

# 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 1, 2019**

*First Sunday of Advent*

Daily Masses:  
Monday—Friday  
6:30am SJ  
8:15am SFX  
8:30am SJ

Saturday Masses:  
8:30am SJ  
5:00pm SJ and SFX

Sunday Masses:  
8:00am SJ  
9:30am SFX  
10:15am SFX (School)  
10:30am SJ  
11:30am SFX  
6:00pm SJ  
7:30pm SFX  
(ACTION Youth Mass,  
September through April)



St. Joseph Campus (SJ)  
 1747 Lake Avenue  
 Wilmette, IL 60091  
 847-251-0771 (Office) 847-251-5715 (Fax)  
 rleech@ssjfx.org (email)  
 Religious Education Office: 847-251-3734  
**Parish Office Hours:**  
 Monday-Wednesday: 9am—8:00pm  
 Thursday and Friday: 9am—4:30pm  
 Saturday: 9am—1pm  
 Sunday: 8:30am—11:30am

St. Francis Xavier Campus (SFX)  
 524 9th Street  
 Wilmette, IL 60091  
 847-256-4250 (Office) 847-256-4254 (Fax)  
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**Parish Office Hours:**  
 Monday-Wednesday: 9am—8:30pm  
 Thursday and Friday: 9am—4:30pm  
 Saturday: 9am—1pm  
 Sunday: 8:30am—11:30am

## PARISH STAFF

Rev. Wayne F. Watts, Pastor  
 Msgr. Dan Mayall, Senior Priest  
 Rev. Rodlin Rodrigue, Associate Pastor  
 Rev. Matthew Spotts, S.J., Associate Pastor  
 Rev. William J. Sheridan, Pastor Emeritus, SFX  
 Rev. Edward F. Harnett, Pastor Emeritus, SFX  
 Rev. Robert Tonelli, Pastor Emeritus, St. Joseph  
 Robert and Karen Kerls, Deacon Couple  
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 Patty Jane Pelton, Retired Pastoral Associate  
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 Colleen Barrett, School Principal  
 Jonathan Metzinger, Music Director  
 Kieran Lyons, Director, Faith Formation and  
 Ministry of Care  
 John Hopkins, Music Director  
 Ron Berger, Liturgical Planner  
 Dana McKenna, Director of Religious Education  
 Dani Froelich, Coordinator of Religious Education  
 Mary Therese Brown, Director of Youth Ministry,  
 ACTION

## Schedule of Events: Week of December 1 - 8

### Sunday, December 1

9a Religious Ed - SJ Campus  
 10:30a Children's Liturgy of the Word - SJ Annex - 1C  
 6p Family Mass - SJ Church  
 7:30p ACTION - SFX Church

### Monday, December 2

6p SPRED Religious Ed: Joseph Room - SJ Campus  
 7p RCIA - SFX Parish Office

### Tuesday, December 3

9a - 7p Adoration - SJ Church  
 9:30a Al-Anon - SJ Annex - 1C  
 7p Benediction - SJ Church  
 7p RCIA for Catholics: Deacon Kerls - SFX School Atrium

### Wednesday, December 4

2p Lectio Divina - SFX Parish Office  
 6p Adult Choir Rehearsal - SFX Church  
 7:30p St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - SFX Parish Office

### Thursday, December 5

9a Legion of Mary - SJ Annex - Rm 1C  
 6p Sip and Shop - SFX School Gym

### Friday, December 6

### Saturday, December 7

8a AA - SJ Annex - 1C  
 9a Confessions - SJ Church  
 4:15p Confessions - SFX Church

### Sunday, December 8

9a Religious Ed - SJ Campus  
 9a PREP - SFX School  
 10:30a Children's Liturgy of the Word - SJ Annex - 1C  
 7:30p ACTION - SFX Church

Greetings!

My name is Jonathan Metzinger and I am proud to be one of your Music Directors here at Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish. Music ministry has been a vital part of my life since I was a child. I attended St. Alphonsus Liguori School in Prospect Heights where I served as a student accompanist and sang in the children's choir. I continued participating in music ministry, band, choir, and orchestra when I went on to attend St. Viator High School in Arlington Heights. Realizing my passion for music, I had the great honor of pursuing and receiving my bachelor's degree in music composition from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. My studies would lead me to Vienna, Austria for one year where I received private composition instruction. During my time in Vienna, I fell in love with the Viennese choral tradition.

After graduating in 2014, I began new and exciting musical adventures. That summer, I served as the composer-in-residence of the OperaMaya music festival in Quintana Roo, Mexico and also became the artistic administrator of the Chicago Arts Orchestra. I continued my passion for liturgical music and served as the associate director of music at both St. Alphonsus and St. Benedict Parishes in Chicago before beginning my tenure at St. Francis Xavier in 2016. Since I began this position, I've had the great privilege and have received much joy from the opportunity to serve such an incredible and welcoming community.

As we begin Advent and the new liturgical year, we'll observe a few changes in music. Most notable of these is the introduction of our beautiful, brand new hymnals. *RitualSong II* can now be found in the pews of both St. Joseph Church and St. Francis Xavier Church with many thanks to Jeph Harrison for leading pew alterations at SFX to accommodate the hymnals. I hope this comprehensive worship resource will engage and promote participation at all masses for many years to come. I'd also like to thank every parishioner who has donated a hymnal to help finance this project. We are on our way to meet the goal of sponsoring 900 hymnals but we still need further help. Donor forms can be found in either parish office or online at GiveCentral.

Audible changes during Advent include the omission of the *Gloria*. As Advent is both a time of joyful anticipation and penitence, we will sing and chant the *Kyrie eleison* (Lord, have mercy). We will also revert to more traditional chants of the Church including chanting the *Lord's Prayer* and the *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God).

Looking forward, there are a number of upcoming days to experience and participate with the combined SSJFX choirs. The combined choirs will lead an Advent Mass at St. Joseph Church at 10:30am on Sunday, December 15th. The following day on December 16th, all parishioners are invited to the annual music ministry caroling outing. Beginning at 6:30pm in St. Francis Xavier



Church, join the choirs as we prepare favorite holiday carols and head out into the neighborhood for door-to-door caroling. A warm-up reception with cookies and hot chocolate will follow. The next large-scale musical event featuring the combined choirs since the grand Installation Mass at St. Joseph Church will be *The Sounds of Christmas Concert* and Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th at St. Francis Xavier Church. The choral concert will begin at 10:00pm with Mass starting at 10:30pm. We look forward to holding this Christmas Eve concert and Mass next year in 2020 at St. Joseph Church. **The following is the schedule of Masses planned for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:**

**December 24 - St. Joseph Church**  
6:30am, 8:30am, 3:00pm and 5:30pm

**December 24 - St. Francis Xavier Church**  
8:15am, 3:00pm, 3:15pm-Gym and 5:00pm,  
10:00pm Choral Concert, 10:30pm Mass

**December 25 - St. Joseph Church**  
8:00am and 10:30am

**December 25 - St. Francis Xavier Church**  
9:30am, 10:15pm-Gym and 11:30am

Warm Regards,

Jonathan Metzinger



Dear Lourdes Pilgrims and Families,

Can you believe it, we already have the tickets and have begun planning for Lourdes 2020! This year we will be going to Lourdes, Fatima, and Lisbon. We have limited tickets and are giving priority to students and adult alumni from now till January 1, 2020. Click [here](#) for the application. Please share this with anyone you know who is interested. After January 1, 2020 we will open it up to anyone else interested. The Trip will be from July 26th to August 8th, 2020. Peace, wfw

## Schedule for Masses, Sacraments and Benediction

<u>Monday, December 2, 2019</u>	<u>Wednesday, December 4, 2019</u>	<u>Friday, December 6, 2019</u>	<u>Sunday, December 8, 2019</u>
<p><b>6:30am SJ</b> (L)Intention of Olivia Sergot <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p><b>8:15am SFX</b> +James McAtee <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b> (L)Intention of Kevin Carlson Family <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p>	<p><b>6:30am SJ</b> +Dennis Healy and Ann Ryan +Thomas Tucker <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p><b>8:15am SFX</b> +Kathleen Merfeld <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b> (L)Intention of Richard Keefe <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p>	<p><b>6:30am SJ</b> (L)Intention of Tom Hopkins <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p><b>8:15am SFX</b> +Dan Kelly, Sr. <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b> (L)Intention of Margaret Grothe <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p>	<p><b>8:00am SJ</b> +John Cossarek <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p><b>9:30am SFX</b> +Connie Ang +Bill Geary +Nancy Kelly <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i> <i>Deacon Kerls</i></p> <p><b>10:15am SFX School</b> +People of the Parish <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p><b>10:30am SJ</b> +Enrique Lucchini +Sharon Mahoney +Helen and Gene Quirini <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i> <i>Deacon Shinkle</i></p> <p><b>11:30am SFX</b> +J. P. Van Horn +Carol Fish Davis <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p><b>6:00pm SJ</b> (L)Parishioners of Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p><b>7:30pm SFX - ACTION</b> <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p>
<p><u>Tuesday, December 3, 2019</u></p> <p><b>6:30am SJ</b> (L)Intention of Carol Solger <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p><b>8:15am SFX</b> (L)Parish Intentions for Active Military <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b> (L)Intention of Pam O'Reilly <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p><b>9:00am - 7 pm SJ</b> Adoration</p> <p><b>10:00am SFX School Mass</b> <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p><b>7:00pm SJ Benediction</b> <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p>	<p><u>Thursday, December 5, 2019</u></p> <p><b>6:30am SJ</b> +Marguerite Sullivan Condon <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p><b>8:15am SFX</b> +Ann Harrington <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b> (L)Intention of Regina Lee and Family <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p>	<p><u>Saturday, December 7, 2019</u></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b> +Thomas Tight +Thomas Walker (L)Intention of Peter DiClementi, Jr. <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p><b>Confessions</b> <b>9:00am SJ:</b> <i>Fr. Rodrigue</i> <b>4:15pm SFX:</b> <i>Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p><b>11:00am SFX - Baptism</b> <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p><b>2:30pm SFX - Wedding</b> <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p><b>3:00pm SJ - Wedding</b> <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p><b>5:00pm SFX</b> +Joan Waddick +Sydney Smith +Christopher Patrick Alonzi <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p><b>5:00pm SJ</b> +Dan Wolak <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p>	
<p>+ Deceased / (L) Living</p> <p><b>SJ - St. Joseph Church / SFX - St. Francis Xavier Church / SFX School - St. Francis Xavier School</b></p>			

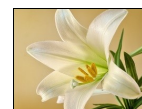
### Prayers for the sick and those in need

Seda Aghajani	Ryan Glassberg	Richard Keefe	Olivia Sergot
Carmen Albino	Margaret Grothe	Bob Kerrigan	Carol Solger
Ginnie Becker	Phillip Hall	John Krupka	Dino Tonelli
Tom Beitzel	Tim Hanson	Dolores Meier	David W.
Heather Campbell	Barbara Hardy	Paul Molaro	Dolores Welch
Vivian Cangelosi	Barbara Hawkinson	Daniel O'Herron	Krista Wilkinson
Guillermo Cannon	Laura Hendrickson	Pam O'Reilly	Audrey Williams
William Carlin	Tom Hopkins	Monica Pecuch	Carol Woodard
Cecelia Cruz	Brier Johnston	Cloyanne Reed	
Peter DiClementi, Jr.	Charles Jonaitis		

Please call the parish office at 847/256-4250 if you'd like to remove a name from this list.

### In prayer and loving memory of:

Lisa Patt





**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  
Pilot 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  
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 & Mchele 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  
1st Lt Zach Hubbard, Illinois National Guard,  
Nephew of the Later family



**A Tri-Parish Event**

**Saturday, December 14**

Ss. Faith Hope & Charity Parish Center

***A Christmas Canvas:  
Paintings of the Nativity Story***

with art historian Jeff Mishur

**2:00 – 4:00 pm**

Festive Refreshments and Fellowship from 2:00 – 3:00; Talk at 3:00 pm

Around the holidays, the images that surround us promote holiday hours and doorbusters.  
This program emphasizes images that are central to the meaning of the season.

There is no fee to attend but we ask that you register as space is limited. Registration opens  
Sunday, Nov. 10. To register, contact Marilyn Valko on [mjvalko@yahoo.com](mailto:mjvalko@yahoo.com) or 847-256-3834.

**Marriage  
Banns**



SFX Church

Caitlyn Suse  
and Bert Olson  
Bann III

SI Church

Mary Nevin and  
Brian McGing  
Bann III

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JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE AT  
**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL**

[www.stjosephwilmette.com](http://www.stjosephwilmette.com)

*Excellence in Early Childhood*

November 19th, 6:30-8pm

December 11th, 9-11am

January 26th, 4-6pm

March 12th, 9-11am

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE AT  
**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL**

[www.sfx-school.org](http://www.sfx-school.org)

*Cultivating Curiosity in PreK-8*

November 20th, 6:30-8pm

December 4th, 8:30-10:30am

January 26th, 10:30am-12:30pm

March 4th, 8:30-10:30am



Lectio Divina, Gregory the Great says, summarizing the Christian contemplative traditions, leads us to “resting in God.” Join us and find out more about this meaningful prayer form.

WEDNESDAYS 2:00PM  
PARISH OFFICE 524 9th

We will pray with Sunday’s gospel.  
Questions? [klyons@ssjfx.org](mailto:klyons@ssjfx.org)

**RCIA FOR CATHOLICS**

Continuing our Adult Education Series titled RCIA for Catholics, please join us for this two-part look at Bible basics.

PART 1 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> 7:00-8:30 P.M.

PART 2 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> 7:00-8:30 P.M.

SFX SCHOOL ATRIUM 9<sup>TH</sup> AND LINDEN (handicap accessible)

Deacon Bob Kerls will give an engaging intro to the Bible: facts, myths, Old Testament and New, differences between Catholic and Protestant Bibles and much more. You might be surprised at what you know and what you don’t know about the greatest selling book in history!

All are welcome! Questions? [klvons@ssifx.org](mailto:klvons@ssifx.org) 847-256-4250

**ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY  
WINTER COAT DRIVE**

We are collecting winter coats for men, women and children, as well as hats, scarves, gloves and mittens. Also needed are boots for men, women and children. All sizes are welcome. Donations can be brought to the parish offices.

Questions? Call Sara Crome  
847/256-4250

**Thank you** to all who took advantage of the distribution of the prayer blankets this past weekend. We gave out over 30 blankets to those who are ill and in need of prayers. We are excited to be reaching so many of you. Names of those we pray for are listed in the bulletin starting next weekend. Prayer blankets are made by the SsJFX Women's Club and offered free of charge all year round. Supplies are funded by Women’s Club activities that bring women together for service and fundraising events. Thank you to those who did make donations; they will go towards making more blankets.

Contact Paula Humbach @847-256-8037 to request a prayer blanket for a loved one.



Join us for the  
*St. Francis Xavier*

# Sip & Shop

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm

\$10 ADMISSION \* CASH BAR \* RAFFLE

*Start your shopping early with brand new & returning local vendors!*

\* SFX GYM \* 808 LINDEN AVE \*

## JOIN US FOR A BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
from 9am-12pm  
St. Francis Xavier Gym

Bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child at St. Thomas  
Tickets @ \$10/person, children 2 & under are free  
Family passes available for 5 or more @ \$50/family  
Questions for our elves to [antonini4@hotmail.com](mailto:antonini4@hotmail.com)

PURCHASE TICKETS   
[sfx-school.org/breakfast-with-santa](http://sfx-school.org/breakfast-with-santa)



### First Grade Christmas Eve Mass at SFX Church

Christmas is a wonderful time to celebrate traditions! One of the best-loved parish traditions happens at St. Francis Xavier Church when parish first graders bring the Christmas nativity story to life at the 3pm Christmas Eve liturgy. A half pew is reserved for each first grade family that participates. All first grade parents (both school and religious education) should watch for an email soon containing a link to sign up their first grader and reserve their half pew at the 3pm Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>. This letter will contain more information regarding this event and the two rehearsals that precede it on December 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Merry Christmas!

EVANSTON CATHOLIC WOMAN'S CLUB

Our Christmas meeting will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. We will be meeting at Zhivago's Restaurant, 9925 Gross Point Road.

The "Heartzingers", the choral group from Misericordia, will be the entertainment.

Please bring new or gently used hats, gloves and/or scarfs for St. Mary's Warming Center.

For reservations call Barbara at 847-492-0598 no later than December 8<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!

STS. JOSEPH & FRANCIS XAVIER WOMEN'S CLUB

# GUILD THREE

MOMS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN & YOUNG WOMEN INVITED TO JOIN

MEET ONCE PER MONTH

CONTACT LAURA FITZPATRICK 312.217.6483 OR ANNIE DOLAN 847.644.5208 OR EMAIL [GUILD3OFSSJFX.COM](mailto:GUILD3OFSSJFX.COM) TO JOIN

NOW ENROLLING NEW MEMBERS

**Stewardship Report**

November 17, 2019

**Collected at Mass:**  
 Envelopes \$10,397.00  
 Loose cash \$ 2,375.03

**Electronic Contributions** \$16,600.00

**Total: \$29,372.03**

**Thank you for supporting your parish!**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; 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 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1  
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

All Children of the Parish are welcome to participate in the 3:00PM Christmas Eve Mass of anticipation at St. Joseph Church. The liturgy will include a brief reenactment of the Birth of Jesus. Children ages 5 through 18 are welcome to participate.



Participants must be willing to attend the rehearsals for this liturgy on the following dates:

- Saturday - December 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00PM - 3:00PM
- Wednesday - December 18<sup>th</sup> 5:00 - 7:00PM
- Saturday - December 21<sup>st</sup> 12:30 - 2:30PM



If your child would like to participate it is **very important** that a completed form is turned in by Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Last year there were over 100 participants, and we would like to accommodate all of the children. Participants will have a choice of the following parts: Angels, Shepherds, Speaking Angel, Speaking Shepherd, Innkeeper, Mary, Joseph, a Star, Singing Pages, and several new parts. Special arrangements can be made for children who sing in the choir and would also like to participate. If you have any questions regarding the rehearsals or if you would like to help at rehearsals please contact Dana McKenna at 251-3734 or email dmckenna@ssjfx.org

**(Please cut along the stars and turn in to your child's Religious Ed./ School teacher by Friday, December 13th)**

*Yes, my child would like to participate in the 3:00 Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy. I understand he/she must attend all three rehearsals.*

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Choice of Character \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to help with the rehearsals Yes / No. I can't attend the rehearsals but would be willing to help in another way.

Name \_\_\_\_\_



*Eucharistic Adoration  
 Ss Joseph and Francis Xavier  
 Parish*

*Please join us in St. Joseph  
 Church  
 for Eucharistic Adoration  
 From 9am—7pm*

*Upcoming dates:  
 December 3rd and 17th*

*For more information  
 or to sign up for an hour of  
 adoration please email  
 Kirsten at:*

*k.solmos@comcast.net or  
 call 847/337-1708*

*"If we are to know the Lord,  
 we must go to Him. Listen to  
 Him in silence in Eucharistic  
 Adoration."  
 Pope Francis*



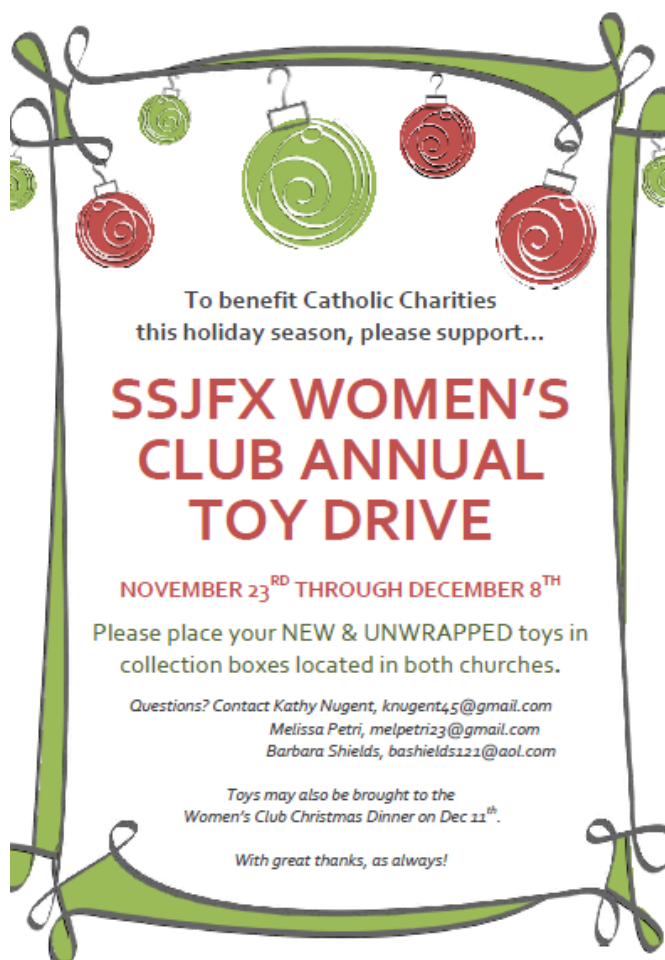
### SSJFX Women's Club Christmas Bake Sale

The Women's Club Christmas bake sale will be held the weekend of December 7th and 8th at the St. Joseph campus. All members of the Parish are invited to bring their edible donations to the Community Room on Saturday, December 7th between 2:00 and 6:00 PM. Cookies, cakes, brownies, bars, breads, rolls, muffins, pies, jams, seasoned nuts, homemade snack mixes, etc are all most welcome. We will be selling goodies after the 5:00 Mass on Saturday and all the Masses on Sunday, December 8th.

#### THE RETURN OF THE COOKIE WALK!!!!

Again this year we will have tables in the Community Room displaying the variety of cookies for sale. You can browse the selection and buy them by the box, mix and match. Bakers, please bring all cookies in containers we can display them in, so please don't wrap them up fancy, unless they contain peanut butter. For the sake of those allergic to peanuts, anything containing peanuts must be wrapped. As always, we welcome volunteers to help both Saturday and Sunday. If you need a container we have foil pans with lids available.

If you have any questions please call Marion Kahle at 847-769-9619 or Mary Versino at 847-251-8392.



To benefit Catholic Charities  
this holiday season, please support...

## SSJFX WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> THROUGH DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

Please place your NEW & UNWRAPPED toys in  
collection boxes located in both churches.

Questions? Contact Kathy Nugent, [knugent45@gmail.com](mailto:knugent45@gmail.com)  
Melissa Petri, [melpetri23@gmail.com](mailto:melpetri23@gmail.com)  
Barbara Shields, [bashields121@aol.com](mailto:bashields121@aol.com)

Toys may also be brought to the  
Women's Club Christmas Dinner on Dec 11<sup>th</sup>.

With great thanks, as always!

## Merry Christmas

May your days be filled with peace, hope,  
and joy this Christmas season.

**Join us for the Women's Club  
Annual Christmas Dinner  
Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm  
At the SFX School Gym: 808 Linden Avenue**

\$32 online (includes fees)  
\$30 cash or check

Two ways to pay:  
Visit give central to RSVP online  
<https://tinyurl.com/yxzewxh4>

Mail checks, made out to St. Joseph Women's Club  
to Diane Clarke  
302 Laurel Avenue, Wilmette, IL 60091  
(please indicate number of guests and include your full name)

RSVP by Sunday, December 8th please

Please bring a new, UNWRAPPED toy  
for Catholic Charities.

## Wake Up Santa!

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 am-10:00 am**

In the St. Joseph school cafeteria.  
Come in your pajamas and enjoy  
a delicious pancake breakfast,  
Christmas crafts & photos with Santa  
\$6.00 per person

Please R.S.V.P by calling the St. Joseph  
rectory at 847-251-0771

If you are able to help with the event please  
contact Dana McKenna at (847)251-3734 or  
[dmckenna@ssjfx.org](mailto:dmckenna@ssjfx.org).  
Volunteers from 8th grade B adults are needed

## MINISTRY OF CARE

**Your spiritual needs are very important to the staff at Ss. Joseph and Francis Xavier.** To insure that you receive the desired spiritual care if you are hospitalized or homebound with illness, please assist us by providing us with the following.

### Hospital:

If you would like anointing prior to a scheduled surgery, please call the parish office to schedule an anointing with a priest. You may also receive anointing at the hospital when there is an emergency.

When you are admitted to the hospital it is critical that you or a loved one identifies your religious affiliation, your parish name and your desire for pastoral care and communion visits.

The patient may also call the Ministry of Care line to request communion at the hospital. A Minister of Care will make sure the hospital is informed of this request.

### Homebound:

Trained Ministers of Care are available to bring communion to our parish sick and homebound. Ministers also visit local assisted living and nursing care homes. To schedule a visit, please call the Ministry of Care line at: 847 256-2273 press 0 and a Minister of Care will return your call.

**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 ask for extension 44 and leave a short message. We will respond as soon as possible. All inquiries will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

## ***Ministry of Care Visits Sunday, December 8***

### **After 8:00 Mass Hospital**

#### **B. Weir\*\***

J. Grant  
R. Hall  
L. McGuire  
D. Proteau

### **After 9:30 Mass Home**

#### **Dalys\*\***

B. Brennan  
L. Cannon  
R. Glavin  
M. McManus  
E. Whittingham

### **Mather Home**

10:00am  
S. Daniels

### **Symphony**

10:30am

## SACRAMENTS AT SSJFX

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM :

Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :

Saturdays, 9 - 9:30am (SJ) and 4:15 - 4:45pm (SFX)

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE :

Should be arranged at least six months in advance. Contact the Parish Office for details.

### PARISH REGISTRATION :

Registration Forms available in vestibule of Church, at the Parish Offices or from our Website.

## ***Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Schedule - December 8***

**5:00pm (SJ):** M. Di Clementi, P. Tischler, C. Robey, D. Barshis, M. Burton, A. Walberer, J. Walberer  
M. Versino (Lector 1), R. Burton (Lector 2)

**5:00pm (SFX):** D. Maatman, others not filled  
C. Dunn (Lector), B. Robey (Commentator)

**8:00am (SJ):** C. LaFontaine, C. Hutchinson, D. Clarke, M. Kahle, B. Daly, N. Ryan, L. McGuire  
D. O'Brien (Lector 1), E. Sullivan (Lector 2)

**9:30am (SFX):** M. Horton, L. Glunz, K. Sasso, J. Langas, K. Kerls, R. Kerls, C. Stutz  
PREP (Lector), PREP (Commentator)

**10:15am (SFX School):** R. Fry, K. Hudson, MJ Dix

**10:30am (SJ):** S. Couri, T. Lu, H. O'Toole, G. Leech, R. Leech, M. Buckley, A. Hughes  
J. Santacruz (Lector 1), S. Couri (Lector 2)

**11:30am (SFX):** PJ Pelton, A. Foerstner, M. Gorman, R. Charles, M. Charles, J. Carpenter, M. Trapp  
G. Cooke (Lector), F. Zawrazky (Commentator)

**6:00pm (SJ):** R. Berger, C. Sullivan, L. Arencibia  
T. Flanagan (Lector 1), F. Vian (Lector 2)

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