



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.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

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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 (SFX)

Sunday Mass

8:00 am (St. Joseph)
9:30 am (SFX)
10:30 am (St. Joseph)
11:30 am (SFX)
4:45 pm (St. Joseph)
7:30 pm (SFX) Teen ACTION Mass (September-April)

Confession is offered from 9:00 - 10:00 am on Saturday at St. Joseph Church.

Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish Office

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For school information, please visit www.saintsjfx.org

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Discover the Saints JFX App

Scan the QR code and install the app. Once installed, log in using the person icon in the upper right hand corner. Follow the instructions to register.

Are you interested in becoming more active at Saints JFX? We need you! Scan the QR code and select any ministries that interest you. The ministry leader will be in contact with details.



Dear Friends,

In case we are slow to realize our Lord's preferential option for the poor, we have three weeks of reminders in a row. In today's story of the nameless rich man and the *named* poor Lazarus, Jesus gives us a strong warning. Amos lambasts again the vanity of the wealthy and their lack of concern for the poor. He cautions them of the consequences of their selfish actions.

Saint Paul tells Timothy, and us, what we should really be pursuing. So often we strive for things that are passing and in the long run don't really matter. Society touts the importance of power, wealth, pleasure, and image. Television, radio and other types of advertisements loudly proclaim those values. Jonathan Haidt, in his book, *The Anxious Generation*, laments the power that social media has luring youth, young adults, and really everyone who owns a device, to crave these things. And we so easily buy into them and voraciously chase them. I recommend the book to all parents, educators and grandparents.

Paul tells Timothy, "Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life..." Contrasting those to the high held societal values gives us pause to reflect on how we are living. What does it mean to pursue righteousness? I think of the congregational response to the priest's invitation in the preface dialogue. When the priest says, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God," the people respond, "It is right and just." We rightly and justly give thanks to the Lord our God by the way we live our lives, acting in little ways in and in big ones in a manner that shows gratitude to God for the many, many blessings God has bestowed on us.

Some other words for righteousness are virtue, morality, justice, decency, uprightness, rectitude, and blamelessness. When we go after these characteristics in our lives, we make our Lord happy. Striving for these values, as Saint Paul commands, can be difficult and challenging. The rewards are great. Righteousness and being *self-righteous* differ. The scribes and Pharisees were self-righteous, as probably were those against whom Amos complained. Jesus was righteous. He always did what was right and just. That's our call. That's our challenge!

Paul also instructs Timothy and us to pursue devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. I think if we really seek these things we will find joy in our hearts and will bring joy to a world so desperately in need of joy. Think about your last week. Would people say your words and actions demonstrated patience and gentleness? What about

your encounters with your children and grandchildren, your coworkers and classmates - did you treat them with the prescribed two words, patience and gentleness?

Finally, as we are reminded by the Lord in the Gospel to care for one another, especially the poor. Pope Leo invites us to have a heart for the poor. The World Day for the Poor is in November but the Pope's message for that day has already been released. I always enjoy reading the challenges the popes give for this day so as soon as it is out, I usually read it. I share some words of the message.

The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel. The celebration of the World Day of the Poor is meant to remind our communities that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity. This is true not only of the Church's charitable work, but also of the message that she celebrates and proclaims. God took on their poverty in order to enrich us through their voices, their stories and their faces. Every form of poverty, without exception, calls us to experience the Gospel concretely and to offer effective signs of hope... Helping the poor is a matter of justice before a question of charity. As Saint Augustine observed: "You give bread to a hungry person; but it would be better if none were hungry, so that you would have no need to give it away. You clothe the naked, but would that all were clothed and that there be no need for supply this lack" (In I Ioan., 8:5).

Let's refuse to be like the one who dressed in purple and dined sumptuously each day, presumably ignoring or neglecting the person at his doorstep, or simply seeing the other as an object to serve his needs. Let's do what is right and just – treating others with charity and respect and give the poor, and everyone else, a reason to hope.

Peace,



Rev. Wayne T. Wauer



Weekly Mass Schedule

<p><u>Monday Sept 29, 2025</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Eruva</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Deborah Brejcha +Thomas J Higgins +Dan Kuhn +Jim Rosean +Arthur & Virginia Roth +Dennis Roth +Joan Schaupp +John Vassallo (L)Timothy Lee & Family (L)Rehbock Family</p>	<p><u>Wednesday October 1, 2025</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Margy & Allan Carey +Gregory Jerome Lenz +Ron Nagle +John R & Ruth Smith (L)Julius Caban (L)Lucia Caban (L)Hermalinda Luna (L)Christopher Patino (L)Maria Patino (L)Rehbock Family</p>	<p><u>Friday October 3, 2025</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Paul</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Mary Cowan +Norma Jean Hopkins +Agnes Lobo (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p><u>Saturday October 4, 2025</u> 8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Eruva</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>9:00-10:00 am SJ Confession</p> <p>5:00 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Ostdiek, SJ</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Peggy Elliott +Molly Harris +Domenic & Carmen Savignani +Olivia Sergot +Nancy Sullivan</p>	<p><u>Sunday October 5, 2025</u> 8:00 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Br RomanPaul Kyle Berceau +MJ & Woody Herlocker</p> <p>9:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Steve Kelly +Charles Ladd Turner +Betty Wimberg</p> <p>10:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Eruva</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Josephina Cannon +Elizabeth Cox +Elsie Crabbe +Caroline Gambacorta +Molly Harris +Liliana Suci +Ruth Wheeler (L)Msgr Dan Mayall</p>
<p><u>Tuesday Sept 30, 2025</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Eruva</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Pug & Dade Ellison +Nicholas Marino (L)Julius Caban (L)Lucia Caban (L)Hermalinda Luna (L)Christopher Patino (L)Maria Patino (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>9:00 am–10:00 am SJ <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>+ Deceased / (L) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier SJ -St. Joseph</p> </div>	<p><u>Thursday October 2, 2025</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Eruva</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Peggy Annett +Gary Schinler (L)Julius Caban (L)Lucia Caban (L)Hermalinda Luna (L)Christopher Patino (L)Maria Patino (L)Rehbock Family</p>	<p>Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Search <i>Saints JFX</i> on www.youtube.com</p> </div>	<p>11:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Ursula Craven +Sandra Giovetti +Liliana Suci</p> <p>4:45 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Molly Harris</p> <p>7:30 pm SFX ACTION Mass</p>

Please pray for the sick and those in need:

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| Laura B. | Sally Griffin | Tiffany McGivern | Pam O'Reilly |
| Margie Bennett | Sheila Groark | John McGuiness | Christopher Patino |
| Lorraine Bixler | Rick Hawkinson | James Mendis | Theresa Paul Paulin |
| Jim Bohlman | Catherine Horan | Oliver Mendis | Carla Zaramella |
| Paul "PJ" DiClementi | Marian Harmon | Eden McKenna | |

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In prayer and loving memory of:

*William McCain
 Cheryl McNabola
 Henry Mitchell Phelps*



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Cpt Ryan Cannon
PFC Richard Carlson
Sgt Harrison Daniels
Maj Jason Harlan
Pvt Ryan Higgins
Erik Larson (Army Reserve)
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Sgt Brenda Lore Mayo
Sgt David Lore Mayo
SGT Seth Miller
Col Kelly Quinn
Lt Col Anita Scattone
Lt Ryan Slattery
Lt Col Shawn Swarz
PFC Asher Walsh
Lt John Williams

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Sgt Aidan Gobeyn
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Ssgt Walter Ramirez
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Pvt 1st Class Stevie Williams

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Lt Col Grant Swinger

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please contact us at officessjfx@ssjfx.org.*

Readings for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9: 51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10: 13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Wedding Banns

*Mary Kathryn Mooney and David Hugar
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Saturday October 4 is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals.

We invite you to bring your pets—big or small—for a special Blessing of the Animals at Saints JFX!

Sunday October 5
1:00pm on the St. Joseph Church lawn

All pets are welcome.



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

IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE ARE IN EVANSTON HOSPITAL

Please call our Care Line at 847-256-2273 if you would like a visit from a Minister of Care. The hospital no longer provides a list of Catholics to visit. Our ministers go on Sundays and MWF to visit, pray with, and bring Holy Communion to all who request it.

Please leave the patient's name and hospital room number on the Care Line voicemail, along with your name, relationship, and phone number; or email this information to MaryClare Birmingham at mbirmingham@ssjfx.org. We will call or email you to confirm the request.

Sacraments at Saints JFX

Sacrament of Baptism

Request form can be found on our parish website: ssjfx.org/baptism.html

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 9:00 am-10:00 am at St. Joseph Church or by appointment. Please call 847/256-4250

Sacrament of Marriage

Request form can be found on our parish website: ssjfx.org/weddings.html

Parish registration forms can be found on ssjfx.org/join-our-parish.html

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: 217 167 320 893

Passcode: PgfzMi

If you prefer to call in:

872-215-5920

Phone conference ID: 706 348 841#

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.

All are invited to join the **First Saturday Devotions** group after the 8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph on the first Saturday of each month. The group will meet next on October 4, 2025.



We pray the rosary along with devotions in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; prayer guides will be available at the church.

Companions in Grief

We meet the Third Thursday of each month at 10 AM
In the Community Room at St. Joseph

All Are Welcome



Upcoming meeting dates:
October 16, November 20, December 18

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to helping the poor and those 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 the SVDP line.

If you are calling outside of business hours, please press 7 to leave a message and we will return your call.

All inquiries are held in the strictest of confidence.





Anointing of the Sick at Mass

Sunday, October 5, 2025
 11:30am Mass
 St. Francis Xavier Church

Anyone ill, infirm, or distressed in any way
 is welcome to receive
 the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at this Mass.

No registration required -- just come to Mass.
 Our greeters will usher you to a seat
 in the section for those who wish to be anointed.

Join us for refreshments in the vestibule afterward.



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Stewardship Report

If you are able, please consider contributing via PushPay (www.pushpay.com)

September 21, 2025	
Collected at Church:	
Envelopes:	\$ 5,184.00
Loose Cash:	\$ 1,360.00
Electronic Contributions:	\$21,880.00
Total:	\$28,424.00

Sunday Collection



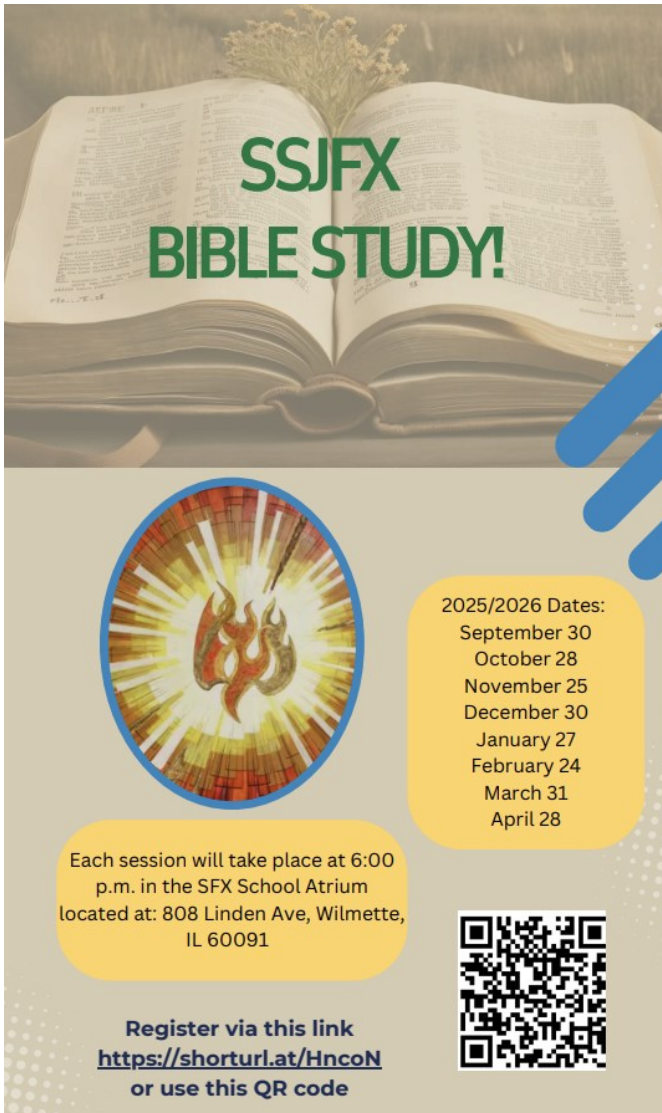
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**SSJFX
BIBLE STUDY!**

2025/2026 Dates:
 September 30
 October 28
 November 25
 December 30
 January 27
 February 24
 March 31
 April 28

Each session will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the SFX School Atrium located at: 808 Linden Ave, Wilmette, IL 60091

Register via this link <https://shorturl.at/HncoN> or use this QR code

Evening Eucharistic Adoration at Saints JFX Parish!

October 6, 2025 6:00 p.m. in Saint Francis Xavier Church, 524 9th St, Wilmette, IL

Please join us for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration!
 No need to register for this event, just come and enjoy spending time with Jesus!

NEXT WEEKEND IS THE SAINTS JFX PARISH DIAPER DRIVE ON RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Join in this celebration of God's Gift of Life! Bring a pack or two of diapers to Mass with you NEXT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, October 4/5. Volunteers will be at both churches to receive your donation. Diaper donations can also be dropped off in the boxes at the back of each church through Monday, October 6. All proceeds benefit Aid for Women, which operates eight pregnancy care centers and two maternity homes in Illinois.

If you'd like to help with the Diaper Drive, please email katiemcdb@gmail.com. Please pray for all those affected by the tragedy of abortion. And thank you for your kindness to young families in need.



SAVE THE DATE FOR VOLUNTEER WEEKEND

We invite all parishioners to get involved at Saints JFX!

Next weekend at all Masses, you will have the opportunity to indicate any ministries about which you'd like to learn more. The ministry leader will then contact you.

There are many ways to share your time and talent! We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you!



Saints JFX Family of Faith Program

Our 2025-26 Family of Faith program has begun!

Our first community gathering will be held on Sunday September 28 after the 4:45 pm Mass. Please join us in the St. Joseph Community Room.

Please scan the QR code to register for the program.



For more information, please contact Dana McKenna at dmckenna@ssjfx.org or 847-251-0771.

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



BIG BOOK DRIVE

*Thank you for your donations of gently used books for needy students in Chicagoland schools.**

October 1–November 14

*This project is a joint effort of Wilmette Rotary and Bernie's Book Bank

Book collection bins will be at the main entrance of the schools at both campuses for your donations. Thank you!

**The Archdiocese of Chicago
Diaconate Council Annual Dinner**

Sunday, October 5 at Elmwood Banquets at 4:30pm
370 W. Grand Avenue, Elmwood Park

Each year, deacons, priests, bishops, parish leaders, family and friends come together to celebrate and thank the diaconate community for its faithful service.

If you wish to attend, the cost is \$80.00/person, a large portion of which supports the Diaconate Fund for different charities.

Any questions, please contact Deacon Jack 614.204.2127 or johnmalone@ssjfx.org

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- Wednesday, October 15 | 7 - 9 pm
- Thursday, October 16 | 9 - 12 pm and 5 - 8 pm
- Friday, October 17 | 9 - 5 pm
- Saturday, October 18 | 9 - 5 pm and 6 - 7 pm
- Sunday, October 19 | 9:30 - 11 am and 12 - 5 pm

The exhibit will be in the Community Room



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In preparation of the exhibit - come watch his inspiring movie...

Carlo Acutis Roadmap to Reality

Sunday, October 12 at 4:00 pm
Monday, October 13 at 9:00 am
in the Community Room

We had a beautiful night for the annual Oktoberfest celebration on September 13. A great time was had by all!

Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers and our stellar entertainment including the Oompah Band and Antler Chandelier. Danke and Prost!



A documentary about Chicago radio legend Kevin Matthews will be in theaters nationwide for one night only on October 7.

Details about the event can be found at <https://www.fathomentertainment.com/releases/broken-mary-the-kevin-matthews-story/>.

You can view the trailer at <https://youtu.be/88PCQe566Fk>



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Vigil location: Carafem Abortion Center, 4711 Golf Rd. in Skokie. We meet in the middle of the block between Skokie Blvd. & Gross Point Rd. (on south side of the street).

Vigil hours: Every Saturday at 9:30 am – 10:30 am (following 8:30 am St. Joseph's Mass). Starting September 27 (Sat) and each Sat through November 1.

SJFX Contacts: Kevin Connolly at 773-981-2972 kconnolly@usa.com or Claudia Morse-Karzen at cmorsekarzen@gmail.com 847-924-9089.

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