



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.



6th Sunday

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

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.'"
Mt 5:20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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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For emergencies outside of office hours,
please call 708-237-6665

For additional parish information, please visit www.ssjfx.org

For school information, please visit www.saintsjfx.org

Follow us on social media!

Instagram (saintsjfx_wilmette) and

Facebook (Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier)



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,

As I reflect on my history with Saints JFX, so many great memories come to mind. As many of you already know, I attended St. Francis Xavier School in the 1950's when Fr. Myles McDonnell was pastor and Sr. Mary Gilbert was school principal. My piano teacher, also a sister at the school, decided I should learn to play the organ, so when I was in 6th grade my piano lessons became organ lessons.



I was a junior at Loyola Academy when the organist at SFX suddenly died, and I immediately became the weekday organist. At that time, the Latin Mass included music at the three morning Masses, and my role was not only to play the organ but also to sing responses to the celebrant in Latin. (At that time, the organ was located in the small balcony that overlooks the altar). I would play the 6:30, 7:15 and 8:30am Masses, then quickly head out to Loyola Academy to begin my day at 2nd period.

So, I've been involved in church music all of my life, and music is very important to me. We had a hymnbook at home, and my dad would make a little notation in pencil with the date so he could track how often we sang particular hymns. Some of these old favorites are still favorites today, and many of you will often request that we include one of your favorites.

Once each month I accompany the student Mass at Regina High School, and twice each month I accompany the school Mass at Saints JFX. Working with the kids is the high point of each week.

We have been consistent with Mass parts, with the hope that they have become totally familiar to you (we began our current Gloria in 2016, and it is great to hear so many of you joining in enthusiastically). It makes me feel so good as I accompany Mass to hear your voices from the pews. I am proud of our congregation and your enthusiasm. And I am also so proud of both our adult choir and now our children's choir. They are loyal and enthusiastic. I am surrounded by music...it's heavenly! And just remember the words of a popular song which ends: "Don't worry if it's not good enough for anyone else to hear...just sing, sing a song!"

See (and hear) you on Sunday!

John Hopkins

Director of Music

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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.

To make a gift by phone: 312.534.7959

To mail:
835 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611

To give online:
annualcatholicappeal.com



Weekly Mass Schedule

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<p><u>Monday, February 16</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Enriqueta Borja +Diane Lapelle +Sr. Richelle Schmitz, OP (L)Br Joseph Sadoc Lee (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 17</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Joseph Delaney +Timothy Finnegan (L)George Argeros (L)Tom Herbert (L)Rehbock Family (L)Jack Riddle</p> <p>9:00 am–10:00 am SJ <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i></p>	<p><u>Wednesday, February 18</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Stephanie Fernholz +Bob McNamara +Lauretta Pollard (L)Rehbock Family (L)Fr. Brian Welter</p> <p>4:00 pm SJ <i>Prayer/Ash Service</i></p> <p>6:00 pm SFX <i>Prayer/Ash Service</i></p> <p>7:30 pm SJ Mass with Ashes <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <div data-bbox="521 913 727 1119" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><u>Thursday, February 19</u> 6:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Richard Hanley +Anmarie Lenz +Carol Perkins (L)Pat & Sue Hayden (L)Rehbock Family</p>	<p><u>Friday, February 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: +Richard Asakura (L)Rehbock Family</p> <p>7:00 pm SJ <i>Stations of the Cross</i></p> <p><u>Saturday, February 21</u> 8:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Andrew Joseph Bishop +Ben Bishop +Patrick Finn +Kitty Jones</p> <p>9:00-10:00 am SJ Confession</p> <p>5:00 pm SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Helen Kozma +Mary Minogue +Marilyn Solmos +John Steffes +Al Testolin (L)Joshua Barber</p>	<p><u>Sunday, February 22</u> 8:00 am SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Nancy Sinclair +Liliana Suci</p> <p>9:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Patrick Finn +Anmarie Lenz +Joe Egan +Richard Lang +Kitty Jones +Don Maag +Michal Younanzadeh +Sandra Pazzanin +Liliana Suci (L)Kerrie Eldridge</p> <p>10:30 am SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Elizabeth Cox +Patrick Finn</p> <p>11:30 am SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Jean Mulvihill +Dennis Wolf</p> <p>4:45 pm SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Waithaka</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Nancy Sinclair</p> <p>7:30 pm SFX ACTION <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p>
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+ Deceased / (L) Living
SFX - St. Francis Xavier
SJ -St. Joseph

Masses are livestreamed
on our YouTube channel.

Search *Saints JFX* on
www.youtube.com

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 | |

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

In prayer
and loving memory of:

Mary Ann Jentel



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, PRAY FOR PEACE

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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
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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 February 15, 2026

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

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:
22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt
9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



Ash Wednesday is February 18. Please join us.

6:30 am (SFX): Mass with Ashes
8:30 am (St. Joseph): Mass with Ashes
4:00 pm (St. Joseph): Prayer Service with Ashes
6:00 pm (SFX): Prayer Service with Ashes
7:30 pm (St. Joseph): Mass with Ashes

LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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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 March 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/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 and give the information to the office. The information will be given to the ministry chairs, 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.

All are welcome

Lenten Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, March 1st
after 9:30 am Mass

at **St. Francis Xavier Church**

After Mass we will gather in the SFX campus cafeteria for coffee, treats, and to assemble Easter baskets for the Irving Park Food Pantry




Link to Easter basket donations

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#1/showSignup/9040D4AA9A726AAFDD-55595088-easter>



Hosted by Saints JFX Family Of Faith



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.*

Stewardship Report

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

February 8, 2026	
Collected at Church:	
Envelopes:	\$ 3,970.00
Loose Cash:	\$ 1,391.00
Electronic Contributions:	\$21,880.00
Total:	\$27,241.00

Sunday Collection



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St. Thomas of Canterbury School



Thank you for your generosity.

Care for Creation Ministry 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 benjamindivory@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, February 18.

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

CANTERBURY CHALLENGE CRUSADE

LENT 2026

Times are hard for everyone. Our school is no different. At Christmas we shared with you that we had raised \$ 247,935.00 of the \$700,000.00 needed to balance our current budget. Since Christmas we have raised an additional \$222,649.00, leaving us with a balance of \$229,416.00 to raise in order to achieve our fiscal goal for the 2025-2026 school year.

A good friend of the school recognized the need and is offering a \$100,000.00 matching Challenge Grant. The anonymous donor will match dollar for dollar on all donations! If we succeed we will come very close to achieving our goal! It is critical to accomplish this objective as we have already been notified that many of the services provided by federal programs, such as art, summer school, academic and English language supports, and physical formation are likely going to be eliminated for the 2026-2027 school year.

Donations of any size will be matched, \$5.00 becomes \$10.00, \$50.00 becomes \$100.00! Please consider a donation during the 2026 season of Lent.

Donations can be made via **check** or through **PayPal**

HOW CAN YOU DONATE?



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Please make **checks** payable to:
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YOUR SUPPORT STRENGTHENS OUR MISSION TO NURTURE FAITH, KNOWLEDGE, AND SERVICE.



FAMILY PIZZA BINGO & GAME NIGHT

Hosted by the Saints JFX Women's Club
Benefiting SPRED — Religious Education for Children & Adults Children & Adults

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

Pizza Bingo Games Prizes

Laughter, Community & Fun for All Ages!

— 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.



Saints JFX Shines Brightly- America's Largest Catholic Church Blood Drive

Our ministries again came together in a huge way on Super Bowl Sunday. Eleven years ago, the idea for this blood drive came out of a Ministry of Care meeting. On Sunday the Men's Club collected over 120 coats for Catholic Charities. Hundreds of personal care items were collected for St. Thomas of Canterbury. Nine years ago, the drive became the Kevin Joseph Smith Burke blood drive, and we've never looked back as this drive becomes bigger, better and more heartwarming every year.

With the support of youth volunteers, Go Green Wilmette and our Care for Creation Ministry we came close to a zero-waste event. By buying compostable product and securing Urban Canopy compost bins 95% of the event's waste was either composted or recycled. The total amount of waste sent to land fill would fit in a grocery bag.

800 people again passed through our gym and much of this special day was featured on the Sunday evening news by ABC 7, NBC 5 and WFLD 32 TV. The Archdiocese TV was on hand filming extensively for *Catholic Chicago*. Saints JFX shines brightly thanks to everyone who packed the school to collect 403 units of blood and help save over 1,200 lives. A HUGE THANK YOU to all involved in sharing the gift of life.




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!

Save the date for the Donation Drive!



St. Vincent de Paul
 Clothing and Household Items
 Donation Drive!
 Saturday, March 14, 10 am - 2 pm
 Sunday, March 15, 1 - 3 pm
 St. Joseph Church
 Parking Lot
 1747 Lake Ave., Wilmette

Please help us help others! We will be gratefully accepting bags/boxes of clothing and household goods such as pots and pans, plates, glasses, silverware and small appliances like toasters and blenders on March 14 and 15. (We will not be able to accept furniture at this event.)

Pull into the St. Joseph Church parking lot from Lake Avenue, and volunteers will be present to take your donations.

Thank you!

If you haven't heard yet, **Bernadette the Musical** is coming to Chicago! We have been offered a unique opportunity to attend a **special group-rate matinee**. Please save the date for **Sunday, March 1, 2026, at 1:00 PM**, at the **Athenaeum Center for Thought & Culture** (2936 N. Southport Ave., Chicago, IL 60657).

Join **Fr. Wayne**, current Lourdes travelers and their parents, as well as many pilgrimage alumni for this special outing. We are extending the invitation to the parish and hope you will join us.

Please scan the QR code to register for tickets.



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BACH IN THE CITY
 Successor to Bach Week Festival

J.S. Bach
ST. MARK PASSION

Friday, March 20, 2026 | 7:30 PM
 St. Vincent de Paul Church

For the finale of its inaugural season, Bach in the City will present J. S. Bach's St. Mark Passion. This Midwest premiere of Malcolm Bruno's acclaimed new reconstruction of Bach's lost masterpiece will include newly composed music for recitatives and turba choruses by Richard Webster.

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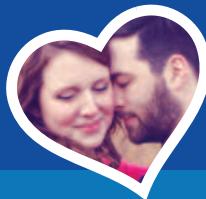
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