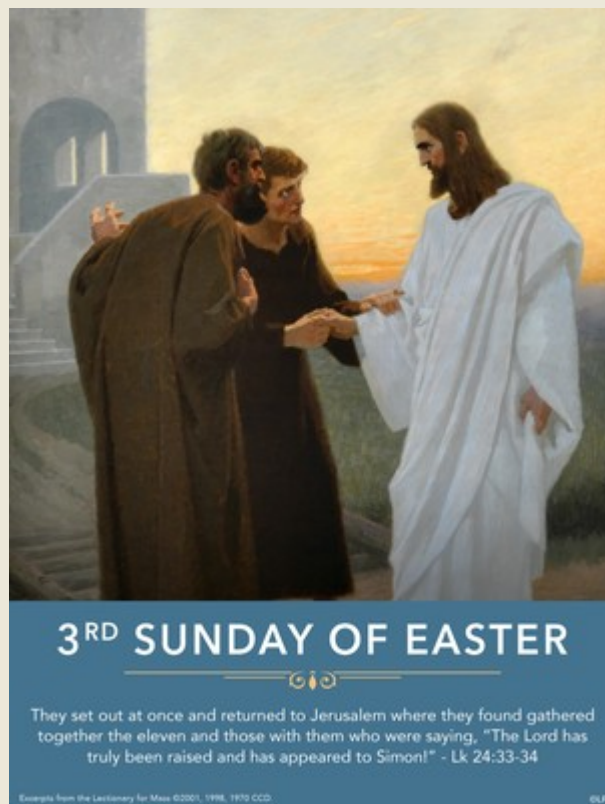




Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

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.



April 26, 2020

In compliance with the “stay at home” order from the State of Illinois which has been extended through April 30, 2020, the SFX and SJ churches remain closed. Please see page 4 of this bulletin for information regarding our video Masses and watch your email for updates on other spiritual outreach activities. For emergencies, call 847-496-0031.

The Parish Offices are also closed. Questions or concerns can be addressed to either of the following emails: rleech@ssjfx.org or officessjfx@ssjfx.org.



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Stewardship Report

If you are interested in contributing to the Parish electronically at this time, you can do so through Give Central at the following address:

www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/1531

Thank you.

**Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier
Women's Club**



Slate of Officers for 2020-2021

CO-PRESIDENTS:

Laura Cienkus (continuing)
Susan Bradley (incoming)

CO-VICE PRESIDENTS:

Jill Pinkerton (incoming one year)
Deana Tolzien (incoming)

CO-CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES:

Tammy Malyszek (continuing)
Sandy Pigott (incoming)

CO-RECORDING SECRETARIES:

Zoe Hoepfner (continuing)
Jean Pasko (incoming)

TREASURER:

Diane Clarke (continuing)

TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATOR:

Rachelle Leech (continuing)

A special thank you to those serving on the nominating committee:

Nora Joyce (Chair), Judy Hanley,
Jenny Schade, Lynne Strutz & Josephine Harrison

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter! Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia!

Today we have another appearance of the resurrected Christ to the downtrodden and probably fearful disciples. He walks with them, talks to them and finally breaks bread with them... and they recognize Him in that familiar action. All week, after reading today's gospel passage, I have been running around humming a song we used to sing when I was in college. It is called simply, "In the breaking of the bread." The song contains striking lyrics.

"In the breaking of the bread, we have known him; we have been fed.

Jesus the stranger, Jesus the Lord, be our companion; be our hope."

The songwriter accomplishes two things with the refrain. One, he reminds us that the Risen Christ does not want to be a stranger. Two, he makes a profession of faith and a petition for Divine assistance. He also makes me think about my own devotion to the Eucharist. I suppose during this time of pandemic, when we cannot share reception of the Eucharist in our public usual way, it makes us think of our own relationship with Jesus. He comes to us truly present in the Eucharist - even if these days it is simply over the Internet waves.

Do I recognize Him in the breaking of the bread?

Do I know that Christ is truly present, alive and coming to be with us at the Mass?

In the midst of all life brings me, can I really trust Jesus to be my companion and my hope?

Do I make a spiritual communion with our Eucharistic Lord, even when watching the Mass in my home?

If I answer these questions with a "yes," as I presume we would all like to do, then how does that call me to approach the Eucharist? I think a "yes" will demand a few things from us.

Recognizing Jesus in the breaking of the bread requires an attitude of awe. He is present, really present, in the simple form of bread and wine! The theologians call it transubstantiation. I call it gift. The recipients of the gift can only appreciate the gift when they open the gift with wonder and awe. Think of the love that God has for us. So great was God's love, that He sent His only Son, who not only lived and died for us, but He gave us the Eucharist, His Body and Blood, as a living memorial of that love.

Perhaps before this pandemic, we dragged ourselves to Mass, more out of an obligation, or to avoid guilt, than out of an awestruck response to God's love. In the Eucharist, in the

breaking of the bread, if we allow ourselves to reflect for some moments on what it is we are doing, we will know Him more closely, more intimately, more dearly. I long for the day that on the other side of the broken bread I raise during the fraction rite, I will see your faces in a full church. That day will come. I'm convinced.



Trusting Jesus to be our companion necessitates a commitment on our part. We cannot claim companionship with someone to whom we rarely speak. This relationship calls for some mutuality. The One who is our companion and our hope is always waiting for us, is always there for us and is always calling us. Here in Wilmette, we recognize Him. The scores of people who ventured out last Sunday to adore our Eucharistic Lord as we processed from Saint Francis to Saint Joseph moved me to tears.

Some of my spiritual heroes often spoke of the time before the Blessed Sacrament as being the most important times of their days. Saint Mother Theresa insisted that her followers spend an hour a day before Jesus in the Tabernacle. When the churches open again, commit to spending time with Jesus in adoration.

Let's commit to a life companioning with Jesus. He is our hope!

Peace,

Rev. Wayne T. Wauson



Schedule for Masses, Sacraments and Benediction

Monday, April 27, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Marles Muno
+Gene Barnett
(L) Martin Lee

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Ann Theresa Weir
+Tom Ryan
(L) Martin Lee

Video: School Mass

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Maurice and Pauline
Colbert
(L) Martin Lee

+ Deceased / (L) Living

SFX and SJ churches have been closed as of March 21, 2020. Daily Masses from SSJFX Parish are available via video broadcast. Links to these Mass videos are being sent in a daily email from the parish.

If you are not receiving these emails and wish to receive them, please send your email address to:

officessjfx@ssjfx.org

and you will be added to the group emails.

Thursday, April 30, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Katharina Wurum
(L) Martin Lee

Friday, May 1, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Charles Lenz
+Catherine Rollings
+Lee Condon
(L) Martin Lee
(L) James Ward

Saturday, May 2, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Arthur and Virginia Roth

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+John Cossarek
+Pio and Ermando
Gambacorta
+Philip A. Mahoney, Jr.

Pray For Vocations Elijah Cup Chalice Ministry



Thank you to everyone who has been praying with the Elijah Cup during our time at home. The Elijah Cup is travelling between parishioners' homes and we invite you to sign up to receive the Elijah Cup. Now more than ever we need to pray for an increase in vocations but to also be praying for our priests at Saints

Joseph and Francis Xavier.
Below are available dates:

May 3
May 10
May 17
May 24
May 31

For more information or to sign up, please contact: Kirsten Solmos:
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Prayers for the sick and those in need

Seda Aghajani
Carmen Albino
Rory Andrykowski
Ginnie Becker
Tom Beitzel
Heather Campbell
Guillermo Cannon
William Carlin
Peter DiClementi, Jr.
John Patrick Gabby
Cecelia Cruz

Ryan Glassberg
Margaret Grothe
Phillip Hall
Tim Hanson
Barbara Hardy
Barbara Hawkinson
Laura Hendricks
Tom Hopkins
Brier Johnston
Charles Jonaitis

Bob Kerrigan
John Krupka
Dolores Meier
Paul Molaro
Daniel O'Herron
Pam O'Reilly
Monica Pecuch
Fr. Gosbert Rwezahura
Rich Santello

Olivia Sergot
Brian Slowinski
Dino Tonelli
Elliott Villarreal
David W.
Dolores Welch
Krista Wilkinson
Audrey Williams
Carol Woodard
Shirley Zeeb

*In prayer
and loving memory of:*

Vivian Cangelosi
Peggy Crumley
Rev. William Kelly, S. J.
Mary Lazzaro
Denis Patrick Mahoney
Rudy Saliwanchik
Mary Ellen Wolff

Please email the parish office (officessjfx@ssjfx.org) if you'd like to add or remove a name.



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
2nd 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
Cpt John Weidinger, Grandson of Gerda Weidinger

US Marine Corps

1st Lt Jeff Barak, Friend of Frantzen family
Pvt 1st 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 & Michele Hinchcliff
1st Lt Brad Gustafson, Son of Garth & Myrna Gustafson,
and Brother of Jack Gustafson
Ssgt Walter Ramirez, Son of Enrique & Mary Lou Ramirez
2nd 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
Sgt. Jackson Knott, brother of Ryan Knott

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St. Thomas of Canterbury and St. Ignatius: Urgent Request!

Food insecurity is an increasingly serious issue for our friends at our sharing parishes. Items needed are listed here if you are able to help.

Update:

If you have food to donate, please drop the items at the front door of the Saint Joseph Rectory at 1747 Lake Avenue on Mondays only from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thank you for your generosity!

Dry Goods

Rice
Pasta
Beans
Macaroni and Cheese
Ramen Noodles
Powdered Milk
Creamer
Coffee
Cookies
Dry Cereal
Infant Formula
Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5)

Canned Goods

Tuna
Fruit
Vegetables
Soup
Meats
Peanut Butter
Jelly

Readings for the week of April 26, 2020

Monday: Acts 6:8-15, Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30, Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a, Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab, Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8, Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40, Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20, Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20, Ps 117:1bc, 2, Jn 6:52-59. St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24, Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16, Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42, Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17, Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, 1 Pt 2:20b-25, Jn 10:1-10

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 when prompted by the recording for the St. Vincent de Paul line, press 3. We will respond as soon as possible. All inquiries are treated in the strictest of confidence.