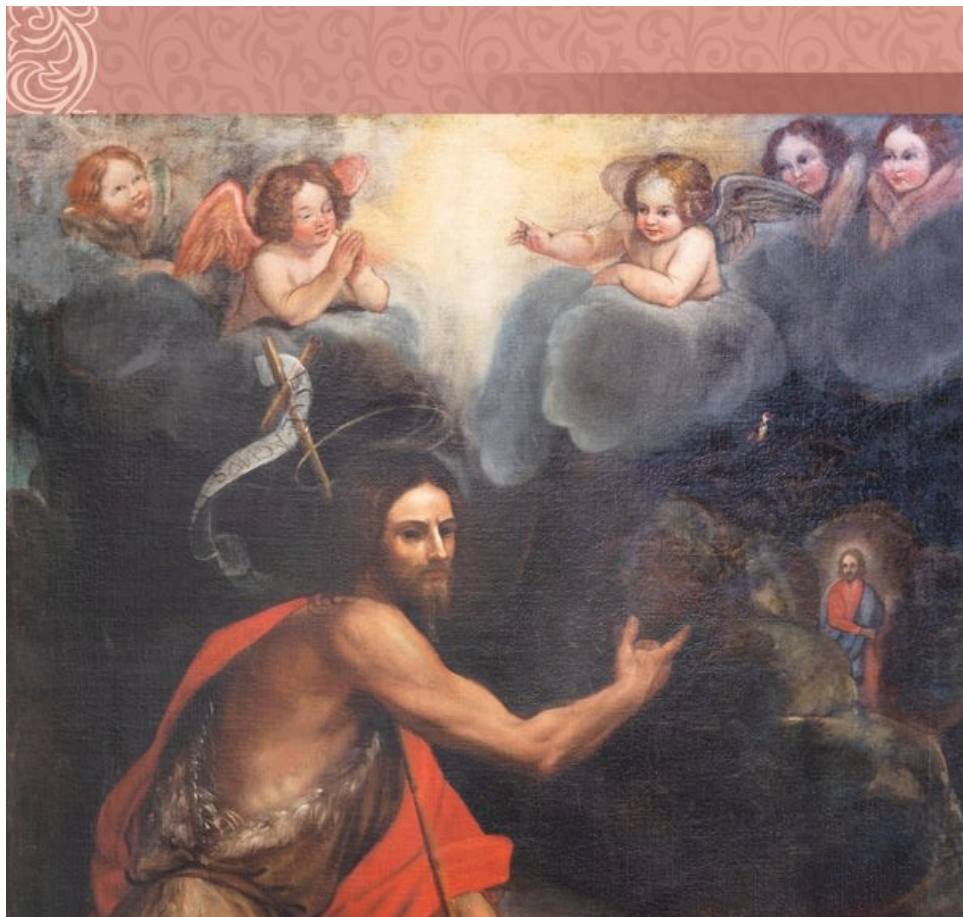




Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

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.



2nd Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'" Jn 1:29

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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, May through October; SJ, November through April)

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 (school year)

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

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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,

Today's second reading, just two sentences long, speaks volumes. In the first three verses of Saint Paul's Epistle to the Greeks at Corinth, he tells us who he is and who we are and who God calls us to be. In the second sentence, Paul offers us Grace and peace. Paul reminds us of that transformative moment in his life, when Jesus called him from being Saul to Paul and tells us Jesus called him to be an apostle. That calling required a great change of heart; it necessitated courage and faith. Jesus calls us too. What will it require in our lives to answer the call?

Paul reminds his readers and listeners that we are called to be holy. Holiness of life demands humility, obedience to the will of God, mercy, and generosity. I often ask the students who I teach their own definition of "holy" and examples of people in their lives or in current events or history whom they consider to be holy. Sadly, those mentioned are often far away from them, distant heroes with not much connection. Let's hear the call to be holy in our own lives so that we can be examples to those around us, those close to us, our parents and our children, our coworkers and our friends, of holiness. If that means we need conversion, as it did for Paul, so be it. Let's commit to ongoing conversion and deeper holiness. Jesus will give us what we need - once we commit to doing so.

Finally in that long first sentence of the Epistle, Paul offers Grace and peace. Grace is God's love, freely given, undeserved, poured into our hearts. I call it fuel for the soul. With that Grace, and with the peace Paul offers, we can be a light to the nations as, Isaiah tells us in the first reading, we are called to be.

Communities and people of faith can lead the charge in lighting the nations with Grace and peace. We can be light bearers. We can show the way. As we gather for Mass this weekend, let's start closer to home. What do today's Scriptures tell us? How do they Guide us? What can we learn? Let's start with our Psalmist. Let's say (and live) the words of today's Psalm, "Here Am I Lord; I come to do your will." A spirit of willingness and availability prevails in one sentence. Sometimes our own agenda prevents us from saying, "Here I am." We risk thinking we are too busy and too important to open ourselves to doing God's will. At Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier, we offer plenty of ways of doing the will of God. We send opportunities to volunteer in the parish and in the school regularly.

At Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier, we volunteer at Catholic Charities, Saint Thomas of Canterbury and in so many ways as individuals and in parish sponsored opportunities, as well as in our liturgies. We welcome those in

need. We answer the call to be light. We do the will of God. We put our faith into action, doing more than just coming to Mass (although that is ever so important). Being a light to the nations requires echoing the psalmist, in word and in action - coming to do God's will!



Turning to the Baptist, John wasn't too busy to recognize the presence of Jesus in his midst. He stopped what he was doing, took the time, recognized the Lord in his midst, and announced his presence to all around, just in case they were too busy to notice his presence in their midst. "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world..."

The priest echoes John's words at every celebration of the Eucharist. He holds the broken Eucharistic Host for all to see, and exclaims, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Jesus is with us, in us, and around us! Don't be too busy to notice. God's Lamb comes to us. Revel in it! Rejoice! Behold the light. Receive the light and share the light.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Next weekend we will begin Catholic Schools Week. With over 700 children in our two-campus school, we have much to celebrate. Full tuition covers all but \$1,250 of the cost to educate a child. And many families seek financial assistance for their children. I never want finances to get in the way of a Catholic Education. Since it is the biggest (and one of the most important) ministry of Saints JFX, I am committed to financially supporting the school. In the past, before I became pastor, we invited parishioners to specifically donate to a fund that supports our parish school. We will return to that procedure next week with a second collection to support our own school and its students. You can donate directly by scanning the QR code below. Maybe you want to "sponsor" a student with a \$1,250 gift. Whatever you choose to give, know that it will be appreciated.

Peace,

Rev. Wayne T. Waus



Weekly Mass Schedule

<p><u>Monday, January 19</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)George Argeros (L)Tom Herbert (L)Chris Lee & Family (L)Jack Riddle</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 20</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Rev Richard McGarrity, SJ +Cheryl McNabola +MartinSchneider +Joan Thesing (L)Carolyn Daniel (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><u>Wednesday, January 21</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Andrew Joseph Bishop +Ben Bishop +Stephanie Fernholz +Maria De Jesus Lourdes Sanchez Solis +John Steffes +William Weir (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 22</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Patrick Finn +Lorraine & Edmund Kujawa +Bob Sears (L)Julius Caban (L)Lucia Caban (L)Hermalinda Luna (L)Christopher Patino (L)Maria Patino (L)Rehbock Family (L)Lyla Smith</p> <p>Masses are livestreamed on our YouTube channel.</p> <p>Search <i>Saints JFX</i> on www.youtube.com</p>	<p><u>Friday, January 23</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)Julius Caban (L)Lucia Caban (L)Hermalinda Luna (L)Christopher Patino (L)Maria Patino (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p><u>Saturday, January 24</u> 8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Tom Tight (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>9:00-10:00 am SJ Confession</p> <p>5:00 pm SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Kathryn Corboy +Jeff Malloy +Nicholas John Marino +Betty Scanlon +Ruth Smith +Tom Tight (L)Joshua Barber</p>	<p><u>Sunday, January 25</u> 8:00 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Liliana Suciú</p> <p>9:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Ginna Barr +Joe Egan +Patrick Finn +Leo Kelly +Deidre Proteau +Lilian Suciú</p> <p>10:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Waithaka</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Elizabeth Cox +Leo Kelly (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>11:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Patsy Knuth +Jean Mulvihill +Dennis Wolff</p> <p>4:45 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)People of the Parish</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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Laura B.	Sally Griffin	Tiffany McGivern	Pam O'Reilly
Margie Bennett	Sheila Groark	John McGuiness	Christopher Patino
Lorraine Bixler	Rick Hawkinson	James Mendis	Carla Zaramella
Jim Bohlman	Catherine Horan	Oliver Mendis	Waid Ibrahim
Paul "PJ" DiClementi	Marian Harmon	Eden McKenna	

Please email officessjfx@ssjfx.org to add or remove a name.

*In prayer
 and loving memory of:*

*Cristina Gatia
 Robert Sullivan*



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 Ssgt John Wesley Hobbs
 2nd Lt Luke Stenberg

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 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 Ryan Slattery
 Lt Col Shawn Swartz
 PFC Asher Walsh
 Lt John Williams

US Marine Corps

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 Sgt Joseph Devroy
 Cpt Peter Dulaney
 Sgt Brandon Galgay
 Sgt Aidan Gobeyn
 Cpt Brad Gustafson
 Ssgt Walter Ramirez
 Maj William Smith
 Cpl Trevor J. Talbot
 Pvt 1st Class Stevie Williams

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 PO2 Kevin Morrison
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 Lt Col Grant Swinger

*If you would like to add or remove a name,
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Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/
 1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and
 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/
 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2,
 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

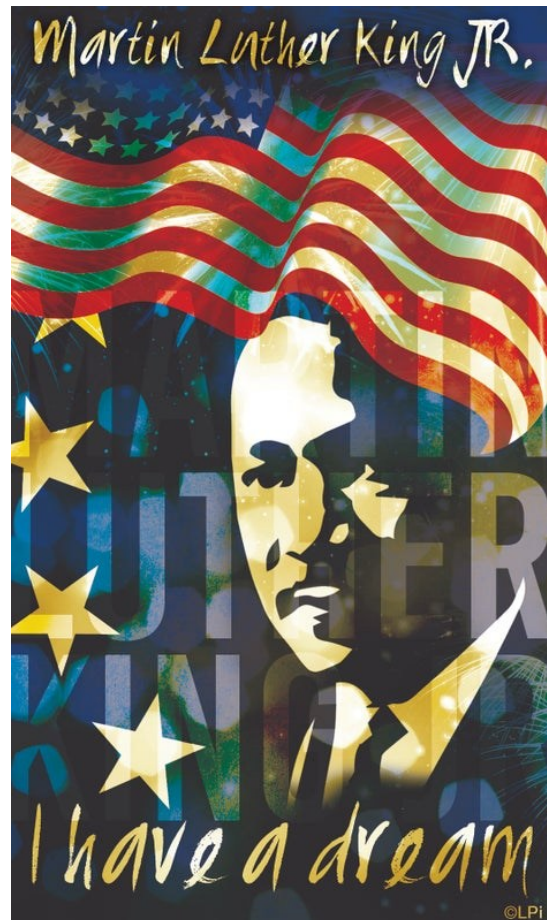
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-
 11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk
 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3,
 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,
 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Please note: Parish Offices will be closed on Monday January 19 due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. If you need assistance that day, please contact officessjfx@ssjfx.org.



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 February 7, 2026.



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:
February 19, March 19

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.



**Home of America's Largest Catholic Church Blood Drive
Super Bowl Sunday, February 8
8 AM – 2 PM
SFX Gym & Atrium**

What started out of the Ministry of Care 11 years ago has become so much more than a blood drive. Do not miss the food, fun and camaraderie that have made this a parish favorite. 800 people attended last year, and **we have 403 spots to fill for blood donors**. Please book your appointment now.

Highlights for this drive:

- Every donor receives a **Culver's** certificate for a pint of custard
- Every donor spins the **Wheel of Fortune & wins**. Top prize a \$200 Ballyhoo gift card.
- Bring personal care items to restock the pantry at **St. Thomas of Canterbury**
- Support the **SJFX Men's Club Coat Drive** with new or gently used coats.
- An abundance of **food** and special desserts.
- Our **Care for Creation Ministry** is leading the effort to recycle and make this a zero-waste event.
- Let your kids enjoy the fun **Arts & Crafts** table while you donate.
- Support our **Girl Scouts** with an abundance of cookies on sale
- Meet the **Wilmette Fire Department** – huge blood supporters!

Scan the QR code to schedule your appointment!



Stewardship Report

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

January 11, 2026	
Collected at Church:	
Envelopes:	\$ 4,287.00
Loose Cash:	\$ 1,563.00
Electronic Contributions:	\$21,880.00
Total:	\$27,730.00

Sunday Collection



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St. Thomas of Canterbury School



Thank you for your generosity.



Saints JFX Women's Club
Cordially invites ladies of all ages to a

Valentine's Tea

Saturday, February 7, 2025
11:30 am to 2 pm

The Glen Club
2901 West Lake Ave, Glenview

Enjoy a delightful afternoon in your "Sunday best" filled with chances to win wonderful raffle prizes and enjoy fun valentine crafts for girls.

High Tea lunch: Plated sandwiches/croissants served with a side salad. Pastries for desert. Chicken fingers with French fries and ice cream dessert served for ladies under 12 years. Cash Bar available

Cost: \$55 for Ladies and \$35 for Young Ladies (12 & under)

RSVP closes Jan 31st or event sold out

Sign up online – see RSVP Link in email or weekly parish email
RSVP with check payable to SSJFX Women's Club, mail with this form, to:

Diane Clarke, 302 Laurel Ave, Wilmette 60091

_____ # RSVP Ladies & Teens (13 and over)

_____ # RSVP Girls (12 and under)

First & Last name/s, including Girls, plus email address for adult guests:

Seating is not reserved unless you pay \$100 to "captain" your own table – your guests must still RSVP separately and arrange with Table Captain to be seated at table. Max 10 seats.

I wish to be a Table Captain: If yes, add \$100

50/50 Cash Drawing: \$20 each _____ # of tickets > Total \$ _____

Raffle tickets: \$5 each _____ # of tickets > Total \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Questions: Contact event chair Gina Butterfield at ginazercher@gmail.com

- The Women's Club is selling 50/50 raffle tickets in support of the Valentine's Day Tea event
- The raffle ticket price is \$20 and 50% of the pot goes to the Winner.
- Winner does NOT need to attend the lunch and does NOT need to be a parishioner. Anyone can win!
- The winner is contacted by phone. He/she receives a check from the Women's Club.
- Over the last few years, winnings have ranged between \$3,000-\$4,000

Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend, but you can also register and purchase 50/50 and raffle tickets by scanning the QR code.



SAINTS JFX SCHOOL



Join us for an Open House on January 25th
when we celebrate Catholic Schools Week!



10:30-11:30am — St. Francis Xavier Campus
following 9:30am Mass in St. Francis Xavier Church

11:30am-12:30pm — St. Joseph Campus
following 10:30am Mass in St. Joseph Church

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Learn more or fill out an admissions inquiry at www.saintsjfx.org

New Parishioner Welcome Dinner!

Have you joined the parish in the past year?
Please join us for a New Parishioner Welcome
Dinner.

Sunday February 15
6:00 pm

SFX School Atrium, 808 Linden Ave

Join Fr. Wayne Watts, our parish priests and
other new parishioners!

Please contact the parish office, 847-256-4250
or mkgorman@ssjfx.org to RSVP.

We hope to see you there!

Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Women's Club 2026 Scholarships Announced

The Saints JFX Women's Club will award **two** scholarships this spring to eighth grade students in Saints JFX Parish. Students do not have to be currently enrolled in Saints JFX School; however, they must be planning to attend Catholic high school in the fall of 2026. A **\$4,000** scholarship will be awarded to the winner and a **\$2,000** scholarship to the runner-up. Winners will be announced in April.

Scholarship criteria include a student's desire for furthering his or her education in a Catholic environment, academic achievement, school/community involvement, and the submission of a 300-350-word essay on an assigned topic. Applications will be made available in February to all eighth-grade students in the parish. More information will follow at the end of this month.

Saints JFX Women's Club Prayer Blankets

Prayer Blankets bring comfort to so many. Blankets are blessed and available free of charge to everyone who needs a healing prayer. The person does not need to be a Parishioner of Saints JFX Church. Simply go directly to the St. Joseph Rectory at 1747 Lake Ave between 9:00am to 4:30pm Monday—Friday to pick up a blanket.

The following people need our prayers; they recently received a blanket or still need our prayers for healing and comfort.

Buddy Baker, Vicki Holthouse, Freddie Vitale, Cathy Ryan, Pam O'Reilly and Pat Reeg.

Please contact Paula Humbach at 847-525-8037 or pawlala@yahoo.com with questions and/or to report the name of any person who needs prayers. We would like to publish the names in the bulletin. More blankets are available if you don't find the right one at the rectory.

God bless you for your support of the prayer blanket ministry as well as the many other programs provided by the Women's Club.

St. Thomas of Canterbury Food Pantry

Thank you to all who so generously support the Food Pantry. Brother Ayub is still looking for pots and pans of all sizes for clients in need, as well as other kitchen items.

If you have any new or gently used items that you are able to donate, please contact Sara Crome at the parish office (847) 256-4250.

Thank you!



A WOMEN'S RETREAT - SPONSORED BY THE ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ASSOCIATION

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Libertyville, IL

Email Toni Marnul at tmarnul@prodigy.net
or text 708-228-4012

to obtain registration information
Deadline for registering is January 26, 2026
(There are rates for zoom or partial weekend stays)

*This is a great opportunity to meet other
women wanting to deepen their spiritual
life and continue their spiritual journey.*

Come pray with us.

Fr. James Kubicki, S.J.

Fr. Jim Kubicki, S.J. was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He entered the Jesuits in 1971, was ordained in 1983, and worked among the Lakota Sioux people of Western South Dakota on three different occasions. From 2003 to 2017 he was the national director of the Apostleship of Prayer, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, and traveled around the country giving talks, parish missions, and retreats. He is a regular contributor to the national Catholic media network, Relevant Radio, as well as Spirit Radio in Nebraska and Annunciation Radio in Ohio.

Currently, Fr. Kubicki gives retreats, talks, and parish missions around the country while serving as a spiritual director at St. Francis de Sales Seminary in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.



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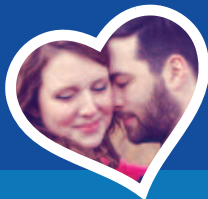
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