Members of the DiClementi/Stewart Families (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>5:00 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Christopher Patrick Alonzi</p>	<p><b>Sunday December 10, 2023</b> 8:00 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Christopher Patrick Alonzi +Olivia Sergot +Liliana Suci (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>9:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Hugh Mulligan +Jeff Teske</p> <p>10:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Stanley &amp; Marianna Feret +Gino Gambacorta +Zygmunt &amp; Kazimiera Kaczorowski</p> <p>11:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Michael Joyce +William &amp; Mayme Sullivan</p> <p>4:45 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Roberta Kamp +Regina Casale +Alfred Casale</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  
Sheila Groark  
Phillip Hall  
Tim Hanson  
Barbara Hardy  
Barbara Hawkinson  
Catherine Horan  
Bob Kerrigan  
Will Leming

Betsy Burns Landolt  
Jordan Lynch  
Tiffany McGivern  
John McGuinness  
Eden McKenna  
Dolores Meier  
Colin Mowbray  
Daniel O'Herron  
Pam O'Reilly  
John Ondrejicka

Keith Osmanski  
Monica Pecuch  
Mary Stapleton  
Allen Stone  
Gary Strutz  
Trudy Tonelli  
Elliott Villarreal  
David W.  
Krista Wilkinson  
Audrey Williams

*In prayer  
and loving memory of:*

*Richard Gillis  
Janet Plas*



*Please email [officessjfx@ssjfx.org](mailto: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.



**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)

**Marriage Banns**

*Mary Dylan Forster and Lars Lopatka  
Bann II*



**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)

**Stewardship Report**

November 26, 2023

Collected at Church:

Envelopes: \$ 5,883.00

Loose Cash: \$ 1,720.00

Electronic Contributions: \$21,880.00

Total: \$29,483.00

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



Thank you for your generosity.

**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  
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  
Seth Miller  
Lt Col Anita Scattone  
Lt Col Shawn Schwarz  
Lt Ryan Slattery

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  
Cpl 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  
Lt Col Grant Swinger

*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 December 3, 2023**

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37  
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

**All-day Eucharistic Adoration is Tuesday December 5  
9:00 am until 7:00 pm at St Joseph Church.**



Confession will be offered 6:00-7:00 pm

Questions? Please contact Fr. Ryan at [rsryan@ssjfx.org](mailto:rsryan@ssjfx.org).

***From the Loft***

Mark your calendars for Sunday December 10th. At the 10:30 am Mass, our choir will sing "The Promise of Grace" accompanied by a string trio. The result is magical! They will also sing a prelude song just before the start of Mass: "I Am His Child".

A reminder, for those interested in joining the "Christmas Choir", we have two rehearsals scheduled: Wednesday, December 20th at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, December 24th at 9:00 pm. Both rehearsals will be in the St. Joseph choir room, which is in the annex hallway #1-A. Let us know so we can save a spot for you. We sing at 10:00 pm. Please contact [jhopkins@ssjfx.org](mailto:jhopkins@ssjfx.org).

John & Al



**Join Us in Waiting For and Celebrating the Coming of the Lord 2023**

December 23  
4th Sunday of Advent  
5:00 pm St. Joseph  
5:00 pm St. Francis Xavier

December 24  
4th Sunday of Advent  
8:00 am St. Joseph  
9:30 am St. Francis Xavier

Christmas Eve  
3:00 pm St. Joseph  
3:00 pm St. Francis Xavier  
3:15 pm St. Francis Xavier (Gym)  
5:00 pm St. Francis Xavier  
5:30 pm St. Joseph  
10:00 pm Christmas Concert St. Joseph  
10:00 pm Christmas Concert St. Francis Xavier  
10:30 pm St. Joseph  
10:30 pm St. Francis Xavier

December 25  
Nativity of Our Lord  
8:00 am St. Joseph  
9:30 am St. Francis Xavier  
10:30 am St. Joseph  
11:30 am St. Francis Xavier

December 30  
Feast of the Holy Family  
5:00 pm St. Joseph  
5:00 pm St. Francis Xavier

December 31  
Feast of the Holy Family  
8:00 am St. Joseph  
9:30 am St. Francis Xavier  
10:30 am St. Joseph  
11:30 am St. Francis Xavier  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Vigil)  
5:00 pm St. Joseph

January 1  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
9:00 am St. Francis Xavier

**The Saints JFX Parish  
TOY DRIVE**

Our parish toy drive to benefit Catholic Charities is ongoing. Thank you to all who have taken a tag from one of the trees. If you weren't able to take a tag but would like to contribute, please feel free to donate a gift for any age.

Please leave donations in the boxes at both churches or parish offices through this weekend. Catholic Charities will be picking up our gifts on Monday December 4. We ask that gifts be new/unwrapped.

As always, thank you for your generosity to those in need!



Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

*Solemn Vespers*  
-FOR THE-  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> • 7:30<sup>PM</sup>  
St. Joseph Church

MINISTRY OF CARE MANDATION  
December 3, 2023

Every three years the Archdiocese requires all Ministers of Care to be renewed in their mandate to serve in this ministry. For our parish this renewal takes place at the 9:30am Sunday Mass at St. Francis Xavier Church, mandating our 71 Ministers of Care. This group includes seven men and women joining the ministry for the first time, having completed extensive training this fall.

Congratulations to all our Ministers of Care, from the newest to the longest-serving!  
The parish is grateful to you for bringing our love and care along with the Holy Eucharist to the sick and the homebound who cannot join us at Mass.

**Ministers of Care,  
Newly Mandated**

Christina Brandt  
Mary Charles  
Frank Cheswick  
Thomas Denten  
Barbara Eichenlaub  
Bridget Kirkendall  
Richard Pope



If you'd like to learn more  
about Ministry of Care,  
please contact  
MaryClare Birmingham at  
[mbirmingham@ssjfx.org](mailto:mbirmingham@ssjfx.org)

**Ministers of Care, Mandation Renewed**

Ana Alda-Falcon  
Janet Avery  
MaryClare Birmingham  
Marita Buckingham  
Cathy Burgeson  
Luz Cannon  
Catherine Cerone  
Carol Cislak De Smul  
Diane Clarke  
Kathryn Conway  
Thomas Conway  
Carmel Cowan  
Sara Crome  
Mary Demetrio  
Sharon DeRosa-Ostrom  
Shelagh Donoghue  
Timi Egan  
Michelle Ford  
Dani Froehlich  
Dorothy Fusco  
Susan Hayes Gordon  
Jennifer Grant  
Patricia Gutekanst  
Renee Hall  
Judy Hanley  
Gina Holton  
Megan Horton  
Anne Hrabe  
Pauline Ignas  
Peter Keller  
Nancy Lou Kelly  
Daniel Kim

Jeff Later  
Patty Lee  
Regina Lee  
Marilyn Lovely  
Peggy Martin  
Mark McCormick  
Linda McGuire  
Millie McManus  
Kathleen Meenaghan  
Thomas Meenaghan  
Jody O'Connor  
Chris Porter  
Deidre Proteau  
Chris Rademacher  
Jean Richards  
Ted Rosean  
Patti Schumann  
Celeste Soden  
Jean Spence  
Robert Spence  
Kathleen Stauber  
Eileen Sullivan  
Barbara Tight  
Kathy Tyrell  
Patti Tyska  
Tasha Wallace  
Missy Ware  
Sr. Mary Ann Warwick  
Monique Watts  
Bridget Weir  
Grace Wright  
Julie Zuercher





# CHRISTMAS CAROLING

**At Saints JFX**



**Sunday, December 3rd**

**6:15 – 7:00PM**

**Meet in St. Joseph School gym for a brief warm-up before heading into the neighborhood to spread holiday cheer!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## Christmas Eve Family Mass and Pageants

Sunday December 24, 2023  
3:00 pm Mass at St. Joseph and St. Francis Xavier

The children of Saints JFX Parish are invited to participate in one of the 3:00pm Christmas Eve Pageant Masses.

Use the QR links below to see more information and sign up.

**RSVP for SFX  
(FIRST GRADERS ONLY)**

**RSVP FOR SJ  
(ALL AGES)**



Thank you, Saints JFX parishioners, for supporting our Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Conference. Your contributions enable us to provide a lifeline to families and individuals and mean so much to us and the people we serve.

**If you have not yet had a chance to contribute, you can support our work needed more than ever by contributing via the QR code below.** Father Wayne graciously designated this year's parish Thanksgiving collection for the benefit of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Assisting individuals and families in financial or personal crisis is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's number one mission. Our goal is to assist clients so that they may get "back on their own feet". For example, we might pay a month's rent or past due utility bills, or provide pre-loaded grocery store, Target, or gas cards. We have provided Christmas presents for children whose parents are financially unable to do so. In recent years we have also given significant assistance to refugee families living in St. Thomas of Canterbury parish.

On behalf of our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference,  
I thank you for your generosity.

Wishing you a blessed holiday season,  
*Jack O'Malley*  
President



ST. MARY OF THE WOODS IN ASSOCIATION WITH SS. PETER & LAMBERT PRESENTS  
**HOLY GROUND**  
 MOVIE PREMIERE

**Thursday, December 14th**  
**Landmark Glen**  
 1850 Tower Drive, Glenview, IL 60062

The new documentary, *Holy Ground*, tells the story of Chicago from the perspective of the Catholics. All are welcome to a **FREE** screening. Tickets only available at the box office the night of, but we strongly encourage you to RSVP through "Sign Up Genius." Questions? E-mail [holyground@smow.org](mailto:holyground@smow.org). *Holy Ground* is not rated; running time of 100 minutes.

**SHOWTIMES**  
**5:30pm & 8:00pm**

The documentary *Holy Ground* is a history of Catholics in Chicago from the discovery of the area, to the post-World War II era. The film centers on a variety of events such as Fort Dearborn, the Great Chicago Fire, the World's Fairs and more! *Holy Ground* looks at the role Billy Caldwell (a.k.a. Chief Sauganash) had in helping Chicago become settled, into the first immigrants to the Grosse Pointe area.

Narrated by Fr. Gregory Sakowicz, *Holy Ground* features engaging historians, and showcases dozens of parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Produced by St. Mary of the Woods and Ss. Peter & Lamberts, *Holy Ground* will give audiences a deeper understanding of Chicago's north side, and Catholics a richer appreciation for their homes in the Windy City.

Please contact the parish office for the Signup Genius link at [officessjfx@ssjfx.org](mailto:officessjfx@ssjfx.org).



### ***Calling All Bakers!***

The Women's Club Christmas Bake Sale is coming up on December 9 and 10. The Cookie Walk is back by popular demand, so we hope to get lots of cookies. If you need suggestions, some of the most requested cookies are holiday related: spritz cookies, gingerbread cookies, sugar cookies, toffee bars, meltaway cookies, meringue kisses, or almost anything with holiday colors. Other popular baked goods are cakes, pies, Irish soda bread, all varieties of sweet breads, brownies, muffins, cupcakes, pizzelles, chocolate dipped pretzels, spiced nuts, puppy chow and anything else you can imagine. We have a supply of foil pans with lids; please contact Marion Kahle at [mkkahle@yahoo.com](mailto:mkkahle@yahoo.com) if you need some for the cookies you baked.

Drop off your goodies on Saturday, December 9 from 2:00pm until 6:30pm. Sales begin after the 5:00 Masses at both campuses and continue after all Sunday Masses until everything is sold. Please contact Marion Kahle if you'd like to volunteer. Thank you!



### **MEN'S SILENT RETREAT**

The Saints JFX Men's silent retreat is scheduled for January 19-21, 2024 at Bellarmine Hall, located at 175 W. County Line Road, Barrington, Illinois (847.381.1261).

All men of the parish are encouraged to come for a weekend of spiritual guidance and introspection. Reservations are limited and fill up fast. First come first served basis. Please contact Phillip A. Couri at 847.323.8605; or [pac@courilaw.com](mailto:pac@courilaw.com) to make your reservation and/or for more details. Fr. Chris Manahan, S.J. will be leading the retreat. Fr. Manahan's bio is below.

Father Chris Manahan entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1993 at the age of 37 after a 15-year career as a newspaper reporter and editor in Minnesota and Iowa. After ordination in 2003 he served two years as a parish priest on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota; spent a year working with Jesuits in the Philippines and northeast India; served eight years on the staff of the Jesuit Novitiate where men discern whether to profess vows; and, for seven years was director of the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Father Manahan currently assists the provincial in caring for Jesuits in the Midwest Province awaiting final vows and for the province's senior Jesuits who are 70 and older. He lives in the Taylor Street Jesuit Community in Chicago.

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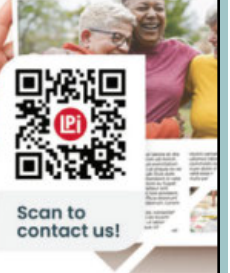
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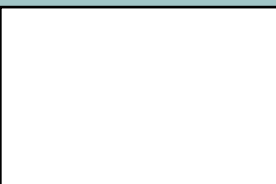
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