



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.



May 3, 2020

In compliance with the “stay at home” order from the State of Illinois which has been extended through May 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.



**New Digital Ministries at
Saints JFX**

Are you looking for ways to connect, pray and grow during this time? Saints JFX has introduced the following virtual ministries:

- **Bible Study-The Church and the Bible** Will examine ideas of Church as found in the bible with an emphasis on the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. Two sections will meet:
Mondays at 10 AM and Thursdays at 3:15 PM
- **Bible Study-Sunday Readings** We'll look at each Sunday's readings, looking at each reading in its own context as well as in relation to the other readings for that Sunday. Two sections will meet:
Tuesdays at 7:45 PM and Thursdays at 2 PM
- **God Talk: Topical discussions on faith** Each week, each individual group will select a topic based on the group's own interests. Two sections will meet:
Mondays at 1PM and Thursdays at 7:45 PM

If you are interested in joining one or more of these ministries, please email Fr. Spotts directly at: mspotts@ssjfx.org

Dear Friends,

The weekend of March 7th, we gathered as a community for three Confirmation Masses in our churches. The sun was shining. It was a beautiful day.

The eighth-grade students were dressed in their best clothes. They had spent the last two years getting ready for the moment when they would become an adult in the church.

As we gathered in our beautiful church, I kept noticing something was off. When Bishop Bartosic arrived and I extended my hand, he literally jumped back! In the excitement of the final moments before Confirmation, I was on autopilot and had forgotten that **not** shaking hands was a new custom.

I went out to the pews to greet students with their Confirmation sponsors and parents. My hands were behind my back so I would not unintentionally extend my hand to welcome them in the customary way to Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier.

One of my favorite Moms came up to me and as she started to speak, her eyes filled with tears. I know this woman very well. She is a great mom and physician. I froze and noticed again something was radically off about the day.

A short time after the Bishop had anointed each student, without the traditional handshake, I headed to the back of the church. There was a Dad in the vestibule, a business leader, looking rather lost. I tried to talk to him and asked if he was just taking a break. He nodded yes. He seemed too emotional to speak. He looked at me like I had no idea of what was to come.

The following weekend, the Cardinal requested we post signs on the church doors. *“As of Saturday, March 14, all liturgical services in the Archdiocese of Chicago have been suspended until further notice.”* All other archdiocesan operations were closed as well.

On March 21, I was asked to replace the signs with the words *“Due to the shelter in place order, we will be closed until the order is lifted.”* As I was locking the doors, the images from the Confirmation Masses started flooding my mind.

The doctor, the businessman and the Bishop all knew our lives were about to turn upside down. The sadness and the tenderness in their eyes conveyed a message of support.



We will walk this journey together. We will walk with you and Jesus will be at our side. We are an Easter people. We are familiar with the story of resurrection. We understand the importance of staying strong together in good and bad times.

In the last two months, teachers, students and parents have taken a leap of faith into the realm of e-learning. Priests say Mass into an empty church facing a camera that sends a signal into our homes. I believe the signal is a sign of hope lifting us up and drawing us all closer together despite the order of social distancing.

There are virtual daily prayer groups. Many prayer resources are listed in Fr. Wayne’s daily emails and at archchicago.org.

Our community is choosing to hope. We have a goal. We will come together. We will go back to work, and our faith is what will make us whole again – as a community and as a healed country.

Dani Hoelich



Schedule for Masses, Sacraments and Benediction

Monday, May 4, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Carmen Frantzen Doughty
-Special Intention

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Mary Jane and Woody Herlocker
+Andrew Joseph Bishop

Video: School Mass

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Charles Lenz
+Arthur and Virginia Roth
+Honorable Charles Horan

Thursday, May 7, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Betty Ryan
+Addie Martin

+ **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.

Friday, May 8, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Maurice and Martha DeVolder
+Mary Ann Barry
(L) James Ward

Saturday, May 9, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Deceased members of DiClementi and Stewart Families
+Marguerite Clohisy
+Nancy Kelly
+John and Santina Iovine
+Pauline and Joseph Fugazzotto

Sunday, May 10, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Mary O'Connell O'Malley
+Domenic and Carmen Savignani
+Tara Fallaw Kelly
+Virginia Regan
+Hannah McNulty
+Kate Henn
+Donna Bailey
+Noreen Tobin
+Florence Duff
+Mary Lou Donahue
+Mary Ann Barry

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 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
Elliott Villarreal
David W.
Dolores Welch
Krista Wilkinson
Audrey Williams
Carol Woodard
Shirley Zeeb

*In prayer
and loving memory of:*
Robert Terrence Murphy
James Sheridan
Dino Tonelli



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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 May 3, 2020

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18, Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4, Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26, Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7, Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a, Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8, Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25, Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27, Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33, Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab, Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52, Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, 1 Pt 2:4-9, Jn 14:1-12

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.