



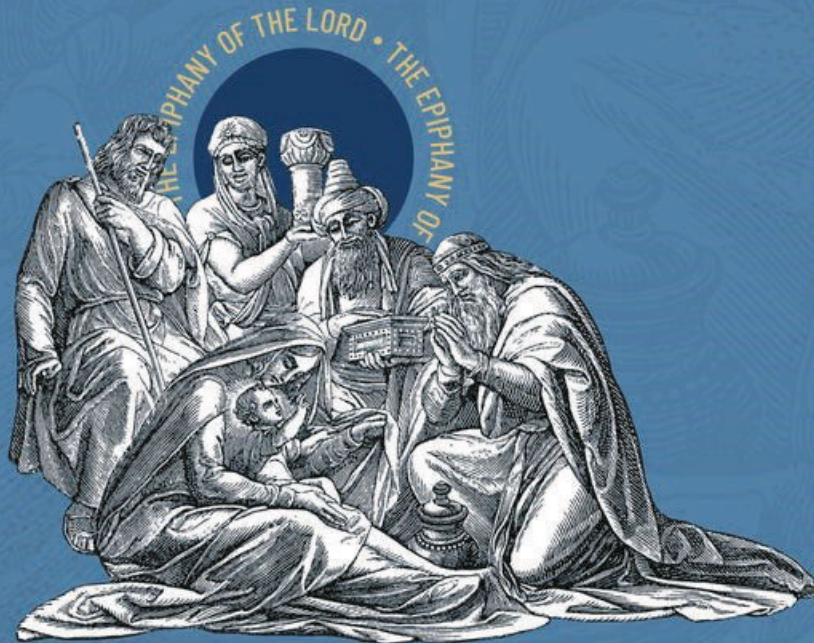
Saints Joseph and  
Francis Xavier  
Parish

## 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.

# WHERE IS THE NEWBORN KING?

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

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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,

We are blessed to have two worship sites in our parish. On Christmas Eve we needed them. During the three o'clock hour alone, at Saint Joseph, Saint Francis Xavier and in the Saint Francis Gym, over two thousand people joined us for the first Mass celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord. I joyfully celebrated the Mass at 3:00pm at Saint Joe's. I am so grateful to the people (Dana, Christine and Mia, and their teams of volunteers) who prepared the children at Saint Joseph and Saint Francis Xavier to present the Nativity. If you have been to either of these pageant liturgies, you know that the "Gospel" is a stylized one. We take bits of the Christmas stories from different Gospels and the children bring the words to life.

As I stood in the pulpit at Saint Joseph and proclaimed the Good News of the birth of our Savior to a joyfully packed church, we paused for songs throughout the script. When we bounced from the words of Saint Luke to the words of Saint Matthew, three middle school children stood in the center of the standing room only church, and I introduced the lines around the Adoration of the Magi, the visit of the Three Kings, the Wisemen who followed the star. The courage, excitement, and even giddiness of the kids struck me.

We sang, "*O Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*" Each middle schooler introduced himself with a solo, sung into a portable microphone, and described the gift he would bring to the Christ child, as the song lyrics describe. They belted out their words, one with great confidence and the others with a bit of timidity and nervousness. One might have even giggled. I thought about those people who over two thousand years ago followed the star and brought their gifts. The same feeling must have rushed through their bones as they traveled and met the newborn King.

Today the Church Universal celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord. "*Homage*" doesn't get much use in today's conversational vocabulary. Today we use *respect, praise, worship, honor, duty, reverence, deference, tribute, or service* instead. Whatever way one wants to call it, the Magi recognized that Jesus is the Lord and wanted to make some sign that they knew who he was in relationship to who they were. In order for the Lord to make himself known to them, the Magi had to have their eyes open. In a sense they had to want to find him in their lives. They had to recognize a need for the Messiah.

We too need to recognize our own need for a Messiah and keep our eyes focused on the Christ child. The Magi did - and were rewarded for their perseverance. The Magi

respected, praised, worshiped, honored, and revered Jesus, our Lord and our light. As we go through life and as we begin the New Year perhaps we can find ways of honoring Christ by the way live, by what we say and by what we do. That way, we adore Christ and do him homage.

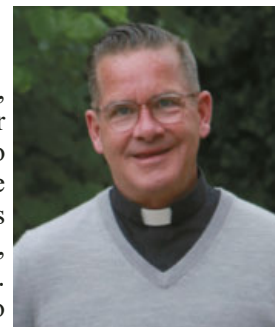
Every nation on earth will adore you. The psalm we sing this weekend reminds me of that enlightening experience and calls me too to reflect on the goodness of God and my response to that goodness. The Adoration of the Magi, depicted in many beautiful works of art, often shows warmth and light shining on the faces of the adorers, radiating from the one being adored. When we adore our God, God allows warmth and light to shine upon us. Today's preface of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Preface of Epiphany states, "For today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when he appeared in our mortal nature, *you* made *us* new by the glory of his immortal nature." When we adore our Lord, we are made new. This New Year let us be made new!

As we are made new by our encounter with the Lord this Epiphany, the staff of Saints JFX has prepared little bags of chalk to bless the doorways of your homes, a tradition for centuries, carried out on this feast. The formula, 20+C+M+B+24, is a play on words, with the initials of the Magi and the first letters of the Latin words asking Christ to bless the home. The bishops of the USCCB provide us with this prayer:

Lord God of heaven and earth,  
you revealed your only begotten Son to  
every nation by the guidance of a star.  
Bless this house and all who inhabit it.  
Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others  
may reflect your love.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Peace,

*Rev. Wayne T. Waus*



# Weekly Mass Schedule

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<p><b><u>Monday January 8, 2024</u></b>          6:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Will Weir</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday January 10, 2024</u></b>          6:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Tom &amp; Calista Gorman          +Joseph Naglich</p>	<p><b><u>Saturday January 13, 2024</u></b>          8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Gino Gambacorta</p> <p>9:00 am-10:00 am SJ          Confession</p> <p>11:00 am SJ Baptism          Santoiemma Family</p> <p>5:00 pm SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Munz, SJ</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Donald Butzen Jr.          +Gino Gambacorta          +Michael Tischler</p> <p>5:00 pm SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Joe Magagna          +David McDonnell          +Hugh Mulligan</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday January 14, 2024</u></b>          8:00 am SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Mike Schinler          +Liliana Suci          +Gloria Vian</p> <p>9:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Don D. Clark          +Bill Gallivan          +Jack Stewart          +Liliana Suci</p> <p>10:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Joan Bolotin          +Gino Gambacorta</p> <p>11:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Frank &amp; Veronica Merges          +Grace Rett</p> <p>11:30 am SJ Baptism          Haynes Family</p> <p>4:45 pm SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Molly Harris</p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday January 9, 2024</u></b>          6:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Kathleen Casey          +Michael Tischler</p> <p>9:00 am-10:00 am SJ          Eucharistic Adoration</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday January 11, 2024</u></b>          6:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Gloria Fruin          (L)Fr. Ed Harnett          (L)Tiffany Lim Lee &amp; Family</p> <p><b><u>Friday January 12, 2024</u></b>          6:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Ryan</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Meg &amp; Ray Mals          (L)Christine Elliott</p>	<p>Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel.</p> <p>Search <i>Saints JFX</i> on <a href="http://www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a></p>	

+ Deceased / ( L ) Living  
 SFX - St. Francis Xavier  
 SJ -St. Joseph

## Please pray for the sick and those in need:

Carmen Albino  
 Laura B.  
 Lorraine Bixler  
 Jim Bohlman  
 Art Devereaux

Paul DiClementi Jr  
 Peter DiClementi Jr  
 Sally Griffin  
 Sheila Groark

Rick Hawkinson  
 Catherine Horan  
 Bob Kerrigan  
 Tiffany McGivern

John McGuiness  
 Eden McKenna  
 Pam O'Reilly  
 Allen Stone  
 Carla Zaramella

Please email [officessjfx@ssjfx.org](mailto:officessjfx@ssjfx.org) to add or remove a name.

In prayer  
 and loving memory of:

Our beloved family members





**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

December 31, 2023

Collected at Church:

Envelopes: \$ 8,869.00

Loose Cash: \$ 1,594.00

Electronic

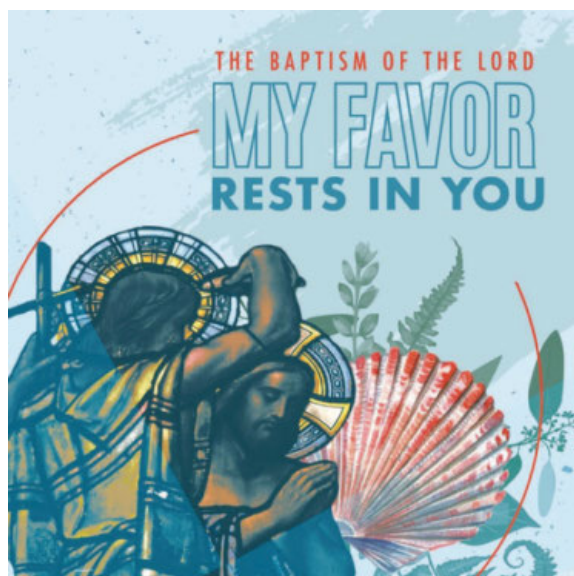
Contributions: \$21,880.00

Total: \$32,343.00

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  
Sgt 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 Ryan Slattery

### US Marine Corps

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 January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17  
Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a,9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

## From the Loft

Happy New Year...we look forward to a wonderful 2024 musical season. If you attended Mass at St. Joseph last weekend, you were probably aware of the magnificent full size grand piano at the front of the church. The sound is full and rich and fills the church. What a wonderful gift! It will provide us with beautiful accompaniment for many years to come.

Our choirs take a much needed break this week after the many hours of preparation for Christmas Eve. We were so impressed by the number of people who stayed at the end of Mass just to enjoy the postlude music. All of you were facing the loft with huge smiles. Your Christmas gift to us!

On January 14th, our choir season resumes at St. Joseph 10:30 am Mass. It is the final weekend of the Christmas season, so our last chance to sing those beloved and familiar songs. We will sing a choir prelude before Mass begins, as well as the usual communion meditation. Rehearsal is in the Community Room one hour before at 9:30 am. New choir members are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

A blessed new year to all.  
*John, Jonathan, and Al*

Thank you, Saints JFX parishioners, for your generous support of our Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Conference. Your donations will enable us to help the many families who will turn to us this year for help with rent, utility payments, medical expenses, and food.

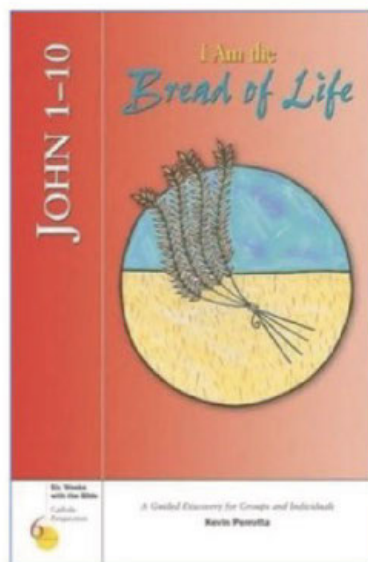
I am also excited to report that for the first time, the national Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been included in Forbes Magazine's list of "America's Top 100 Charities." This recognition has been made possible by the generosity of those, like you, who support the St. Vincent de Paul societies.



If you'd like to learn about how you can get involved with St. Vincent de Paul, please send us an email at [SFXstvincentdepaul@comcast.net](mailto:SFXstvincentdepaul@comcast.net).

Thank you and God Bless,

Jack O'Malley  
President



### What do we mean when we say the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ?

Join Pam Coster for a six-week exploration of the early chapters of the Gospel of John, which inform our understanding of Jesus and theology of the Eucharist. Discover the depth and richness of this essential teaching of the Church and what it can mean for your life of faith.

**January 10 – February 21**  
**Wednesdays 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**  
**by Zoom videoconference**

The *Six Weeks with the Bible* series is designed for people at any level of biblical knowledge. Minimal homework, but a lot to discuss!

**In this Year of Eucharistic Revival, enrich your understanding and appreciation of this most beautiful Sacrament.**

To register, go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AADAB29ABFA7-46329599-sixweeks>

or use the QR code below.

Participants purchase their own book, available from Loyola Press, Amazon or the bookseller of your choice. The Bible readings are in the book but it would be helpful to have a Bible as well. If you do not own one, Bibles can be borrowed from the Bell Tower library.



Questions? Contact Pam at [pcoster@gmail.com](mailto:pcoster@gmail.com).

### Medjugorje Presentation - January 11, 2024

Saints JFX Women's Club Guild 4 is hosting a talk on Medjugorje on January 11, 2024 to be given by Fr. Ryan. This talk is open to the entire parish and will take place in the Community Room at the St. Joseph campus at 7:00pm.

Medjugorje is a small village in Bosnia and Herzegovina, a former Yugoslav country. Since 1981, it's been reported that the Virgin Mary (a white form with a child in her arms) began appearing to a group of six teenagers (visionaries). The area has become a place of pilgrimage for millions of people. Three of these visionaries still receive daily apparitions and one of these is given a message from Our Lady for the world on the 25th day of each month. The remaining three visionaries have yearly apparitions. The Church has determined that the events at Medjugorje require further study to determine whether a supernatural character is present.

Fr. Ryan has conducted two pilgrimages to Medjugorje and will share his experiences with us. We hope you will join us.





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## REMAIN IN ME

A process of encounter, understanding, and missionary response to Christ's abiding presence in the Eucharist

[www.ssjfx.org](http://www.ssjfx.org)

### WHAT

Saints Joseph Francis Xavier is pleased to present Remain in Me, a process of encounter, understanding, and missionary response to Christ's abiding presence in the Eucharist. Based on Cardinal Cupich's Take, Bless, Break, Share: A Strategy for Eucharistic Revival, each reflection session unpacks one of five central themes of our sacramental and liturgical lives through engaging video content, Scripture, prayer, individual reflection and small group discussion.

### WHO

This program is a part of our SSJFX Adult Faith Formation initiative and is designed for any adult who is curious about deepening their understanding of The Holy Eucharist - right in time for the 2024 Eucharistic Revival! Please register for the Remain in Me series using this link or corresponding QR code.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845AEA62DA2F4C61-46944693-remain>

### WHEN

The Remain in Me Series will be hosted in the Saint Francis School Atrium starting at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates, please register and we'll see you there!

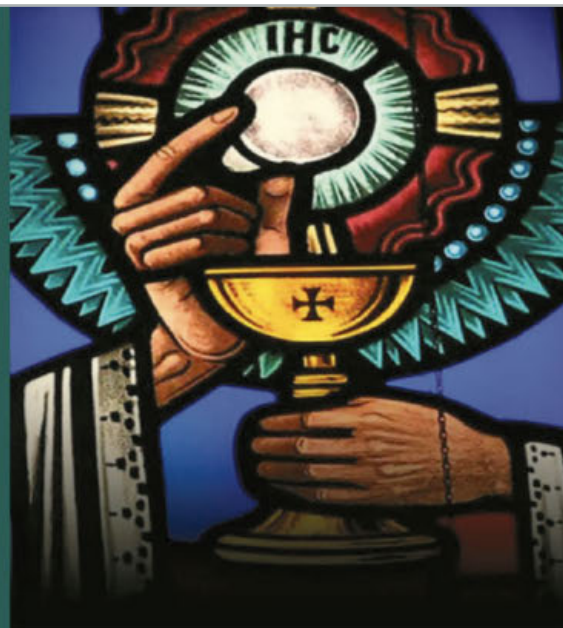
Session 1: The Imperative of Worship – February 12, 2024

Session 2: The Eucharist as a Matter of Life and Death - March 11, 2024

Session 3: The Eucharist as a Summons to Participation - April 15, 2024

Session 4: From the Sacrifice of Jesus to Our Sacrificial Living - May 13, 2024

Session 5: The Eucharist Is the Sacrament of the Lord's Abiding Presence - June 10, 2024



### SIGN UP HERE:

LINK:

[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10C0845AEA62DA2F4C61-46944693-REMAIN](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845AEA62DA2F4C61-46944693-remain)




## QUESTIONS

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Use the website address to register or the QR Code for the registration form

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 Email: [admin@namiccns.org](mailto:admin@namiccns.org)  
 Call: 847-716-2252



**FAMILY-TO-FAMILY**

The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is a FREE 8-week course for families and close friends of adults with mental illness. This course is taught by trained teachers who are also family members and know what it is like to have a loved one living with mental illness, such as major depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety disorders, schizophrenia, and other disorders.

Many family members describe this experience as life changing. Join the thousands of families, just like yours, who have gained information, understanding, and support.

**WHAT YOU'LL GAIN**

- o Learn about family responses to the trauma of mental illness
- o Receive current information on serious mental illnesses
- o Learn about symptoms, medications, and side effects
- o Practice problem-solving skills and communication techniques
- o Develop strategies for handling crises and relapses
- o Learn about local community resources and supports
- o Focus on self-care and coping with stress

PANEL DISCUSSION

Inspired by  
*Faith:*  
Women in  
*Leadership*



Embark on a transformative journey on Tuesday, January 23 as the University of Saint Mary of the Lake and [Regina Dominican](#) proudly co-sponsor a captivating Catholic women's panel discussion on leadership, guided by the foundation of faith. This event is not just a conversation; it's an inspiring celebration of the strength, resilience, and grace that women bring to leadership roles.

**Tuesday, January 23, 2024**  
**7:00pm – 8:00pm**  
**Regina Dominican**

701 Locust Road, Wilmette, IL 60091

*For more information and to register, please scan the QR code*



(Karen Callaway/Chicago Catholic)

## Archdiocesan Overnight Vigil for Life

12 hours of Adoration and Closing Mass Celebrated by Bishop Jeffrey Grob at 6:30 a.m.

**In-person or livestream**

**Thursday, January 18 to Friday, January 19**

7 p.m. to 7 a.m. CST

**St. John Paul II Newman Center Chapel at UIC**

700 South Morgan Street

Chicago, IL 60607



SCAN TO JOIN  
LIVESTREAM

In conjunction with the USCCB Pro-life Secretariat, Bishop Mark Bartosic, along with other bishops and priests from around the Archdiocese of Chicago, will lead a holy hour for life for 12 hours from the UIC Newman Center Chapel, and they need your help! Can you come and join them in prayer for an hour onsite? Participation is especially needed throughout the night and into the wee hours of the morning. If you can't come in person, you can join virtually through the QR code provided above. This national prayer event will join the nation in solidarity for the hope of changing hearts and minds to build a culture of life and leads up to the morning of the National March for Life.

**To commit to a holy hour time, contact Julie Saunders-Franklin at 773.388.8670.**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



**Vicariate I Ministry Commission**

An Evening of Education and Advocacy

## SUPPORTING ASYLUM SEEKERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Monday, January 22, 7 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Holy Family Parish, 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness**

Hosted by **WELCOME THE STRANGER** Ministry

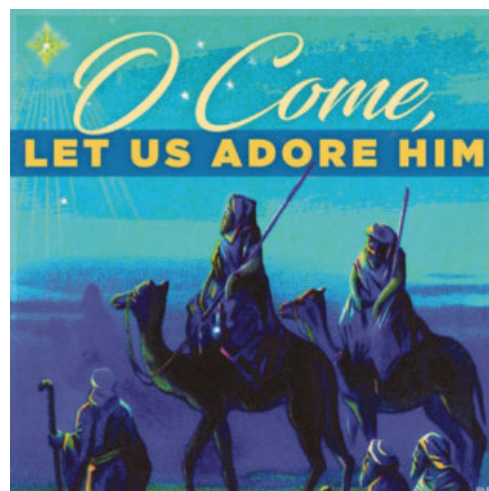


A Viator House of Hospitality Presentation

**Featured Speakers:**

Fr. Corey Brost, C.S.V., Br. Michael Gosch, C.S.V. and  
Kelly Albinak Kribs, Attorney

Questions? Contact Myra at [myrabuettner@outlook.com](mailto:myrabuettner@outlook.com) Register at [bit.ly/AsyupdJan24](http://bit.ly/AsyupdJan24)





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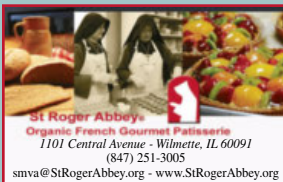
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