



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.



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

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

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

For emergencies outside of office hours,
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For additional parish information, please visit www.ssjfx.org
For school information, please visit www.saintsjfx.org

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Facebook ([Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier](https://www.facebook.com/SaintsJosephandFrancisXavier))



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,

"Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. I just want to thank you Lord!" The simple words of this Gospel hymn have filled my head and heart this week. Early in the week I read, prayed over, and reflected on this weekend's Scripture readings, as I do each week. Gratitude. I remember a wise old priest who shared one of his mottos of life. He told me, "An attitude of gratitude wins." Throughout salvation history, Scripture and Tradition admonish the faithful to be grateful.

When I reflect on my own gratitude, I return to this amazing community. This week more than ever I experienced the power and strength of the Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier community. We support each other in good times and in challenging times. We share each other's joy and walk with each other in sorrow. This week two families invited me to share their joy. The first wedding brought me to Capri, Italy, the ancestral home of one of our parishioners. The sheer number of our parishioners, young and old, who made the trip to Italy amazed me. On Saturday, I will be celebrating the wedding of another parish couple – in Mexico City, where the bride and groom will live in the early days of their married life. The family expects another exceptional show of support from Saints JFX parishioners. I am honored and grateful to participate in such joyful events.

Gratitude produces joy. Gratitude impels action. What we do each Sunday gives God thanks. Even the term Eucharist comes from the Greek word that means giving thanks. Do we come to Mass each Sunday thankful for the gifts that God has given? Do our liturgies express the joy we have? Are we enthusiastic in our spoken and sung responses at Mass? Many people have commented on the beauty of the music and the liturgy. We must remember, though, that the liturgy belongs to everybody. Each person must fully and actively participate in this expression of our joy and gratitude. Joyful, grateful Christians attract others.

Grateful Christians act. When we realize the many ways that God has blessed us, when we acknowledge all that we have and are - admitting that everything comes from God, we ought do nothing but figure out a way to give back. Too often, we overlook our blessings and look at the "glass half-empty" and complain about what we don't have, or how someone or some institution hasn't lived up to our expectations. Spending our time criticizing and complaining, stifles gratitude. Stifled gratitude paralyzes the Christian. Reflective gratitude generously gives.

Naaman offered his life in gratitude to God for the work done through the work of Elisha, the man of God. The cleansed leper (one of ten) enthusiastically thanked Jesus.

I'm sure both lived their subsequent lives in service to God and neighbor. God has done great things for us. Let's thank God and devote our lives to God's service, generously giving back, and joyfully attracting others.

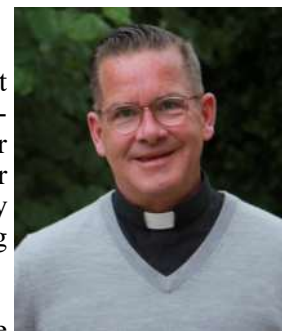
Grateful Christians give. We are hoping to wrap up the solicitation phase of the One Plan Campaign during the month of October. A few generous donors have committed to pledge up to \$750,000 to match any incremental pledges made by school families. So, every dollar your family pledges now will result in \$2 to the campaign. Keep in mind that pledges are payable over 5 years and campaign leadership has flexibility to make payment plans that work for your family. Gifts of every size are incredibly important.

We have been praying the One Plan Campaign prayer, inspired in the heart of Father Ryan, for months. The prayer begins with "We give you thanks for the many blessings you have bestowed on our parish community." Think about the many, many blessings God has bestowed on us as a community and on each one of individually. The One Plan prayer also asks God to help us to be generous, reflecting God's boundless love. Namaan the leper responded to God's blessing with a generous gift. We have been blessed, and we ought to respond with kindness and generosity and with our own sacrificial gift to our parish's first capital campaign since our unification.

The One Plan is an audacious plan--striving to address the parish's (including the school's) physical needs for generations to come. I am proud to have made a commitment to help the community achieve these lofty goals. I'd love to have as many of you as possible join me and our amazing community in this endeavor. And now we have a match for new money.

Please contact Joe D'Arco at jdarco@ssjfx.org for information on how to donate. Of course, also feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of the One Plan.

Peace,

Weekly Mass Schedule

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<p>Monday October 13, 2025 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Eruva</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Mardell Leeper (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>Tuesday October 14, 2025 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Markus Kruesi +Thomas Moore +Dr. Philip Perkins +Allen Stone (L)Fr Ed Harnett (L)Erik Lee & Family (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>9:00 am–10:00 am SJ <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i></p> <p>+ Deceased / (L) Living SFX - St. Francis Xavier SJ -St. Joseph</p>	<p>Wed. October 15, 2025 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Guillermo Cannon +Joe Egan +Stephanie Fernholz +Olivia Sergot +/(L)David Zahn Family (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>Thursday October 16, 2025 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Eruva</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Burke Peters (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel.</p> <p>Search <i>Saints JFX</i> on www.youtube.com</p>	<p>Friday October 17, 2025 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Eruva</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Mary Audy +Ruth Smith (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>Saturday October 18, 2025 8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Phil Benz +Dan Goodno +Tobias Choong Kim (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>9:00-10:00 am SJ Confession</p> <p>3:00 pm SFX Wedding <i>Mooney/Hugar</i></p> <p>5:00 pm SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Munz</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Debbie Brejcha +Donald Butzen, Jr. +Tom Caestecker +Fr. Joseph Weber +/(L)St. Joseph School Class of 1975</p>	<p>Sunday October 19, 2025 8:00 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Waithaka</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Liliana Suciú (L)Staniou/McDonald Family</p> <p>9:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Robert Geary +Nancy Sullivan</p> <p>10:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Deborah Brejcha +Donald Butzen, Jr. +Elizabeth Cox +Olivia Sergot (L)Msgr Dan Mayall (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>11:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +William Geary +Liliana Suciú (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>4:45 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Justin P. Macholl +Peter J. Rooney</p> <p>7:30 pm SFX ACTION <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p>
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Please pray for the sick and those in need:

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| Carmen Albino | Peter DiClementi, Jr. | Susan Hayden | Marlene Miller |
| 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:*

*Peter Elliott
Michael Schell*



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2nd Lt Luke Stenberg

US Army

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

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

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Lt Cmdr Tom Smith
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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.

Readings for the week of October 12, 2025

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/
2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:
29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13,
17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see
2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Wedding Banns

*Mary Kathryn Mooney and David Hugar
Bann III*



Thank you for your generous support of St. Thomas of Canterbury. The Food Pantry is in need of the items below. Donations can be brought to our churches or parish offices.

FOOD PANTRY WISHLIST

Hygiene Items (include but not limited to)

- Body wash and soap
- Razors and shaving creams
- Women care products

Household Products

- Toilet papers
- Paper towels
- All-purpose cleaners
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergents

Food Items

- Cereals
- Teas
- Sugar
- Jam or jelly
- Flour
- Coffee

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 November 1, 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.



OUR PARISH BOOK OF THE DEAD

November is the month that we are asked to remember and pray for our dead. We have a custom at Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish. Names of former parishioners and family members have been inscribed into a beautiful Parish Book of the Dead. This book is displayed in the sanctuary throughout the month of November.

We are now adding the names of those who passed away during this current year. Our list comes from our Sunday Prayers of the Faithful. If we missed someone from your family, you can have them added to the Book by bringing their names to the parish office or contacting the office at ahrabe@ssjfx.org or 847-256-4250 by October 20th.

ALL SOULS DAY - NOVEMBER 2

All members of Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish are invited to the All Souls Mass on Sunday, November 2, at 11:30 am at St. Francis Xavier Church.

This Mass will honor those members of our parish and our parish friends who have died in the past year. All our deceased parishioners and friends will be prayed for by name.



The Saints JFX Diaper Drive - What a Generous Response!

THANK YOU to Fr. Wayne Watts and everyone who donated to the 2025 Diaper Drive in support of Aid for Women. Parishioners of all ages joined in this joyful event, and the results were amazing: **6,771 disposable diapers** were delivered, along with two cases of baby wipes and several baby gifts that were added to the diaper donations. Grateful Aid for Women staff members welcomed your generous offerings, and they were eager to express their profound gratitude to Saints JFX Parish on behalf of the women and children served at their eight pregnancy care centers and two maternity homes across Illinois. If you would like to learn more, receive Aid for Women news, and/or make a financial donation, visit helpaidforwomen.org or scan QR code.

Because of your kindness, Saints JFX Parish made a big impact on the work of Aid for Women this October, Respect Life Month. Thank you again!
The SSJFX Respect Life Committee



Calling all singers grade 3 through 8!

Saints JFX Children's Choir has resumed! Our next Tuesday rehearsal will be held on October 14th from 3:15pm - 4:05pm. In October we will sing at 4:45 pm Mass on the 12th and 26th at St. Joseph Church.

We rehearse every Tuesday, and sing at Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month.

All singers are welcome, but registration is required. Contact the Saints JFX School office at (847) 256-0644 if you will be singing with us. Let's make a joyful noise! See you on October 7th!

John Hopkins, Director of Music
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Stewardship Report

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

October 5, 2025	
Collected at Church:	
Envelopes:	\$ 6,488.00
Loose Cash:	\$ 1,479.00
Electronic Contributions:	\$21,880.00
Total:	\$29,847.00

Sunday Collection



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Thank you for your generosity.

Saints JFX Women's Club

The Saints JFX Women's Club's Annual Mass of Remembrance

will be held on Sunday, October 26, 2025 at the 9:30 am Mass

at St. Francis Xavier Church. Following Mass, a reception will be

held in the SFX School Atrium.

All are welcome.

The Mass will remember the following Women's Club members who have passed away in the last year:

Helen Marie Williams

Deidre O. Proteau

Judy Ostrem

Jean Mulvihill

Elsie Crabbe

Gerda Weidinger

Nancy Sullivan

Grace Braun



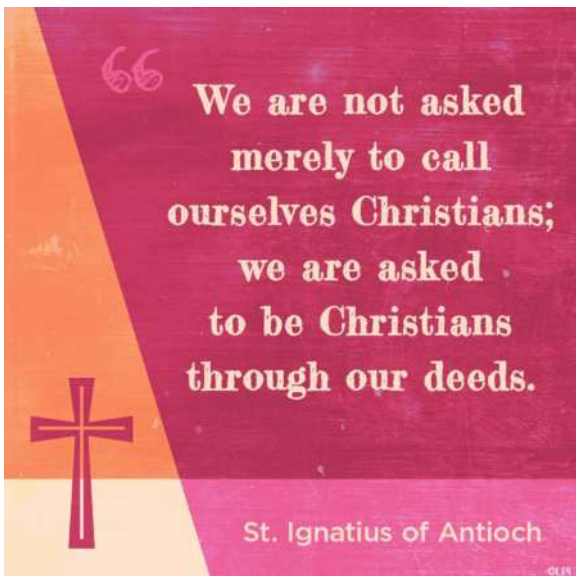
Successful Women's Retreat!

Twenty-one women from Saints JFX attended a retreat at the Siena Retreat Center in Racine, Wisconsin on the last weekend of September. (We prayed for the many women who wanted to come but could not attend due to their family responsibilities.) For some, it was their first retreat and for others, it was their first retreat in many years. We were also thrilled to have a diversity of women including 5 women with school-aged children.

The women were led by Angela Thomas-Santos, parishioner and skilled retreat leader. Angela focused on the theme of Faith, Hope and Love. We shared our insights and reflections on these virtues in the large group and small groups. We prayed many prayers including the Memorare, the Rosary and the Chaplet of Mercy. The group also shared an exercise in Centering Prayer, a contemplative type of prayer popularized by American Trappist monk, Thomas Keating. On Saturday afternoon, the group enjoyed a relaxing, creative activity with watercolors. On Sunday morning, we attended Mass with the Dominican Sisters in residence and were impressed by their devotion and hospitality in making us feel welcome in their home.

The retreat was a huge success and the women returned home feeling refreshed and spiritually rejuvenated! We know that many women were unable to attend this retreat. The Leadership Committee is evaluating feedback and looks forward to having future retreats. Many thanks to the Saints JFX Parish and Women's Club for their support of this retreat. And thank you to Angela Thomas-Santos, Shelagh Donoghue, Katie Vail and Anna Rosenberg for their work to make this retreat so meaningful!

Celia Muench & Catherine Hurley



Saints JFX One Plan

Work has begun on the St. Joseph Convent and the building is expected to be taken down in the next two weeks. **Thank You** to all who have supported the One Plan to date. If you haven't made a donation to the campaign but would like to do so, please contact Joe D'Arco at jdarco@ssjfx.org.



Please help! We are looking for people to help wash and iron the purificators and hand towels used at Mass.

Linens are washed on a weekly basis at both St. Joseph and SFX Churches.

Please call the parish office at 847-256-4250 if you are willing to help.
Thank you!



A Tri-Parish Event

Saints Faith Hope & Charity Parish
191 Linden, Winnetka
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(adjacent to the church)

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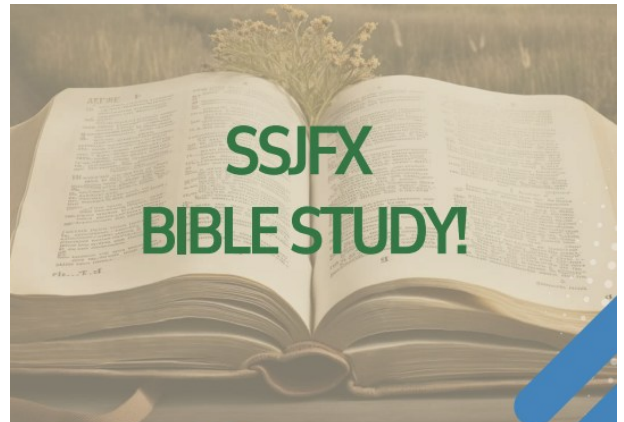
Monday, October 13
7:00 p.m.

Bruno Abate

Owner/Chef at Tocco Restaurant and
Founder of Recipe for Change

Join us to hear Bruno Abate speak about the important work of Recipe for Change, which provides culinary instruction, job skills training, fine arts enrichment, and mentorship to detainees at Cook County Jail. They strive to empower their students and equip them with the tools necessary to gain employment upon reentry thereby reducing recidivism. For more information go to: <https://recipeforchangeproject.org/>.

To register, use the QR code or go to:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4AADAB29ABFA7-58350310-nourished>
Questions? Contact Pam Coster at pcoster@gmail.com.



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

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October 19, 2025

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POPE PAUL V

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ALL MEN WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!

THE 2025 MEN'S ADVENT BREAKFAST

Saturday, NOV 15, 2025; 8:45 to 10:15
Faith Hope & Charity Parish Center
Just east of main entrance to the church
Doors open at 8:15.



Guest Speaker
Father Brian Welter
"Sons of the Father: Biblical Images to Strengthen Us."

Get a Great Start to Advent

Fr. Brian is the new pastor of Saints Faith Hope & Charity Parish. He joins us after five years as director of the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha NE. His previous ministry included roles as Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of Chicago and on faculty at Mundelein Seminary. Born in St. Margaret Mary Parish on Chicago's north side, Fr. Brian was raised in Streamwood. His undergrad degree from Bradley University in Manufacturing Technology led him to work as a carpenter in residential construction. Discerning a vocation, he entered Mundelein Seminary and was ordained in 2005. His first parish assignment was St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Orland Hills.

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For questions contact John Iberle: johniberle@gmail.com

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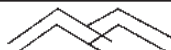
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