



## 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.



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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

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please call 708-237-6665

For additional parish information, please visit [www.ssjfx.org](http://www.ssjfx.org)

For school information, please visit [www.saintsjfx.org](http://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,

Today's Gospel takes me back to the late 1970's when I was a kid. We went on a field trip to see the musical *Godspell*. Even then the Character of Jesus impressed me with his passion, compassion and joy. When I read the line, "You are the light of the world," I can hear the excitement and enthusiasm in his voice. In the play he almost shouts it. And we need to hear it.

***You are the light of the world!***

*But if that light is under a bushel,  
It's lost something kind of crucial*

*You've got to stay bright to be the light of the world.  
You are the salt of the earth  
You are the salt of the earth  
But if that salt has lost its flavor  
It ain't got much in its favor  
You can't have that fault and be the salt of the earth!*

*So let your light so shine before all  
Let your light so shine  
So that they might know some kindness again  
We all need help to feel fine.*

*You are the light of the world  
You are the light of the world  
But the tallest candlestick  
Ain't much good without a wick  
You've got to live right to be the light of the world*

I share the lyrics because they inspire me to not lose any thing "crucial" to let others "know some kindness again" to allow the "wick" to burn in me, and to "live right," and share my light with the world.

In Baptism, we receive the light of Christ. The priest or deacon hands the lighted candle to parents and godparents and says, "Receive the light of Christ. Parents and godparents this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. This child of yours has been enlightened by Christ. May he walk always as a child of the light. May she keep the flame of faith alive in her heart. And when the Lord comes, may he go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom." That ritual, filled with hope and challenge, sets the newly baptized on a course for life.

We receive the great gift of the light of Christ in Baptism. The parents, godparents, and all the Christian community must fan the flame of faith in the one who is baptized. We do that by word and by example, by sharing the light that was given to us at baptism with the world that so desperately needs it.

It is hard to believe that in ten days we will be beginning the great season of Lent. During Lent the Church invites us to fast, pray, and give alms. Our first reading gives us a

great way to do those things. Today we hear from Isaiah 58: 7-10. The selection reminds us that authentic fasting leads to great blessing. In the two verses before today's selection, the people ask the Lord, "Why do we fast, but you do not see it? afflict ourselves, but you take no note?" Isaiah encourages God's people to fast authentically.

*Is this not, rather, the fast that I choose:  
releasing those bound unjustly,  
untying the thongs of the yoke;  
Setting free the oppressed,  
breaking off every yoke?  
Is it not sharing your bread with the hungry,  
bringing the afflicted and the homeless into your house;  
Clothing the naked when you see them,  
and not turning your back on your own flesh?*

When we do the things that Isaiah suggests, the reading tells us, our light will break forth, and the glory of the Lord will be our rear guard.

During Lent, we will once again partner with Catholic Extension. With our Lenten almsgiving, we will be supporting the mission of Sacred Heart Church in the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi. Through both food and music, you can lift the faithful in Mississippi this Lent. I invite you to join us in supporting multiple vital ministries at Sacred Heart Church in Camden, Mississippi, a parish that Catholic Extension has proudly accompanied for over 50 years. This Lent, your almsgiving can help Sacred Heart open a new food pantry to serve their local community. Their hope is to provide daily meals for elderly parishioners during the winter months and to open the pantry monthly to the broader community. Your generosity can make this possible. In addition, your support can help nourish this community spiritually by strengthening Sacred Heart's beloved music ministry. Music has been at the heart of this African American Catholic community since its founding in 1944. For more than 20 years, this vibrant ministry has been led by the talented Edd Hightower, who reminds us, "Music ushers the Holy Spirit in... You open with praise and close with praise. When you leave, you're supposed to be feeling something. You're ready to go out and conquer the world." Your generosity will help feed bodies and souls this Lenten season.

Peace,

*Rev. Wayne T. Davis*



# Weekly Mass Schedule

<p><b><u>Monday, February 9</u></b>          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          +Michelle Tolczyk          (L)Regina Lee &amp; Family</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday, February 10</u></b>          6:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Heinz</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Stephanie Fernholz          +Gregoria Lucano          +Hon. Joseph Salerno          +Olivia Sergot          +Deceased members of the Quirini &amp; Bremner Families          (L)Fr. Ed Harnett</p> <p>9:00 am–10:00 am SJ  <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i></p> <p style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">+ Deceased / (L) Living          SFX - St. Francis Xavier          SJ -St. Joseph</p>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, February 11</u></b>          6:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Trudy &amp; Frank Fernholz          (L)George Argeros          (L)Henry Cannon          (L)Tom Herbert          (L)Jack Riddle          (L)Henry S</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, February 12</u></b>          6:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Jim McNeely          +Rose Thompson</p> <p style="background-color: #f0f0f0; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Masses are livestreamed          on our YouTube channel.           Search <i>Saints JFX</i> on  <a href="http://www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a></p>	<p><b><u>Friday, February 13</u></b>          6:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Christopher Cowan          +Edward Larkin          +Young-Sup Sim</p> <p><b><u>Saturday, February 14</u></b>          8:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Byung-Jun Ahn          +Patrick Finn          +Anmarie Lenz          +Olivia Sergot</p> <p>9:00-10:00 am SJ Confession</p> <p>5:00 pm SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Ostdiek</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Debbie Brejcha          +Jeff Malloy          +Robert Mansheim          +Amanda Posten          +Deidre Proteau          +You Catherine Shin          +Marilyn Solmos          +Michael Tischler</p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, February 15</u></b>          8:00 am SJ  <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Guillermo Cannon          +Nancy Sinclair          +Liliana Suci</p> <p>9:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Patrick Finn          +Anmarie Lenz          +Ray McIntyre          +Deidre Proteau          +Phil Reardon          +Judy Reichert          +Sandra Pazzanin          +Liliana Suci</p> <p>10:30 am SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Elizabeth Cox          +Guillermo Cannon          +Debbie Brejcha          +Timothy Finnegan          +Ray McIntyre</p> <p>11:30 am SFX  <i>Presider: Fr. Waithaka</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Marie &amp; Adam Gareis</p> <p>4:45 pm SJ  <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions:          +Jeff Malloy</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     | 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:*

*Our beloved family members*



**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, PRAY FOR PEACE**

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Cpt William Donovan  
Ssgt John Wesley Hobbs  
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 Ryan Slattery  
Lt Col Shawn Swarz  
PFC Asher Walsh  
Lt John Williams

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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

US Navy

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Cmdr Tom Smith  
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US National Guard

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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 February 8, 2026**

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16  
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10  
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**Blood Drive  
Sunday, February 8  
8 AM – 2 PM  
SFX Gym & Atrium**

Appointments are still available to donate blood! Please scan the QR code below to register. Walk ins are also welcome!



**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!

**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)

**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](mailto: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](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)

**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.





“In Service of Others” is a ministry that is part of the Saints JFX Women’s Club. The purpose is to help parishioners with temporary needs such as picking up items at grocery stores, pharmacies or other local stores, running errands, bringing meals, providing rides to medical appointments or weekend Mass.

If you require one-time or short-term help for these basic needs, please contact the Saints JFX Parish Office at 847-256-4250 or [officessjfx@ssjfx.org](mailto:officessjfx@ssjfx.org) and give the information to the office. The information will be given to the chairs of this ministry, and someone will respond to you directly.

This ministry is open to all parishioners-we need many volunteers for this work for us all. If you are interested in helping, please contact us at [ssjfxwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:ssjfxwomensclub@gmail.com).

*save the date for the*  
**SAINTS JFX**  
**ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARTY**  
*happening on*  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH**  
**2-5PM** *in the* **SFX GYM**  
**FOOD, DRINK, LIVE MUSIC,**  
**RAFFLES, KIDS’ FUN +**  
**IRISH DANCING**  
*tickets go on sale soon!*

**Stewardship Report**

If you are able, please consider contributing via PushPay ([www.pushpay.com](http://www.pushpay.com))

February 1, 2026	
Collected at Church:	
Envelopes:	\$ 6,198.00
Loose Cash:	\$ 1,399.00
Electronic Contributions:	\$21,880.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$29,477.00</b>

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*Scan for more info—*



**Care for Creation Corner**

**Care for Creation Logo Contest**

The Saints JFX Care for Creation Ministry announces a **logo contest open to all children of the parish.**

Care for Creation is a parish ministry dedicated to inspiring us to protect God's gift of creation. Students may submit original artwork on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of white/unlined paper. Original logo designs should focus on themes of **faith, environmental stewardship and social justice.**

Designs may be delivered to Saints JFX parish offices, school offices, or scanned and emailed to Ben Ivory at [benjaminsdivory@gmail.com](mailto:benjaminsdivory@gmail.com) no later than Wednesday, February 18.



**SAINTS JFX MEN'S CLUB**



**Men's Club February Meeting Special Event  
Bring Your Significant Other!**

Join us Wednesday, February 11th at 7:30pm at Wilmette Harbor Club (20 Harbor Drive) for a fireside chat on building resilient relationships with Dr. Gary Hill. In the spirit of Valentine's Day, we're inviting wives, girlfriends, and partners for an evening of real conversation about love, faith, and showing up when it counts.

Griffin's cocktails, appetizers, and a roaring fireplace await. Doors open at 7:00pm, Meeting begins at 7:30pm. All men of the parish welcome, whether coming with a +1 or solo.

# 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...



Pizza

Bingo

Games

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## EVENT DETAILS

Saturday, February 28th

6:00 PM

📍 St. Joseph School Gym

### COST:

**\$20 per person / \$60 max per family**

(Includes one bingo card, pizza & dessert)

Additional Bingo Cards:

\$5 for 5 cards

### PRIZE DONATIONS:

Please drop off prizes at:

Saints JFX Rectory

1747 Lake Ave., Wilmette



All are welcome!

To purchase advance tickets please scan the QR code  
Or, you can pay at the door.





## 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.*

The Saints FX Knitting ministry finished up about 75 items of warmth in mid-January and delivered them to the STC Food Pantry where shoppers select items they need to get through this very cold winter. *Items included were scarves, neck warmers, headbands, hats and gloves. About one dozen knitted cotton cleaning cloths will be going there soon too.*

The Knitting Ministry meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday in the Community Room located on the St. Joseph Campus.

Some of our knitters are snow birds and send their work from their warmer locations. We also have people that knit on their own due to their work schedules or other conflicts, that contribute to this worthy project.

*If you are interested in the SJFX Knitting Ministry, please contact us.*



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## TOGETHER WE BRING LIGHT



2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme for 2026 is *Together we bring light*. It stems from Jesus' words to his early disciples and to us: "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14) We understand our responsibility to bring light to a world that seems often covered in darkness. Contributions to the Appeal enable us to bring light to those in need. We do not do this alone but together as the Body of Christ. Our Church finds the fulfillment of her mission when we support the Appeal and the ministries of teaching, sanctifying, and bringing pastoral care to those in need. Truly, together we do bring light.

Please consider supporting this year's Appeal. Your generous contribution will be a source of blessing for many people, for yourself, and for your loved ones.

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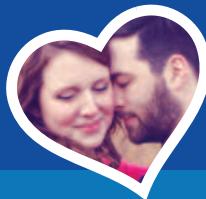
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