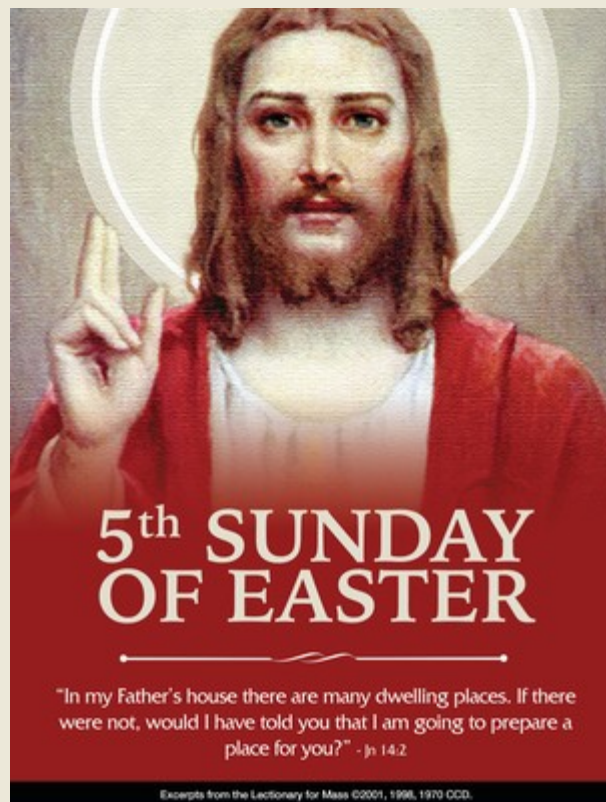




Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

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 10, 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,
Happy Mother's Day!

*Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe.
Do the works that I have done.*

This threefold command given to the disciples, who really didn't get it, is given to us today. Everything that is happening in our Church and in our world may tempt us to worry or despair. On this Mother's Day, I thank God for the mothers who keep calm in the midst of difficulties, who believe and share their beliefs, and who do the works of Jesus.

It troubles my heart each week to celebrate Mass in an empty church. But Jesus says do not have troubled hearts. He calls us to have faith in God and faith in Him. When we allow Jesus to calm our troubled hearts, when we believe that God is God and we are not, and when we do the works of Jesus, especially His work with those who are poor and troubled, we put our faith into action.

Putting this into practice takes discipline, especially during these challenging days of quarantine. When we say we trust, or believe, or have faith in God, we need to really allow God to lead us, to guide our lives. We might rather put our trust, faith, and belief, in ourselves, but that will not suffice. We belong to God. He made us. He gives us what we need. Truly, we are nothing without Him.

Today's Gospel is often proclaimed at funeral Masses. The Spanish translation of the first sentence is striking. "No pierdan la paz." Do not lose peace. Jesus, over and over again in the post-resurrection accounts in the Gospels offers peace to His disciples – His peace. As modern-day disciples we must live in the peace of Christ and not lose peace. We must become peacemakers by the way we live our lives. In so many ways, our mothers do this.

As you listen to the words of Jesus today, you might want to ask yourself what causes your peace, or really *His* peace in you, to be shaken. In this time of pandemic, when we are growing weary of being at home, and when we long ever more for reception of our Lord in the Eucharist, human emotions can lay claim to heartfelt peace. There are many causes of inquietude. Family

relationships, employment or financial issues, world events, gossip, and uncertainty about when and how we will get back to the "new normal" can shake our peace.

In order for us to not be troubled, Jesus gives us the solution, "have faith in God and faith in me." When we begin to lose the peace, we need to remind ourselves to believe. We need to believe in the power of God and in God's unconditional love for us. We need to believe that we indeed are beloved children of God. And we need to believe that with Christ all shall be well, and all things are possible. Do you believe?

Believing is a great way to maintain peace. It is, though, just a start. Jesus tells Thomas, who asks "We do not know where you are going, how can we know the way?" and Phillip who demands to see the Father, and the rest of his disciples, "The one who believes in me will do the works I do." As believers, we must continue the mission of Jesus Christ. We must live His love and share His mercy with the world.

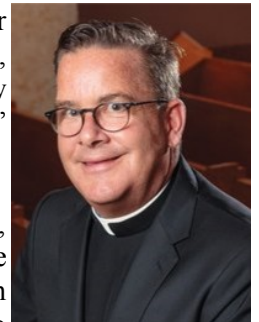
As believers, we must do the work He does. Think about it. Think of all the wonderful ways Jesus did the will of the Father while He walked this earth. Think of the way your mothers do it or did it. Then think about the ways you can continue the work in your own life. That is the life of the Church. That is the life of the Christian. In these uncertain times, our world needs us to follow the way, the truth and the life.

Listen again to the words of Saint Peter, "You are 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises' of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Let's live in the light!

Peace,

Rev. Wayne T. Wain



Schedule for Masses, Sacraments and Benediction

Monday, May 11, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Suzanne Donoghue
+Thomas Tight

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Trudy and Frank Fernholz

Video: School Mass

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Peter Meenaghan
+George McDonnell
+Vivian Cangelosi

+ 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, May 14, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Janet Sochowski

Friday, May 15, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

(L) James Ward

Saturday, May 16, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

+Alicia Kolan
+Maurice and Martha DeVolder
+Jean Davis

Sunday, May 17, 2020

Video: Daily Mass

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



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
Loretta Jacobs
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
Liliana Suci
Elliott Villarreal
David W.
Dolores Welch
Krista Wilkinson
Audrey Williams
Carol Woodard
Shirley Zeeb

*In prayer
and loving memory of:*

Mary Jo Bohlin
Josephina Cannon
Richard Nelson
Kiki Rothing
Catherine Wall
Lucy Wolski

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

If you would like to add or remove a name, please contact the parish office at officessjfx@ssjfx.org

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

Resources for Victims of Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence: It is no surprise that Covid-19 has increased the incidence and intensity of domestic violence. The Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline reports that calls for help increased 50% in March, from 60 to 90 a day. It is important that our parishioners know about available services, whether counseling or shelter. If you know or suspect someone is a victim, please check on them! If they are in immediate need, help them call 911, the National DV Hotline: 800-799-7233 or the Illinois DV Hotline: 877-863-6338 to connect to services. Additional training and awareness resources are available at the Archdiocese Domestic Violence Outreach [website](#) (See Spring 2020 ACDVO Newsletter)

https://bit.ly/2V1YH63_ACDVO_Spring2020_Newsletter

website: www.DomesticViolenceOutreach.org



Catholic Charities stands ready to support basic human needs for food, provide emergency assistance and to lift the spirit of those hit hardest by the COVID-19 virus and resulting safety protocols.

Food Pantry and evening hot meal programs are available at 1717 Rand Road, in Des Plaines. Food Packs and Hot Meals are distributed utilizing curbside distribution, while adhering to distancing protocols. For more information dial 847-376-2100

Food Pantry Hours In Des Plaines Are:

- Tuesday 10am-noon, 1-3pm
- Wednesday 10am-noon, 1-6pm
- Thursday 10am-noon, 1-3pm

Hot Meals are distributed on Tuesday & Thursday evening at 6pm.

For urgent needs, please call 877-426-6515. This call center responds to requests for emergency financial assistance and coordinated entry shelter and housing needs for suburban Cook County residents. Individuals in Chicago, dial 311.

Counseling, case management, and other services that can be provided remotely are being delivered accordingly. Please call our counseling intake number at 312-655-7725.

**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:

June 7

June 14

June 21

June 28

For more information or to sign up, please contact: Kirsten Solmos: k.solmos@comcast.net
[847-853-9021](tel:847-853-9021)/[847-337-1708](tel:847-337-1708)

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Below are the prayers and intentions for the Archdiocese of Chicago's Bells Call to Prayer for Saturday, March 21, 2020:

9 a.m. - Prayer for those infected with the virus and all who are ill

Lord, place your healing hand on those who suffer illness. Bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts. May our prayer and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary encourage them that they are not alone. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

12 p.m. - Prayer for health care workers and those attending to the sick

Lord, we are ennobled by those who put their lives at risk in caring for the sick. Keep them safe and embolden them when they are weary. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

3 p.m. - Prayer for first responders and essential workers

Lord, we pray for those who run to danger to keep us safe and those who serve the common good. Embrace them with your mantle of protection and comfort the fears of their families. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

6 p.m. - Prayer for people of every nation and their leaders

Lord, the pandemic opens our eyes to see each other as brothers and sisters in one human family. We pray for people of every nation and their leaders, asking that they be inspired to seek the good of all and quell the voices of division. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

9 p.m. - Prayer for those who have died today

Lord, we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died this day. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN



Below is a reprint of the article from the Chicago Catholic issue for May 10, 2020 entitled:
“Parish surprises priest with drive-by parade for 89th birthday”

By Michelle Martin

Staff writer

Father Ed Harnett came to St. Francis Xavier Parish in Wilmette in 1984, and has made many good friends in the community, but he never had a birthday celebration like the one he had April 30.

That’s when Harnett, who turned 89 years old that day, was saluted with a birthday parade, including vehicles from the Wilmette police and fire departments and about 100 cars.

“It took maybe 15 or 20 minutes for everyone to pass by,” said Father Wayne Watts, pastor of the now-combined Sts. Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish.

Watts organized the birthday parade, sending an invitation to parishioners in his daily email April 29 and making sure to leave Harnett and the priests who live with him off the distribution list. Then he arranged with one of the priests to bring Harnett outside at the right moment.

“I was inside talking with one of the other priests, and he said, ‘There’s a big sign for your

birthday in the front yard. You’d better come see it,’” said Harnett, now pastor emeritus.

When they stepped outside, the hook-and-ladder truck that was leading the parade started its siren and the parade began.

“It was quite a surprise,” Harnett said. “I was absolutely stunned. It was incredible.”

Watts said the gesture was intended not only to show Harnett how much parishioners loved him, but also to give parishioners something to smile about.

“He’s 89, he’s served our church so well,” Watts said. “Many people are getting a little tired of the home confinement. He’s followed the directions of the home confinement, and I don’t think he’s left the house since mid-March. He’s a great guy and people love him, and I wanted to give people the opportunity to celebrate him.”

Harnett said the rest of his birthday passed quietly.

“Very quiet,” he said in a telephone interview that evening. “We’re like everybody else, keeping our distance and trying to not cause any health problems. It was enough excitement this morning.”

Fr. Harnett’s Birthday Parade thank you is below.

Friends,

First, I don’t know how to say thank you for all you arranged on my 89th birthday. Frankly, I was in total disbelief when the fire engine procession started and still am! I am sitting down now at my computer just after coming in from the “parade.” When it started, I was simply in stunned disbelief. I regret that I didn’t get to see those who were in the first cars to thank you at the beginning of the “parade” and many cars passed before my mind could get itself around what was happening.

I have been at St. Francis (now Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier) since 1984 and truly love the parish and especially you who make the parish what it is. When Cardinal Bernardin assigned me to St. Francis Xavier, he said he had given it a lot of thought. I don’t know all his thoughts and reasons, but for me it has been a blessing. I have found our parish a challenging and generous community. Over the years, I have told classmates that what I especially enjoyed about the people of the parish is the willingness to step forward and take hold of opportunities and challenges with a generous heart and I truly meant it. But also, on a more personal level, you have been true friends over the years, and again today.

And a special thanks to Fr. Watts for all the arrangements for today.

Fr. Ed Harnett



Mass Intention Requests for online video Masses and Masses held in church (when open again).

We are taking Mass Intention requests via email or U.S. mail (send a letter with check) to our parish office. (See information below.)

We like to have the information for the request at least two weeks ahead of time due to our bulletin deadlines. We are currently taking requests through the calendar year 2021.

If you have a request, you can send an e-mail to officessjfx@ssjfx.org

Please provide the following information for each Mass Intention:

- Name of the person for whom the Mass is intended
- Note if the intended is living (L) or deceased (D)
- Day, date, year (must be 2 weeks from today's date)
- Mass time (relevant if we are having Masses in church at that time).

We ask for a \$10 donation for each Mass Intention. Payment can be made by check to SSJFX. Please mail to:

Saints JFX Parish Office
Attn: Mass Intentions
1747 Lake Avenue
Wilmette IL 60091

Intentions will be included in the Bulletin based on the date requested. (Please see the ssjfx.org website for the Bulletin link.)

It is with heavy hearts that we announce that the **2020 Jubilee Jog 5k Family Run** will NOT take place on Memorial Day as planned. In the light of COVID-19, our goal is to protect the safety and well-being of our community and respect the guidance of state and local authorities. Once more information is available, an announcement will be posted on whether the race will be canceled or postponed.

All of us at SSJFX Parish look forward to seeing your smiling faces again!

Stay safe and healthy. God Bless.

Readings for the week of May 10, 2020

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18, Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16, Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28, Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21, Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6, Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5, Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26, Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, Jn 15:9-17
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31, Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12, Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10, Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5, Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17, Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20, 1 Pt 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21

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.