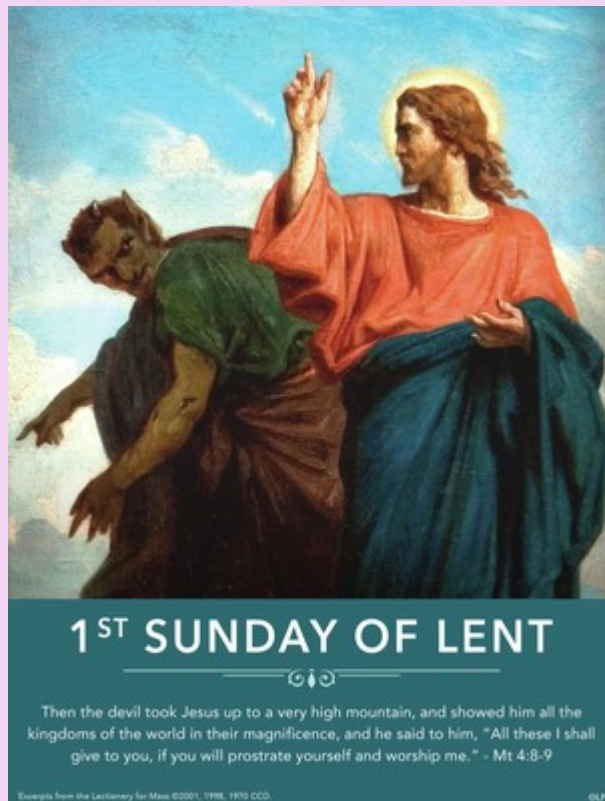


# Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

## 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.



**March 1, 2020**

## Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Mass Schedule

### Daily Masses:

Monday—Friday  
6:30am SJ  
8:15am SFX  
8:30am SJ

### Saturday Masses:

8:30am SJ  
5:00pm SJ and SFX

### Sunday Masses:

8:00am SJ  
9:30am SFX  
10:15am SFX (School)  
10:30am SJ  
11:30am SFX  
6:00pm SJ  
7:30pm SFX  
(ACTION Youth Mass,  
September through April)



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Saturday: 9am—1pm  
Sunday: 8:30am—11:30am

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Monday-Wednesday: 9am—8:30pm  
Thursday and Friday: 9am—4:30pm  
Saturday: 9am—1pm  
Sunday: 8:30am—11:30am

## Schedule of Events: Week of March 1 - 8, 2020

### Sunday, March 1

9a PRÉP - SFX School  
9a Religious Education - SJ School  
9:30a Children's Liturgy of the Word - SFX Church  
10:30a Children's Liturgy of the Word - SJ Annex - 1C

### Monday, March 2

6p SPRED Religious Ed: Joseph Room - SJ Campus  
7p RCIA, SFX Parish Office

### Tuesday, March 3

9a - 7p Adoration - SJ Church  
9:30a Al-Anon - SJ Annex - 1C  
7p Benediction - SJ Church

### Wednesday, March 4

2p Lectio Divina - SFX Parish Office  
6p Music Ministry Choir Rehearsal - SFX Church  
7:30p St. Vincent De Paul Meeting - SFX Parish Office

### Thursday, March 5

9a Legion of Mary - SJ Annex - Rm 1C

### Friday, March 6

6p Soup and Stations - SJ Church

### Saturday, March 7

8a AA - Community Room - SJ  
9a Confessions - SJ Church  
4:15p Confessions - SFX Church

### Sunday, March 8

9a PRÉP - SFX School  
9a Religious Education - SJ School  
9:30a Children's Liturgy of the Word - SFX Church  
10:30a Children's Liturgy of the Word - SJ Annex - 1C

Dear Friends,

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The Scriptures on Wednesday reminded us to pray, fast, and give alms. Jesus, instructing His followers, including us, did not say "if" when He was speaking of the three pillars of the spiritual life, He said "when." Jesus expects each of us to do those three things, and He says **when** we do them (not if) we are to do them with humility and without fanfare.

The season of Lent, the Paschal Triduum, and the Easter Season span three months. They constitute the high point, the pinnacle, indeed the foundation of our liturgical year. This grace-filled time gives us identity, or renews us in our identity as followers of Christ. This holy season has its origins in the rhythms of nature. As the natural world shakes off the death of winter and regains its power and beauty, we are summoned out of our spiritual slumber and called to new life and growth.

During Lent, we pray, fast and do good works. We do these traditional works both individually but also together. As a parish, we are called to keep Lent as a season of prayer, sacrifice and service. I pledge to do just that, and invite you to join me (at the reconciliation service, daily Mass, increased almsgiving, Soup and Stations, Adoration, and in many other ways).

As we walk with the RCIA candidates toward the Easter Sacraments, we also must recognize our own need for conversion. We are sinners. As we listen to the reading from the book of Genesis, the story of the fall of Adam and Eve, we cannot distance ourselves from them. They sinned. We sin. We, as they did, often try to rationalize our sinful actions. What is needed is a spirit of contrition and conversion.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation should be part of our Lent (and really throughout the year). All Catholics are expected to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year. When was the last time you went to Confession? Why has it been so long? Now's the time to return! In addition to weekly opportunities at both of our Churches, there's a Tri-Parish Reconciliation Service on March 24<sup>th</sup> at Saint Joseph. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest, on behalf of the Lord and the Christian community, tells us that if we are contrite, we are forgiven. No matter the sin, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can be absolved and reunited to a right relationship with God and the community.

The bridge between Lent and Easter is the Sacred Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday/Easter Sunday, April 9-12. **These are the most important celebrations of the whole year.** Please mark your April calendars and make every effort to participate and to welcome all those joining our Church parish through profession of faith at the Easter Vigil.

During the 50 Days of Easter we live joyfully a "prolonged springtime." For seven weeks we live, with enthusiasm, our coming alive again in Jesus Christ. We live the new hopes and possibilities present to us in our faith journeys. Like in Lent, we need to keep the 50 Days together as a parish. The three months of Lent/Easter are essentially a baptismal season. As we rejoice in new members, we renew our own baptism and our immersion into the mystery of Jesus' dying and rising. We renew our relationship with Jesus.

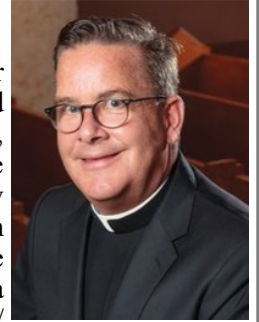
It takes real effort to "keep the Lent/Easter Season." We cannot carry on our lives with a "business as usual" attitude. In some manner, we all need to alter our lifestyles in order to enter fully into the spirit of the next three months. It takes both planning and perseverance. Jesus gives us a great model of perseverance in the Gospel today. Hungry, thirsty, and spiritually exhausted, He encountered the Devil in the desert. He relied on his relationship with the Father to help Him to resist the temptations the Devil set before Him, the same temptations that the Devil sets before us in today's world. The Holy Spirit led Him to the desert, and the Holy Spirit gave Him what he needed to stand firm against the invitation from the Devil to turn away from the Father. Let's learn from Jesus. Let's allow the Spirit to lead us this Lent and to help us avoid the near occasions of sin that the Devil constantly puts in our path.

Please, please invite alienated or inactive Catholics to join you. This is a special time to "return home." Let them know they are welcome here. Let them know we are together on the road to conversion and new life. May God bless us all during the 90 Days!

Peace,



Rev. Wayne T. Davis



## Schedule for Masses, Sacraments and Benediction

<u>Monday, March 2, 2020</u>	<u>Wednesday, March 4, 2020</u>	<u>Friday, March 6, 2020</u>	<u>Sunday, March 8, 2020</u>
<p><b>6:30am SJ</b> +Silvia and Adolfo Ridolfi <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p><b>8:15am SFX</b> +Lee Cordell <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b> +Audrey Maloney <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p>	<p><b>6:30am SJ</b> +Silvia and Adolfo Ridolfi <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p><b>8:15am SFX</b> (L)Intentions for Active Military <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b> +Kevin Burke <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p>	<p><b>6:30am SJ</b> +Bob Leeper <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S. J.</i></p> <p><b>8:15am SFX</b> (L)James Ward <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b> +Joe Dietrich <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p>	<p><b>8:00am SJ</b> +Maria Friedrich +Kathy Kerrigan <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p><b>9:30am SFX</b> +Diana Kruglick +Diane Dudek <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i> <i>Deacon Kerls</i></p> <p><b>10:15am SFX School</b> +People of the Parish <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p><b>10:30am SJ</b> +Randra Busse Miller <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S. J.</i> <i>Deacon Shinkle</i></p> <p><b>11:30am SFX</b> +Kelly Groseclose <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p><b>1:00pm SFX</b> Baptism: Shanahan <i>Presider: Deacon Kerls</i></p> <p><b>6:00pm SJ</b> +Calvin Ramirez <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p><b>7:30pm SFX -ACTION Mass</b> <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S. J.</i></p>
<u>Tuesday, March 3, 2020</u>	<u>Thursday, March 5, 2020</u>	<u>Saturday, March 7, 2020</u>	
<p><b>6:30am SJ</b> +John, Bob, Bill and Tony Schinler <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p><b>8:15am SFX</b> +John Klemmer <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b> +Ed Donohoe <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p><b>10:00am SFX School Mass</b> <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S. J.</i></p> <p><b>7:00pm Benediction SJ</b> <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p>	<p><b>6:30am SJ</b> +Betty Ryan <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p> <p><b>8:15am SFX</b> (L)Parishioners of SSJFX <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p><b>8:30am SJ</b> +Matthew McNabola <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p>	<p><b>8:30am SJ</b> +Katherine Radler (L)Intention of the Rehbock Family +Silvia and Adolfo Ridolfi <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p><b>Confessions</b> <b>9:00am SJ:</b> <i>Msgr. Mayall</i> <b>4:15pm SFX:</b> <i>Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p><b>12:00pm SFX</b> Baptism: McCourt <i>Presider: Deacon Kerls</i></p> <p><b>5:00pm SFX</b> +Bob and Michael McHugh +Bill Geary +Edward Helgensin <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p><b>5:00pm SJ</b> +Deceased Members of the DiClementi and Stewart Families <i>Presider: Fr. Spotts, S.J.</i></p>	
<p>+ Deceased / (L) Living / SJ - St. Joseph Church / SFX - St. Francis Xavier Church SFX School - St. Francis Xavier School</p>			

### Prayers for the sick and those in need

Seda Aghajani	Peter DiClementi, Jr	Brier Johnston	Olivia Sergot
Carmen Albino	Ryan Glassberg	Charles Jonaitis	Brian Slowinski
Rory Andrykowski	Margaret Grothe	Bob Kerrigan	Dino Tonelli
Ginnie Becker	Phillip Hall	John Krupka	David W.
Tom Beitzel	Tim Hanson	Dolores Meier	Dolores Welch
Heather Campbell	Barbara Hardy	Paul Molaro	Krista Wilkinson
Vivian Cangelosi	Barbara Hawkinson	Daniel O'Herron	Audrey Williams
Guillermo Cannon	Laura Hendricks	Pam O'Reilly	Carol Woodard
William Carlin	Tom Hopkins	Monica Pecuch	Shirley Zeeb
Cecelia Cruz			

Please call the parish office at 847/256-4250 if you'd like to add or remove a name.

In prayer  
and loving memory of:

Peggy Jean Delano







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

**Do you have a family member or friend in the Military (stateside or overseas)?  
Call the parish office and we will put their name on our prayer list.**

US Air Force

SSgt John Wesley Hobbs, Nephew of Frank & Jody Weschler  
A1C Shane O'Dell, Great Grandson of Mike Eberle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Luke Stensberg, Friend of Matt Revord family

US Army

Rev Chaplain Maj John Barkemeyer, Son of Hank Barkemeyer  
Maj Brian L. Bell, Son-in-law of Bob & Jeanie Quinn  
LTC Kelly Quinn Bell, Daughter of Bob & Jeanie Quinn  
Cpt Christopher Cannon, Son of Mark & Sue Cannon  
Spc Michael Carlson, Grandson of Arlene Carlson  
PFC Richard Carlson, Grandson of Arlene Carlson  
Spc Harrison Daniels, Grandson of Mary Lou DiClementi  
Maj Jason Harlan, Nephew of Val Deady  
Lt Kyle Healy, Great Nephew of Agnes and Barb Schneider  
Pvt Ryan Higgins, Nephew of Jim & Janet Black  
Pvt Zach Lueken, Nephew of Todd & Rebecca Stewart  
Sgt Brenda Lore Mayo, Friend of Carpenter family  
Sgt David Lore Mayo, Friend of Carpenter family  
Pvt Jasmine Ramsey, Granddaughter of Carol Solger  
LTC Michael J. Roth, Nephew of Sharon Roth  
Maj Anita Scattone, Sister of Anthony Scattone  
Lt Col Shawn Schwarz, relative of Tim & Young Hee Johnson  
Lt Ryan Slattery, Grandson of Faye Rebarchak  
Maj Benjamin Stumpf, Son of Ron & Judy Stumpf

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the parish office at 847/256-4250*

US Marine Corps

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Jeff Barak, Friend of Frantzen family  
Pvt 1<sup>st</sup> Class Colin Brennan, Nephew of Mary Lou DiClementi  
Pvt Stuart Corboy III, Son of Marcia Corboy  
Sgt Joseph Devroy, Grandson of Marlene Devroy  
Cpt Peter Dulaney, Grandson of Diana Madden  
Sgt Brandon Galgay, Friend of Matt Revord family  
Sgt Aidan Gobeyn, Grandson of George & Mchele Hinchcliff  
1st Lt Brad Gustafson, Son of Garth & Myrna Gustafson,  
and Brother of Jack Gustafson  
Ssgt Walter Ramirez, Son of Enrique & Mary Lou Ramirez  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt William Smith, Nephew of John & Mary Smith  
Pfc Trevor J. Talbot, Son of Bill & Mary Talbot,  
and Brother of Hope Talbot

US Navy

Cmdr Kevin Carlson, Son of Arlene Carlson  
Lt. Ted Luker, Grandson of Jack & Skip Revord,  
and Nephew of Matt & Lisa Revord  
PO2 Kevin Morrison, Grandson of Doug & Joyce Spinner  
Lt Alison Smith, Niece of John & Mary Smith  
Lt Tom Smith, Nephew of John & Mary Smith

US National Guard

Sgt Steven Tetzlaff, Son of Peter & Katie Tetzlaff  
and Grandson of Roger & Dolores Meier  
1st Lt Zach Hubbard, Illinois National Guard,  
Nephew of the Later family



*Marriage Banns*

*SFX Church*

*Colleen Barrett and  
Edward Halaburt  
Bann I*

**WORD Holy Listening Lectio Divina *Try it for Lent***

**Reading. Silence. Listening for God's message. Sharing. Praying.**

Through the use of Lectio Divina, a time-proven tradition in the Catholic Church, we gather, quiet our souls, read the gospel for the upcoming Sunday liturgy four times, meditating briefly in silence between readings. We share, if so moved, then pray our needs and intercessions. We leave refreshed and prepared for Sunday. It is a rich experience and lasts an hour or less.

**An Encounter With The Sunday Gospel....on Wednesday afternoons!**



**When:** 2:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoons

**Where:** Parish Office at SFX 524 9<sup>th</sup> St.

**Questions?** [klyons@ssjfx.org](mailto:klyons@ssjfx.org) 847-256-4250

*Come once or every week, whenever the spirit moves you.  
Join Us! All are welcome!*

### From the Loft

As we enter into the season of Lent, we observe a shift in the character of liturgical music. Marked by a period of fasting, Lent is also a time of musical restraint. Omitted during Lent is the *Gloria* and *Alleluia* before the Gospel. As it is also a time of penitence, we will chant the *Kyrie eleison* (Lord, have mercy) throughout the Lenten season.

This Sunday, the combined SSJFX choirs will sing at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church for the first Sunday in Lent. The anthem, Behold the Lamb of God, by Craig Courtney, is a somber but beautiful prayer to the lamb who will be sacrificed, but will rise again. Come to the 10:30 service at St. Joseph to experience the beauty of our combined choirs.

## Soup & Stations

Friday's during Lent

February 28th - April 3rd

6:00pm in the SJ Community Room for a soup dinner

7:00pm in Church for Stations of the Cross

Please enter the link below to help by making a pot of soup one evening or by volunteering to set up and serve.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4eabab28a46-soup1>

Questions, contact Dana McKenna:

847-251-3734 or dmckenna@ssjfx.org

### You are invited to a discussion on the Gospel of St. Mark with Fr. Harnett. Hosted by SSJFX Women's Club Guild 5

Responding to a request to do so, I would like to invite all interested to the Upper Room on Wednesday, March 11 at 10:00 am. We will have a "round table" easy discussion of the Gospel of St. Mark. There is only one requirement— you have to read the Gospel of St. Mark before our meeting. This is not as difficult as it might seem; St. Mark is the shortest gospel, with only 16 chapters. Each chapter is approximately one page. I strongly suggest that you try to sit down and read it all at once or, if you must divide the reading, do the first ten chapters and then chapters 11 through 16, as there is a natural division between Jesus' ministry in Galilee and that in Jerusalem. Reading the gospel in one sitting will give you a different perspective on it—but more about that later. All are welcome, but bring your bible.

Please contact Christine Rademacher at crrademacher1@icloud.com with any questions or to RSVP.

*Fr. Ed Harnett*

**Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Councils seeking new members**

**The Finance Council (FC)** oversees the fiscal responsibilities of the parish and produces the annual financial report. The FC also works with the Pastor and the Director of Operations in preparing and approving the annual budget, overseeing and approving major capital expenditures as well as reviewing the operating results and providing important guidance in the financial management of the parish. Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, September through June. In addition to the monthly meeting, council volunteers are asked to work on sub-committees to actively work on Parish finance projects. Terms are 3 years and the preferred number of volunteers for the FC is 12. The FC is open to all parishioners and strives to have a mix of professional backgrounds including, but not limited to, finance, accounting, legal, marketing, consulting, and fundraising from both parish and school individuals across a range of age groups.

Current members of the Finance Council are: Paul DeCrane (Chair), Colleen Driscoll, Kieran Stack, Ann Hughes, Karen Holmberg, Kevin Shields, George Trapp, Dave Flick, Tom O'Toole, Ania Connelly, Patti Tsuru and Sam Merriott.

**The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)** -- The Parish Pastoral Council is the main consultative body of the Parish and exercises shared responsibility for the Pastoral life of the parish with the Pastor. This includes periodic reevaluation of the parish mission statement, defining parish goals, setting broad strategies for implementing those goals, and evaluating the parish's success in carrying out the Church's mission. The council represents a cross section of the parish. Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month, September - June. In addition to monthly meetings, members are asked to serve on sub-committees such as evangelization, stewardship, or hospitality. Terms are 3 years and the preferred number for the PPC is 15.

Current members of the PPC are: Macaire Trapp (Chair), Ross Richards , Anna Rosenberg, Mark Concannon, Pat Hanna, Catherine Sullivan, Dody Hickey , Laura Phillips, Melissa Petri, Matt Cavalier, Nellie Ross, Maggie Burton, Rachel Kuhn and Jenny Schade

**If you wish to apply** for the Finance or Parish Pastoral Council, please contact either parish office for an application. You will be put in contact with a council member or provided with an application. SJ office 847 251 0771, [rleech@ssjfx.org](mailto:rleech@ssjfx.org) or SFX office 847-256-4250 [officessjfx@ssjfx.org](mailto:officessjfx@ssjfx.org)

**The School Board** -- The School Board is an advisory body serving the Pastor and Principal through input rooted in expertise and experience across a range of disciplines including finance, facilities, marketing, technology, academic planning and development. The board is currently accepting applications for 3 year appointments beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year and meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month during the academic Year. Board members should be SSJFX parishioners or school parents.

Current board members are: Tim Horton, Erik Brown, Trish Capitanini, Katie Hayes, Mike Henn, Rich Kirkendall, Jennifer McGinn, Katie Schreiber, Chris Thomas, Tasha Wallace. Jani Walberer, and Kevin Woolf. Contact [jackiepetrozzi@sfx-school.org](mailto:jackiepetrozzi@sfx-school.org) for a link to this year's application.

**We hope you prayerfully consider if you are being called to serve.  
Please submit applications by March 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18, Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15, Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11, Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19, Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10, Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19, Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25, Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8, Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28, Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8, Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19, Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8, Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a, Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, 2 Tm 1:8b-10, Mt 17:1-9

**Stewardship Report**

February 23, 2020

**Collected at Mass:**

Envelopes \$ 7,852.50  
Loose cash \$ 1,707.53

**Electronic Contributions** \$16,600.00

**Total: \$26,160.03**

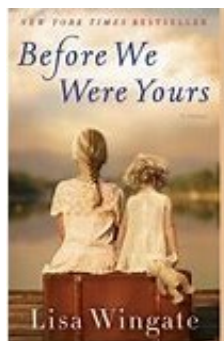
**Thank you for supporting our Parish.**

**SSJFX Book Club**

Book: "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate  
When: March 17, 2020 at 9:30 A.M.  
Where: Mallinckrodt Community Center  
Reviewer: Anna Marie Buchmann  
Hostesses: Marianne Bielinski and Dolores Maatman

**Memphis, 1939.** Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shantyboat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge—until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents—but they quickly realize the dark truth. At the mercy of the facility's cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty.

Please call Donna Fugazzotto at 847-256-2126 with any questions.



**Beginning February 26**

**Wednesdays at 9 am**

**Ss. Faith Hope & Charity  
Bell Tower**

**CENTERING PRAYER**

Twenty minutes of silent meditation followed by book discussion.

**An Introduction to Centering Prayer will be offered on February 26<sup>th</sup>.**

Please join us for this ancient, meditative practice of the Church.

Questions? Contact Pam Coster on [pcoster@gmail.com](mailto:pcoster@gmail.com)  
[www.faithhope.org](http://www.faithhope.org)



**Reconciliation, Penance, Confession:**

***Can we talk?***

**Casual Conversation Tuesdays**

**March 3rd and March 10th**

**10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

**Parish Office 524 9<sup>th</sup> St.**



Catholics are all over the place on this sacrament. Some frequent Confession regularly and others, well, almost never. Some find overwhelming grace in the experience, others have bad memories, forget how it works, feel that God forgives them in other ways. Most acknowledge we need forgiveness in our lives but somehow the Sacrament of Penance just doesn't jive with our cultural style. We've drifted...for so many reasons. Is the sacrament important to the modern Catholic? What do you think about it? What would you like to say about it? Do you have questions? Let's talk. We are offering a listening session for folks to air their thoughts and share their feelings and beliefs about this sacrament. *All are welcome!*  
[klyons@ssjfx.org](mailto:klyons@ssjfx.org)

*Eucharistic Adoration*  
*Ss Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish*  
*Please join us in St. Joseph Church for*  
*Eucharistic Adoration*  
*From 9am—7pm*

*Upcoming dates:*  
*March 3rd, 17th and 31st*

*For more information or to sign up for an hour of adoration please email Kirsten at: [k.solmos@comcast.net](mailto:k.solmos@comcast.net) or call 847/337-1708*

**SSJFX ACTION**

Over President's Day weekend, the Action youth group had a ski retreat at Crystal Mountain Resort in Michigan. It was an exciting weekend for everyone, packed with skiing, bonding, and growing together in faith. The group was led this year by an amazing group of seniors who worked hard to prepare speeches about their experience with Action and how it has impacted their faith. The trip was chaperoned by adults who were previously in Action in high school and they helped to guide the small group talks about their faith. The weekend was a huge success for all involved, and the teens loved every minute of it.

Interested in Action? Open to all high schoolers. All are welcome. Next Action is Sunday, March 1 at 7:30pm in SFX Church!



## MINISTRY OF CARE

**Your spiritual needs are very important to the staff at Ss. Joseph and Francis Xavier.** To insure that you receive the desired spiritual care if you are hospitalized or homebound with illness, please assist us by providing us with the following.

### Hospital:

If you would like anointing prior to a scheduled surgery, please call the parish office to schedule an anointing with a priest. You may also receive anointing at the hospital when there is an emergency.

When you are admitted to the hospital it is critical that you or a loved one identifies your religious affiliation, your parish name and your desire for pastoral care and communion visits.

The patient may also call the Ministry of Care line to request communion at the hospital. A Minister of Care will make sure the hospital is informed of this request.

### Homebound:

Trained Ministers of Care are available to bring communion to our parish sick and homebound. Ministers also visit local assisted living and nursing care homes. To schedule a visit, please call the Ministry of Care line at: 847 256-2273 press 0 and a Minister of Care will return your call.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** is dedicated to helping the poor and others who have come upon difficult times. As Vincentians, we serve those in need through one-on-one counseling, as well as providing financial and other help to those who have fallen on hard times. If you or someone you know wishes to meet with us, please call 847-256-4250 and ask for extension 44. We will respond as soon as possible. All inquiries are treated in the strictest of confidence.

## ***Ministry of Care Visits Sunday, March 8***

### **After 8:00 Mass Hospital**

#### **B. Weir\*\***

J. Grant  
J. Later  
J. Lober  
L. McGuire  
D. Proteau

#### **Mather Home**

10:00am  
M. Demetrio

### **After 9:30 Mass Home**

#### **Dalys\*\***

L. Cannon  
P. Schwab  
M. A. Warwick  
E. Whittingham

#### **Symphony**

10:30am

## SACRAMENTS AT SSJFX

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM :

Contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :

Saturdays, 9 - 9:30am (SJ) and 4:15 - 4:45pm (SFX)

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE :

Should be arranged at least six months in advance. Contact the Parish Office for details.

### PARISH REGISTRATION :

Registration Forms available in vestibule of Church, at the Parish Offices or from our Website.

## *Catholic Charities Giving Opportunities*

### *Being clean doesn't need to be a privilege in our Community*

We need your help, collecting hygiene essentials for Catholic Charities clients visiting the North & Northwest Regional Service Center in Des Plaines! Over 7,000 individuals visit our clothing room each year, in need of basic hygiene items and clothing.

Any hygiene essentials are appreciated, including: shampoo, soap, lotion, razors, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, detergent, underwear (mens', womens' and childrens'), any long underwear, and adult diapers.

*Please consider coordinating a collection and supporting those in need that come to Catholic Charities. Please drop your donations at **Catholic Charities, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines**, or contact **Adriana Kelly** with any question: [akelly@catholiccharities.net](mailto:akelly@catholiccharities.net) (847) 376-2121*



## View from the Pew

Reflections on our Parish unification

By Drew Zavattero and Gretchen Couri



My name is Drew Zavattero, soon to be confirmed as John the Apostle, and I am an eighth grader at St. Francis Xavier School. Recently, during my Confirmation interview I was asked the question, “How has your transition been from St. Joseph to St. Francis as an 8th grader?” “Great!” was the word that came to mind, but “great” doesn’t really fully cover my experience. Now that I’ve had time to think about it this would be my answer...

My story begins at the age of 2 when I walked into my first classroom at St. Joseph School. From what my mom tells me the first few days didn’t go so well, but thanks to the expertise of the beloved Mrs. Diane Dudek, I ended up having so much fun. She was the best! It was in this classroom where I met my first true friends, many of whom are still my classmates today.

My journey continued on at SJS where I learned to develop the foundation of who I am today. I developed relationships with friends, teachers, academics and the Holy Spirit. Throughout my 11 years at SJS, the teachers and students were the major reason for my becoming the young man I am today. My experiences at my school taught me to have an appreciation for music, good literature, math—and most importantly, that hard work and determination can bring you great things. I also learned that nothing good in life comes easily.

When I first heard people talking about the possibility of our two schools merging, I didn’t know how I felt about it. At first I thought it would be fun because I would meet new people and the school environment would be much bigger. More kids, more opportunities. Then I thought about leaving the very school I had been at since I was two years old. I worried about how difficult this would be to do. I was afraid the new teachers and kids wouldn’t understand who I am or what I am about. As time went on it was officially announced that St. Francis and St. Joseph would become one. I decided I was happy to hear this news because a bigger pond would be the perfect prep for high school. This year has been surprisingly great because the kids and the teachers have been very welcoming and kind. One of the traditions we carried over from St. Joe’s that I was excited about was designing the 8th grade sweatshirts. They are very comfortable and we get to wear them around school. I am happy to be a part of new traditions too such as our recent ski trip and flying to Washington DC in May. As my 8th grade year flies by, it is awesome to stop and think about how much I have grown. So to answer the question, the transition has been “great” but for so many more reasons than I would have ever thought. My last year in Jr High has definitely been one I will never forget!

Drew Zavattero

My name is Gretchen Couri. I attended Saint Joseph school for 11 years, starting in the two-year old program in 2008. I basically grew up in St. Joseph school and have so many great memories of my time there. Last summer, however, I found out I would be attending Saint Francis Xavier School for my eighth grade year as the two schools were going to merge. When I first found out about this news, I was apprehensive, but eventually became excited about the change. I knew I would miss Saint Joe’s, but I also realized that the move to St. Francis could be a good experience and a chance to meet new people.

I have a little sister, Emily, who is also attending Saint Francis as a seventh grader. When we switched over, we both did not know what to expect, but it made it easier to know we had each other and that most families from St. Joe’s would be there. Starting with the first day of school, Emily and I found everyone to be very welcoming and comforting. I quickly learned that the experience at St. Francis was not that much different than at St. Joseph. Both schools focused on community and families based on Catholic traditions. I also quickly learned that the transition was not only new for both Saint Joseph students, but also for Saint Francis students. Yes, the switch to a new school may have been hard for some Saint Joseph students, but I am sure it was also hard for many students at Saint Francis to have so many new students come into their school. What I think most of the students have come to learn, however, is that once everyone settled in to their new roles, they realized that the change wasn’t so bad and, in fact, was not much different than what they were used to experiencing before.

I am grateful to the Saint Francis community for being so supportive to the families of St. Joseph’s in this transition. They put so much work and effort into making us feel at home and welcomed into their community. For me personally, it is clear everyone is working to make our eighth-grade year very special for all of us. It has helped that many of the eighth-grade traditions we had at Saint Joseph have been implemented at Saint Francis. I hope my new friends are enjoying these new traditions as much as we are enjoying the traditions established at St. Francis over the many years. At the end of the day, I am very excited to graduate from Saint Francis with all my new and old friends. This transition has provided a great experience, happiness, and a stronger community for everyone.

Gretchen Couri

**THANK YOU!**

Over 300 people stopped by the SFX gym to donate or support the 5<sup>th</sup> annual blood drive in honor of Kevin Joseph Smith Burke. 252 Pints were collected from donors ranging in age from 16 to their late 80's. Another 26 people registered for the Bone Marrow Registry. The coolers in this photo show only half of the collected pints taken that day. Thanks to all for their generosity and support to help save over 750 lives. In the 5 years of the drive a total of 699 Pints have been collected. You can still add to these totals by stopping by Vitalant centers and donating under Group Code 750B.



**MIKE SMALL BASKETBALL CAMPS  
COME TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

IBCA Hall of Fame Coach, Mike Small will have a week of his popular fundamentals basketball camp at St Francis Xavier gym this summer.

August 10th - August 14th  
at the following times:

Boys/Girls Grades 3 - 6  
9am—11am

Boys/Girls Grades K - 2  
11am—1pm  
Grades are as of fall 2020.

For more information:  
[www.mike-small.com](http://www.mike-small.com) or  
847.635.8437



**Loyola Cocurriculars would like to offer  
a Parents Night Out and a Girls' Night In  
to celebrate Women's History Month.**

Participate in a variety of activities including arts and crafts, a STEM workshop, dancing, yoga, reading books, and making snacks.

The night will start with a pizza dinner.

The cost is \$15 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child; boys are welcome to join our Girls' Night In.

Parents will drop-off and pick-up in the cafeteria.

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30-8:30 PM**  
open to pre-K to 6th graders

register at [goramblers.org/nightout](http://goramblers.org/nightout)





The St. Francis Xavier HSO and the 5th Grade Parents would like to thank our sponsors for their support of our annual school fundraiser, Showcase 2020. We are grateful for their generosity to enrich our school community!

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**COMMUNITY-WIDE  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY HOSTED BY THE SFX HSO**

**CEOL AGUS CRAIC!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020**  
**2PM MASS AT SFX CHURCH + 3-7PM PARTY IN THE SFX GYM**  
**MUSIC, FOOD + FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

 *VISIT [BIT.LY/SFXSTPATS](http://bit.ly/sfxstpats) FOR TICKETS & INFO*

## 40 Days For Life

Spring 2020 | Feb 26 - Apr 5

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through **prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach**, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

With **God's help**, here are the proven results in 24 coordinated campaigns:

- **16,004 babies** saved from abortion
- **190 abortion** workers converted
- **100 abortion** centers closed

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/>

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Family Planning Associate Medical Group Women's Health Clinic (4341 N Milwaukee Ave, Chicago, IL 60641).
- **Vigil hours:** 7:00am to 7:00pm Daily
- **SJFX contact:** Kevin Connolly 773-981-2972, [kconnolly@usa.com](mailto:kconnolly@usa.com).
- **Learn more ...** get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!