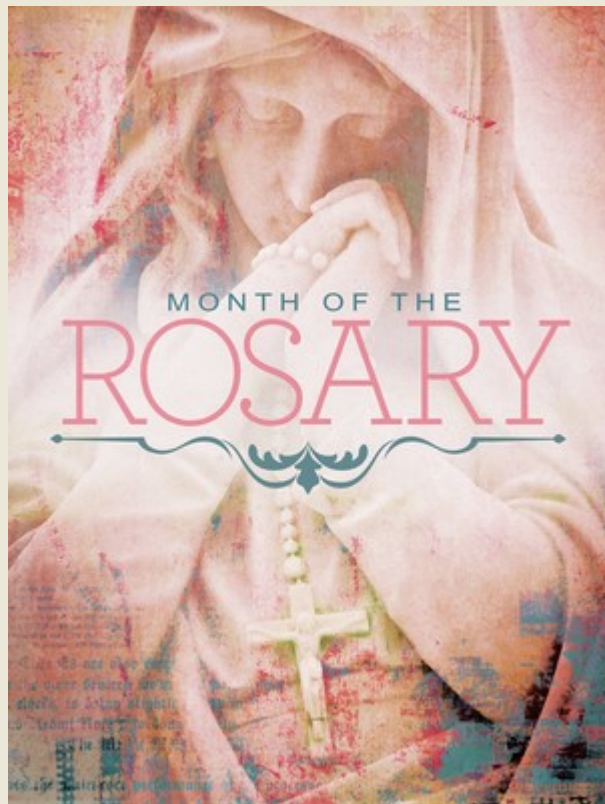




## Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier Parish

### 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.



October 4, 2020  
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our parish has reopened for the celebration of the sacraments, private prayer, adoration and Mass, with some modifications. Stay tuned to Fr. Wayne's daily emails for updates on the reopenings. If you'd like to receive our parish emails, or have questions, please contact [officessjfx@ssjfx.org](mailto:officessjfx@ssjfx.org).



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Please note that masks are required to enter our offices.

For emergencies outside of office hours,  
please call 708-237-6665

## Stewardship Report

If you do not do so already, please consider contributing to the Parish electronically, through Give Central:

[www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/1531](http://www.givecentral.org/location/51/event/1531)

Thank you.

## Elijah Cup

The Elijah Cup is traveling 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 and also for our priests at Saints JFX.

For more information or to sign up, please contact:

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## Marriage Banns



### St. Joseph Church

Romell Taday

Alan O'Shea-Bann I

Mary Kathryn Connolly

Stephen Barros-Bann III

### St. Francis Xavier Church

Hilary Lunkes

Peter Tomaselli-Bann I

Lauren Athas

Brian Oberlin-Bann II

Bridget Bredemann

Robert Schaus-Bann III

Dear Friends,

What have you been thinking about lately? What occupies your thoughts? What dominates your home, work, Zoom, and telephone conversations? We have all heard the adage, "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all." Today as Saint Paul writes to the Philippians, he admonishes them and us to allow Christian Charity to rule our thoughts and subsequently, our conversations and actions. He emphatically states, "*Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*" He promises us that if we do, the God of peace will be with us. Now more than ever, we need the God of peace.

Too often we can allow ourselves to be dragged into negative thought and negative speech. Myriads of topics, from the pandemic, to the elections, to world politics to Church politics, from family to work, tempt us to drift into negativity. Gossip lures us in and hurts others and us. I'm not sure where that comes from, but it does not come from God.

The God of peace would have us think honorable, just, gracious, excellent, and praiseworthy things. When the opposite enters our thoughts and our speech, one may suspect that it comes from God's opponent. If we allow ourselves to participate in the negativity, whether in our speech or in our minds, we allow the Evil One to have power over us. This type of speech does not build up the kingdom of God. These thoughts do *not* proclaim all are welcome. Thoughts that do are mentioned by Saint Paul in his letter to the Philippians.

Another thing that Saint Paul reminds us of in the second reading is the futility of anxiety. He says, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." I know many people who worry a lot. And some of those worriers have asked me if I am worried about this or about that in my personal and parish life. Paul's words provide a great retort. We have no need to be anxious or to worry. What we do need to do is make our requests known to God. We need to allow our prayer life to guide us and to point us in the direction we need to go.

As we make our requests known to God, Paul advises, we should do so with thanksgiving. I call this having the *attitude of gratitude*. Certainly, we have needs, but we also have so much for which we should be grateful. God has blessed us, individually, and as a parish, in so many ways.



I often ask the young people with whom I work to say out loud that for which they are most grateful. Sometimes it is difficult for them to think of something to say. That saddens me. How quickly could you come up with something to say? What are you most grateful for today? At the end of the day, as you review your day, can you count how many times you said the words "thank you?" Have you let those people in your life, the ones with whom God has blessed you, know that you thank God for them? Today's the day to do just that. Don't wait. Put on the attitude of gratitude.

Great things are happening here. We have come a long way, solely by the grace of God and by his providential guidance. I am so thankful for the ways the people of Saints JFX have given of themselves to make this the lively parish that it has become. I thank God for the generosity of many who give of their time, talent, and treasure to build up our wonderful parish. I praise the Lord for sending the amazing staff that makes up the Saints Joseph and Francis Xavier team. These people sacrifice much for the sake of making this the best parish it can be.

So, let's think about the good things. Let's promote harmony, and let's build the kingdom of God. And the God of peace will be with us.

Peace,

PS Today at noon, in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, whose feast we celebrate, there will be the blessing of animals on the Saint Joseph lawn by the lower church lot. Bring your pets. Humans should wear masks and keep social distance. Tonight at 7:30 we will celebrate our first ACTION Mass of the year. All high school students are welcome. To sign up please contact [scrome@ssjfx.org](mailto:scrome@ssjfx.org).

## Schedule for Masses, Sacraments and Benediction

<p><b>Monday, October 5, 2020</b> 6:30 a.m. SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i> <i>Deacon Kerls</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Jack Macnamara +Mary Jane &amp; Woody Herlocker +Josefina Cannon +Mark Solomon D'Silva (L)Rehbok Family Intentions</p> <p><b>Tuesday, October 6, 2020</b> 6:30 a.m. SFX <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)Rehbok Family Intentions +Domenic Savignani +Arthur Lueken +J.P. Van Horn +Roger &amp; Margaret Melzer</p> <p>9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. SJ Adoration</p> <p>10:00 a.m. SJ: Benediction <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p><b>+ Deceased / (L) Living</b> <b>SFX - St. Francis Xavier Church</b> <b>SJ - St. Joseph Church</b></p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 7, 2020</b> 6:30 a.m. SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. SJ <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Arthur &amp; Virginia Roth (L)Liliana Suci (L)Rehbok Family Intentions</p> <p><b>Thursday, October 8, 2020</b> 6:30 a.m. SFX <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)Rehbok Family Intentions (L)Liliana Suci +Robert Rainey</p> <p><b>Friday, October 9, 2020</b> 6:30 a.m. SFX <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>8:30 a.m. SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Denis Patrick Mahoney (L)Liliana Suci (L)Rehbok Family Intentions +Randy Lazzaro +Lizanne Joyce +Betty Ryan</p>	<p><b>Saturday, October 10, 2020</b> 8:30 a.m. SJ <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Thomas Gorman (L)Liliana Suci (L)Rehbok Family Intentions</p> <p>9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. SJ Private Prayer/Reconciliation <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>1:00 p.m. SFX: Wedding Bredemann/Schaus <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>3:00 p.m. SJ: Wedding Connolly/Barros <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p><b>5:00 p.m. SFX*</b> <i>Presider: Fr. Harnett</i> <i>Deacon Kerls</i></p> <p>Intentions: (L)Intentions of Jones-Paterson Family</p> <p><b>5:00 p.m. SJ*</b> <i>Presider: Msgr. Mayall</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Deceased Members of the DiClementi &amp; Stewart Families</p>	<p><b>Sunday, October 11, 2020</b> <b>8:00 a.m. SJ*</b> <i>Presider: Fr. Sheridan</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Maurice Joseph O'Connor +Eva DeCarlo (L)Rehbok Family Intentions</p> <p><b>9:30 a.m. SFX*</b> <i>Presider: Fr. Rodrigue</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Susan Nelson</p> <p>10:30 a.m. SJ Parking Lot <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p>Intentions: +Gino Gambacorta +Ed Klein +Raymond Solger</p> <p>4:00 p.m. SJ Parking Lot YFF Family Mass <i>Presider: Fr. Watts</i></p> <p><b>*Mass attendance is offered by sign-up only. To receive links, contact <a href="mailto:mkgorman@ssjfx.org">mkgorman@ssjfx.org</a></b></p>
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Masses are livestreamed and archived on our parish YouTube channel.  
To find our channel, search *Saints JFX* on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

### Prayers for the sick and those in need:

Seda Aghajani	Gina DiPaolo	Loretta Jacobs	Brian Slowinski
Carmen Albino	John Patrick Gabby	Brier Johnston	Liliana Suci
Lisa Braband Albrighton	Ryan Glassberg	Bob Kerrigan	Carol Solger
Rory Andrykowski	Margaret Grothe	John Krupka	Elliott Villarreal
Ginnie Becker	Phillip Hall	Will Leming	David W.
Tom Beitzel	Tim Hanson	Dolores Meier	Dolores Welch
Heather Campbell	Barbara Hardy	Paul Molaro	Krista Wilkinson
Guillermo Cannon	Barbara Hawkinson	Daniel O'Herron	Audrey Williams
William Carlin	Laura Hendricks	Monica Pecuch	Carol Woodard
Cecelia Cruz	Tom Hopkins	Olivia Sergot	Jack Zellner
Peter DiClementi, Jr.			Shirley Zeeb

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*In prayer  
and loving memory of:*  
**James Bransfield, M.D.**  
**Marian Wetterling**  
**John Williams**







## 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  
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

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 & 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  
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

*If you would like to add or remove a name, please contact the parish office at [officessjfx@ssjfx.org](mailto:officessjfx@ssjfx.org)*

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

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

**Please note that we are no longer able to accept clothing or household products.** However, personal care and hygiene products are needed.

Items can be dropped off at the following locations:

- SFX or St. Joseph Church at Mass times.
- Parish Offices, Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm
- 415 9th Street (please leave on front porch)

Questions? Contact [sean@lannanfamily.com](mailto:sean@lannanfamily.com)  
Thank you for your generosity!

### **Food Items Needed:**

Spam  
Canned meats/stew  
Baked beans  
Pasta (canned and dry)  
Tuna  
Instant coffee  
Sugar  
Creamer  
Instant oatmeal packets  
Bottled water  
Single-serve chips  
Cereal  
Fruit cups  
Rice  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly

Ramen Noodles  
Cookies  
All purpose flour  
Vegetable soup

### **Other Items Needed:**

Toilet Paper  
Paper Towel  
Laundry Detergent  
Diapers ( sizes 3,4 & 5)  
Shampoo, Conditioner  
Hand Lotion  
Toothpaste & brushes  
Deodorant  
Shaving Cream  
Bar & Liquid soap

**Readings for the week of October 5, 2020**

Monday:	Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH--PLEASE JOIN WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY AND THE WHOLE WORLD.....TO RENEW OUR RESPECT FOR LIFE FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH.....

ROSARY RALLIES FOR LIFE WILL BE HELD ON:  
1. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 12 PM, SPONSORED BY "AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA"  
2. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 3 PM (THE HOUR OF MERCY), "INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY"

BOTH TAKE PLACE AT THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE, KNANAYA CENTER 5110 N. ELSTON, CHICAGO, ONE BLOCK WEST OF CICERO. BRING A CHAIR AND FLOWERS IF DESIRED. IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND, PLEASE JOIN US SPIRITUALLY, ALL OVER THE WORLD, TO RENEW YOUR COMMITMENT TO KEEP LIFE AS THE TOP PRIORITY OF ALL PEOPLE!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ASKED US TO PRAY AND SACRIFICE DAILY FOR WORLD PEACE. THE 103RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN IS OCTOBER 13!

SEE [MOTHEROFALLPEOPLES.COM](http://MOTHEROFALLPEOPLES.COM) (DR. MARK MIRAVALLE) AND "FATIMA, THE MOVIE"

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