



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.



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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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.

Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish Office

St. Joseph Campus

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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,

When I was a seminarian, early February was the time when all seminarians were asked to go out to the parishes of the archdiocese to speak about vocations and about the support of the seminary system. I was very nervous the first time I went out. I didn't have much confidence in my speaking ability. I didn't know too many priests in the Chicago area. I was sent out, in a sense, blindly, to speak to people about a subject I knew little about.

The planners of our universal lectionary gave me this second reading on which to preach. It was as if God's sense of humor came through. God, through Saint Paul, reminded me that even though I was young, foolish, and weak ("listen dummy!") God could work wonders. The second reading tells us that maybe we aren't too smart. At that point I felt far less than clever. I certainly wasn't powerful. Nobility left our family about six generations before me! But God had a plan for me. God wanted me to go out, and to speak to His people from my heart.

God has a plan for each of us. God wants to use us. So often, though, I hear excuses and self-deprecation. It's as if we forget the Grace God gives us. God gave us Christ Jesus, who Saint Paul tells us, became for us "*wisdom from God... righteousness, sanctification and redemption.*" If we place our trust in Jesus, we have no need for excuses or fear. When we place our trust in Christ Jesus, with us God will work wonders.

Foolish, weak and lowly, with God's help, we can transform the world. God uses His great power to make us instruments of God's peace and grace. It almost sounds impossible. But with God, all things are possible. To really participate in the possibilities God offers, we must be willing to go a bit counter-culturally. In the Sermon on the Mount in the fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus illustrates a new counter cultural world order, a sort of moral compass for his friends, listeners, readings and us!

I had a teacher who called the Beatitudes the "Upside-down values of Jesus." Jesus epitomizes that call to counter cultural living in the first part of the Sermon on the Mount that we hear in today's Gospel. In the famous Beatitudes, Matthew says "His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying..." I hope that the teaching doesn't stop with the disciples. I hope that Jesus' words in the Gospel today challenge us to truly look at our lives, and to commit ourselves to living these upside-down values of Jesus. Being a follower of the one who began his initial teaching with these words requires courage, wisdom, faith, generosity, and love. I think it's worth having them right in front of us as we go throughout our week.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

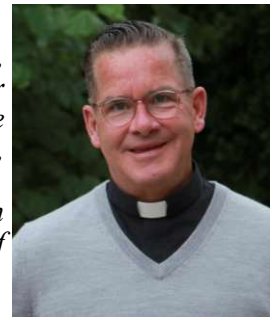
Maybe you can think of which Beatitude is your favorite, or which one we need most now. As I reflect on the Beatitudes this week, considering all that is happening in our country, especially lately in Minneapolis, I think of *poverty of spirit, meekness, mercy, and peace*. The words of Archbishop Coakley, President of the USCCB are good for us to hear as we live the spirit of the Beatitudes in our daily lives. I end with them here.

Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "the Gospel must be proclaimed and lived in every setting, serving as a leaven of fraternity and peace among all individuals, cultures, religions and peoples."

It is with this in mind that I prayerfully urge calm, restraint, and respect for human life in Minneapolis, and all those places where peace is threatened. Public authorities especially have a responsibility to safeguard the well-being of people in service to the common good.

As a nation we must come together in dialogue, turning away from dehumanizing rhetoric and acts which threaten human life. In this spirit, in unity with Pope Leo, it is important to proclaim, 'Peace is built on respect for people!'"

Peace,



Rev. Wayne T. Wauer

Weekly Mass Schedule

<p><u>Monday, February 2</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Allen Stone (L)Fr. Robert Ryan (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 3</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Heinz</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +John Frantzen & Dorothy Birmingham Frantzen (L)Rehbock Family (L)Benjamin Stone</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, February 4</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Anmarie Lenz +John McIntyre +John R & Ruth Smith (L)George Argeros (L)Tom Herbert (L)Jack Riddle (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 5</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Br Roman Paul Kyle Berceau +Josephina Cannon +Jean Davis +Ines Dragani (L)/+ Cormier Family (L)Tommy Cannon (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><u>Friday, February 6</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Elma Grace Bowen +Wan-Woo Lee +John McCormick +MaryLee O'Connor +Mario Pasin (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p><u>Saturday, February 7</u> 8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Maria Torreblanca</p> <p>9:00-10:00 am SJ Confession</p> <p>5:00 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Waithaka</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Carol Naglich +Maria Torreblanca</p>	<p><u>Sunday, February 8</u> 8:00 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Dr. Philip E Perkins +Liliana Suci</p> <p>9:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Rozier</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Patrick Finn +Susan Ricketts Lock +Liliana Suci +Sandra Pazzanin</p> <p>10:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Elizabeth Cox (L)/+Warwick Family</p> <p>11:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Rozier</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Bill McCrea</p> <p>4:45 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Baldonieri</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)People of the Parish</p>
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Please pray for the sick and those in need:

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	Carla Zaramella
Jim Bohlman	Catherine Horan	Oliver Mendis	Waid Ibrahim
Paul "PJ" DiClementi	Marian Harmon	Eden McKenna	

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*In prayer
 and loving memory of:*

Carol Naglich



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Ssgt John Wesley Hobbs
2nd Lt Luke Stenberg

US Army

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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 Swarz
PFC Asher Walsh
Lt John 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 February 1, 2026

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16



Palms Collection

Ash Wednesday is February 18. If you have palms from last year that you'd like to donate back to the church, we will have collection baskets available in both churches and parish offices through Sunday February 15. Thank you!

New Parishioner Welcome Dinner!

Have you registered for 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 at 847-256-4250
or mkgorman@ssjfx.org to RSVP.

We hope to see you there!

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 date: Thursday February 19
and Saturday February 21 (added)

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 by scanning the QR code below.

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!



Support the Saints JFX Men's Club Coat Drive by donating new or gently used men's, women's, and kid's coats on **Sunday, February 8**. Your donation will help Catholic Charities of Chicago meet the increased demand caused by cold winter temperatures. The coat drive will take place alongside the **Annual Saints JFX Blood Drive** in the **SFX Gym & Atrium**, with coats collected at the **main entrance from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**.



Stewardship Report

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

January 25, 2026	
Collected at Church:	
Envelopes:	\$ 2,321.00
Loose Cash:	\$ 1,348.00
Electronic Contributions:	\$21,880.00
Total:	\$25,549.00

Sunday Collection

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*Thank you
for your
generosity.*



Saints Joseph and
Francis Xavier Parish



Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation at Saints JFX Parish!

**Monday,
March 2, 2026**

6:30 p.m. in Saint Joseph
Church, 1747 Lake Ave,
Wilmette, IL 60091

Please join us for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration
& Reconciliation! We will have Reconciliation
available until approximately 8:30 p.m.

**Please note, you are welcome to come and participate
in both Adoration and Reconciliation after we start at
6:30 p.m.*



Earlier this week, the parish emailed 2025 Parish Giving Statements to all parishioners whose email address we have on file. The email sender is **Pushpay** and the subject line is **2025 Annual Giving Statement - Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish- Wilmette, IL**

Please check your inbox (and maybe Spam folder) to access your 2025 tax deductible Parish Giving. Donations given through donor advised giving will be emailed separately this week. Donations to the One Plan will be acknowledged by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

If you do not have an email on file, we will send your Saints JFX Parish Giving through the Post Office.

Questions?

Email givingsjfx@ssjfx.org or
call the office at 847-256-4250



- The Women's Club is selling 50/50 raffle tickets in support of the Valentine's Day Tea event on February 7.
- 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
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Care for Creation Corner

Dear Saints JFX Community,

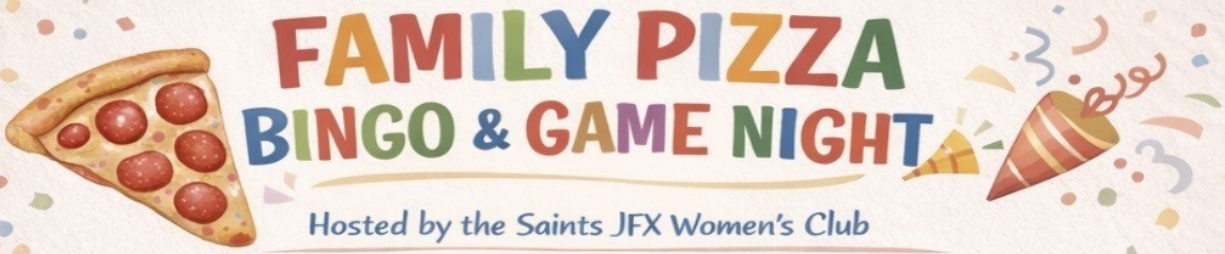
I joined the Care4Creation Committee for many reasons. I was inspired by the commitment of Ben Ivory and Peter Alonzi who are the leaders and visionaries for the group. At the first meeting, I learned about *Laudato Si*, the writing by Pope Francis, which calls us to recognize the importance of caring for our environment as part of our faith. This led me to watch “The Letter” a film about Pope Francis’s call for us to care for the earth. We also discussed how Pope Leo has continued this calling. Before these meetings, I had not appreciated the connection between my faith and caring for our world. This recognition has been very rewarding for me.

People often ask, “what does this committee do?” Like other parish ministries, we evolve with and respond to the interests of our committee members. We have recently focused on recycling efforts at our schools. We have emphasized the use of compostable products at parish events. We have reached out to other ministries in our parish, encouraging them to consider caring for the earth in their ministry efforts. When our St Joe’s convent was demolished, we “upcycled” (like that fancy term!) many of the items within the building so they could be reused as opposed to tossed. And, most importantly, we pray together at our meetings to understand and follow the encouragement from Pope Francis and Pope Leo.

Our group meets once a month. We have a great committee with individuals who bring different experiences and perspectives. We welcome additional parishioners and perspectives.

George Pearce

*Please contact Peter Alonzi (lpalonzi@dom.edu) or Ben Ivory (benjamindivory@gmail.com)
to learn more about the ministry.*



FAMILY PIZZA BINGO & GAME NIGHT

Hosted by the Saints JFX Women's Club

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Join us for a fun-filled evening of...



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— EVENT DETAILS —

Saturday, February 28th

6:00 PM

 St. Joseph School Gym

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— PRIZE DONATIONS: —

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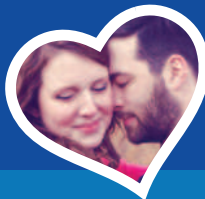
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