



Get involved in the great things happening at Saints JFX!

Join our Ministries

Become a better person while making the world a better place. As Jesus' disciples, we serve as living examples of His compassion, mercy, tenderness and love. As He said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Hear the call. Give of yourself. You will be happy you did!

Review the ministries listed below and select any that interest you. Whether you choose to share your time, talent, or treasure-or a combination of your gifts-you will be assisting others while helping yourself to connect to our parish.

WORSHIP

CELEBRATE IN PRAYER AND EUCHARIST

ALTAR SERVERS Assist the priest during weekend Masses - for students in grades 4 through 8. Training consists of three 90-minute sessions after school. Server parents use Sign Up Genius for their child. The minimum amount of time expected is one Mass, once a month. Contact: Ron Berger, rberger@ssjfx.org.

ANA MINISTRY Clean and press purificators and hand towels at SFX Church. Contact: Marianne Bielinski, mariannebielinski@gmail.com.

ELIJAH CUP Take home a chalice used at Mass for a week - for families, couples, or individuals. The chalice is displayed in the home and used as a focal point to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and religious life. Contact: Kirsten Solmos, k.solmos@comcast.net.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Come to Eucharistic Adoration and spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Attend adoration for one hour each Tuesday after 8:30 am Mass. Contact: Michael Cesario, mjcesario@ssjfx.org.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Assist with the distribution of Communion during weekend Masses - high school students through adult. Training consists of one 90 minute session. Eucharistic Ministers sign up when available. Contact: Ron Berger, rberger@ssjfx.org.



LITURGICAL ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT Prepare and display floral arrangements in both churches during the liturgical calendar. Assist coordinator during the weekly or seasonal time commitment. Contact: Parish Office, officessjfx@ssjfx.org.



LECTORS & COMMENTATORS Read Scriptures and petitions during weekend Masses - for those in grade 7 through adult. There is a one-hour training session. Lectors sign up when available. Contact: Ron Berger, rberger@ssjfx.org.

ROSARY Join Fr. Wayne Watts as he leads the Rosary online at 7:30 am daily. Connect online at <https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>. Meeting ID: 217 167 320 893 Passcode: PgfzMi. If you prefer to call in, dial: 872-215-5920, Phone conference ID: 706 348 841# The Rosary is also prayed at 8:00 am at St. Joseph Church, Monday through Saturday, followed by daily Mass at 8:30 am. Contact: Parish Office, officessjfx@ssjfx.org.

THE PARISH CHOIR Sing weekly at either St. Joseph or St. Francis Xavier, including a broad range of repertoire such as chant, western classical, and contemporary sacred music. While previous musical training is encouraged, all voice types and abilities are welcome. Rehearsal occurs one hour before Mass, followed by a one-hour Mass. Extra rehearsals at holiday times. Contact: Music Directors Jonathan Metzinger, jmetzinger@ssjfx.org or John Hopkins, jhopkins17@gmail.com.

THE CHILDRENS CHOIR is open to students in 3rd-8th grades. Rehearsals happen on Tuesdays and the Choir sings at the 4:45pm Sunday Mass at SJ Church, every other week. Contact: Music Director, John Hopkins, jhopkins17@gmail.com

SACRISTAN Prepare and oversee the articles and elements required for the Liturgy. The role is open to adults. On-the-job training. Candidates can either sign up for a specific Mass on a weekly basis weekly if one is available or as a substitute. Contact: Ron Berger, rberger@ssjfx.org.

USHERS Greet and assist parishioners at weekend Masses, as well as aid in the collection of gifts at Mass. Anyone of high school age and up can be an usher. You can sign up for a specific weekend Mass. Minimal training. Contact: Ron Berger, rberger@ssjfx.org.

FAITH FORMATION AND EDUCATION

SPIRITUAL GROWTH UNDER CREED, PRAYER, SACRAMENTS, AND MORALITY

ACTION Join our youth group for high school-aged people. Hosts weekly Sunday Mass and activities during the school year that provide spiritual, formational, and service opportunities within a social context. Contact: Noreen Russo, nrusso@ssjfx.org.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD Provide liturgy of the word for children in K-4th grades - volunteers are adults and middle and high school students. **VIRTUS** online training is required for all volunteers. Sessions are held every Sunday during the school year at 9:30 am and 10:30 am Masses. Readings for Mass are suitably adapted to make them relevant to the lives and experiences of young people. Contact: Diane Clark, thehunty@yahoo.com or Jane Daley, daley.jane@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY Scripture study in a large group setting for adults, with the opportunity for small group discussion. Meet monthly on the first Tuesday evening. Contact: Michael Cesario, mjcesario@ssjfx.org.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Prepare to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation through this education-formation process for adults. A fall inquiry session, followed by weekly preparation and meetings, examines Catholic tradition and topics such as the Bible, spirituality, prayer, the saints, and the sacraments. Contact: Michael Cesario, mjcesario@ssjfx.org.



FAMILY OF FAITH PROGRAM (our Parish Religious Education Program) Join this family-centered faith religious education program for children Pre-K through 8th grade. Families who participate in Family of Faith will attend monthly parent meetings and utilize teaching material at home. Adults hoping to volunteer as catechists or monthly volunteers will meet on an as-needed basis to review materials discussed at parent meetings and faith community gatherings. There is a 3 to 4-hour monthly time commitment for catechists or faith community volunteers. Families pay a registration fee, but there are no costs involved for volunteers helping as catechists or faith community volunteers. Contact: Dana McKenna, dmckenna@ssjfx.org.

SPRED (Special Religious Education) Join this Archdiocese religious education program specifically designed to meet the spiritual needs of children and adults with developmental disabilities. Adult volunteers are VIRTUS trained and follow Faith Formation curriculum. Contact: Marion Kahle, mkkahle@yahoo.com.

SAINTS JOSEPH AND FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL Learn, pray, serve and grow in a vibrant learning community spanning 2 year old preschool through 8th grade across two Saints JFX Campuses. Our dedicated faculty and staff know and honor every child for their many gifts, ensuring students leave our doors equipped to make a difference in the world. Contact: Principal Colleen Larkin, colleenlarkin@saintsjfx.org.



STEWARDSHIP SERVE AND LOVE OUR PARISH FAMILY

ANNULMENT SUPPORT Receive information and assistance in the preparation of applications and testimony, and joint support with the Family Ministries Office and the Metropolitan Tribunal. Contact: Parish Office, officessjfx@ssjfx.org.

KNITTING MINISTRY began nearly 20 years ago to create prayer shawls for people experiencing illness, loss, or for joyous celebrations. Over the years the ministry has expanded its mission to include a winter project of knitting or crocheting items of warmth for the immigrants and the poor served by Catholic Charities. The group meets once a month on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Community room on the St Joseph Campus. We welcome knitters to join us in person or be one of our long distance knitters. Contact: Shelagh Donoghue, shelaghdonoghue2@gmail.com or Chris Porter, CWPor14@gmail.com.

MOMS & TOTS Enjoy this playgroup of moms, dads, and caregivers of small children which meets twice a month to share toys, talk, friendship, refreshments. Contact: SJ school office, sjoffice@saintsjfx.org.

SAINTS JFX BOOK CLUB Meet at Mallinckrodt Community Center monthly to review selected books. Contact: Donna Fugazzotto, dfugazzotto@sbcglobal.net.

MINISTRY OF CARE Minister to the infirm in homes, senior living, skilled nursing, or Evanston Hospital. Each week adult parishioners visit Catholics who cannot attend Mass, offering Holy Communion and shared prayer. Ministers may express a preference for where they serve. Commitment is one visit a month for about an hour, participation in monthly one-hour small group meetings October through May, an annual half-day retreat, and gathering with all ministers for Mass and dinner at the beginning and end of each year. Ministers assist with the Anointing of the Sick Masses and the All Souls Day Mass. Training is 12 hours in classroom, spread over several sessions, followed by shadowing a current Minister of Care. Contact: MaryClare Birmingham, mbirmingham@ssjfx.org,

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY Adult parishioners provide funeral support for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, as funeral planners or day-of-funeral ministers. Assignments are made as funerals are scheduled. Funeral planning requires a minimum of 3 hours per funeral, often more depending on circumstances. Day-of-funeral ministers assist with set-up and hospitality, usually two hours per funeral. All ministers assist with the annual All Souls Day Mass. Commitment is a team meeting quarterly, an annual half-day retreat, and a Mass and dinner with all ministers at the beginning and end of each year. Funeral planners receive training, and initially shadow experienced ministers. Day-of-funeral ministers are trained by shadowing ministers at funerals. Contact: MaryClare Birmingham, mbirmingham@ssjfx.org.

COMPANIONS IN GRIEF Drop-in support group that meets the third Saturday of each month at 10 AM in the St. Joseph campus Community Room. We welcome people of all ages and stages of grief, providing a safe space to share memories and discuss whatever is weighing on heart and mind. We have no set curriculum and respect the confidentiality of those who participate. The group is part of the Ministry of Care & Bereavement outreach. Contact: Deacon Jack Malone, jmalone@archchicago.org or Shelagh Donoghue, shelaghdonoghue2@gmail.com.

SAINTS JFX MEN'S CLUB Join the men of the parish to experience fellowship, give service, and deepen faith. One hour per month for regular meetings plus one to two hours per month of volunteer/fellowship activity. The cost is \$50 of annual dues. Contact: Zack Nippert, zacharynippert@gmail.com.



SAINTS JFX WOMEN'S CLUB Join women of all ages and support the mission of the parish while meeting new people, serving others, and developing your faith. Members focus on charitable, spiritual, social, and service activities. There are annual membership dues. Contact: Co-Presidents Jen McGinn and Shelagh Donoghue, ssjfxwomensclub@gmail.com.



HUMAN CONCERNS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SERVICE WORK

LOSS (Loving Outreach for Survivors of Suicide) Provides counseling and support services to individuals grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. Contact: Marion Kahle, 847-769-9619, mkkahle@yahoo.com.

BLOOD DRIVE Help facilitate registration and hospitality at the blood drive scheduled each Super Bowl Sunday. Approximately 24 high school and adult volunteers are needed as helpers. The Red Cross brings over a 50-person staff to run the event. Contact: Jeff Later, jpl1009@gmail.com.



FAMILY PROMISE (FP) Help families in need of temporary housing as they work to return to more permanent housing. FP provides emergency shelter, meals, job search assistance, financial counseling, and other support for families with young children. Saints JFX volunteers provide meals and other support to families staying at the Evanston Day Center or nearby parishes/congregations. Contact: Paula Humbach, pawlala@yahoo.com or George Pearce, geoknox@comcast.net.

RESPECT LIFE Works with the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office to promote the Catholic belief that all human life is sacred. The committee plans activities that keep the parish informed about Respect Life issues and encourages assistance for the unborn, people with disabilities, and the elderly. Contact: Kevin Connolly, kconnolly@usa.com.

HAITI SHARING PARISH Offer financial and operational assistance and spiritual solidarity with, Immaculée Conception School in Galette-Chambon, Haiti. The school and parish are in the diocese of Port au Prince led by Archbishop Max Leroy Mésidor. Contact: Jody Weshler, docdad8@gmail.com.

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY is our sharing parish in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood. We help support the Food Pantry and School tutoring program. The Food Pantry welcomes donations of non-perishable food items and personal care products. Volunteers are needed at the Food Pantry Mondays and Thursdays to organize donations, stock shelves and assist clients with shopping. Contact Br. Ayub Mwenda, stcfoodpantry1@gmail.com. Tutors commit to weekly or twice-monthly sessions throughout the school year. Prospective volunteers contact Adrienne Testa (atesta@stmarysthomas.org) to receive an application, begin Virtus training, and tour the school. Shadow sessions are also available.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY Provide assistance to individuals and families in emergencies. Optional monthly meeting. Members typically volunteer for 2 to 20 hours per month. In addition, a training session equips new members interested in serving on the phone hotline. St. Vincent de Paul provides support while preserving the dignity and confidentiality of those in need. Contact: SVDP@saintsifx.org.



WELCOMING COMMITTEE Introduce newly-registered parishioners to our parish community and help host "welcome" dinners every few months. Contact: Mary Pearce, mspbeloit@comcast.net.

CARE FOR CREATION

SAINTS JFX CARE FOR CREATION ministry is dedicated to inspiring and enabling parishioners and their families to cherish and protect God's gift of creation. This new ministry responds to the call made by Pope Francis in his encyclical *Laudato Si* and continued by Pope Leo XIV. The ministry meets monthly. Contact: Peter Alonzi lpalonzi@dom.edu or Ben Ivory benjamindivory@gmail.com.

SAINTS JFX PARISH & SCHOOL ADVISORY

FINANCE COUNCIL Assist the pastor in discharging responsibilities in the administration, management, and stewardship of the financial affairs of the parish. Contact: Andy Housley, andrew.housley@gmail.com.

SAINTS JFX SCHOOL BOARD Serve on a nine-person advisory board with set terms for the Saints JFX School Principal and Pastor. Contact: David Majewski, davidmajewski@hotmail.com.

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE Help plan and execute parish-wide events to promote community. Contact: Ann Hughes, annhollandhughes@yahoo.com.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Serve on the main consultative body of the parish which exercises shared responsibility for the pastoral life of the parish, advising the Pastor. There are three-year term Board positions, elected by the incumbent board and Pastor Wayne Watts. Contact: John Celentani, johncelentani@yahoo.com.

HOME SCHOOL ORGANIZATION (HSO) Promote parental support of Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier School ("Saints JFX") with events designed to enhance the school socially, academically and spiritually.

Ministry members are parents with children at both campuses of Saints JFX schools. The HSO is made up of Saints JFX parents committed to cultivating a dynamic and inclusive school community, focused on the importance of giving back to our school and showing our appreciation. Parents must be VIRTUS trained to volunteer at the schools. Training for event chair and executive board positions is provided by the prior year's chair. Parents are encouraged to attend monthly HSO meetings, which generally last one hour. Volunteer time commitments vary based on the nature of the volunteer opportunity. Contact: Cora Kelliher, cora.a.lynch@gmail.com, or Elizabeth Sheedy, elizabethdoransheedy@gmail.com.

For Additional Information, please contact the Parish Office

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