



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

August 11, 2024—Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."
- Jn 6:48-50

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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Joan of Arc Parish is a growing community of Roman Catholic Christians in the Chagrin Falls area. We are a diverse, gifted, and joyful people who share a common belief in the Word of Jesus Christ. Our Mission, like that of Jesus Christ and His apostles, is to proclaim the Kingdom of God through living the gospel.

WE GATHER AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY TO:

Celebrate our faith and the presence of God in the Eucharist and in one another.

Imitate our Savior in His service to others.

Teach our beliefs at all levels.

Welcome the participation of all in our Christian fellowship.

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Mass:

Saturdays 4:30pm, Sundays 9:00am and 11:00am

Weekday Mass:

Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays 8:00am
Tuesdays 9:00am September-May, 8:00am June-August
Holy Day Masses and Civic Holidays subject to change—see bulletin and/or website.

Sacramental Information

Baptism: Celebrated at most weekend masses or on most Sundays at noon. Contact the Parish Office.
Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays 3:30pm until all are heard. Advent and Lent Saturdays 3:15pm -4:00pm.

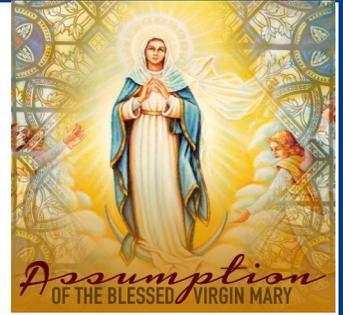
For other Sacramental Information, please see PAGE 3.

New parishioners welcome! Please contact the Parish Office to register.

From the Pastor

Greetings of Peace.

Since this bulletin column is due in early August and I was out of town in late-July and early-August this is being written in mid-July



On Thursday of this week, August 15, we celebrate the ASSUMPTION, a Holy Day of Obligation on the church calendar. Our Holy Day masses for this feast are 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. The Assumption is the day we remember that Mary is lifted up to the glory of heaven. I say, "Where she has gone we hope to follow!" Hope to see you there (at mass... and one day in heaven!).

This coming weekend, August 17-18, 2024 a missionary will be here as our parish participates in the Annual Missionary Cooperative Appeal. Each parish in our diocese is asked to offer some support to benefit the "greater needs of the church throughout the world." This year's "appeal" at St. Joan of Arc is this coming weekend.

I understand that we will welcome a bishop and a priest from the Diocese of Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh as we are asked to support an initiative in their diocese called Talithacumi Unanti... which is a cause against human trafficking and also promotes girl education.

In that region of India, all the catholic schools are shut down by the present government and as a result Catholic girls do not have proper facilities for education.

Many girls from that region are taken to the Middle East to work as domestic worker and about 5,500 women belonging to Dalit (formerly untouchables) are taken to countries like Qatar, Dubai, Saudi Arabia. They have no education or skill. They are exploited emotionally, physically and do not enjoy any human rights. They get to go home only once in 5 years. Recently one woman wanted to visit her family and she was not allowed to visit and care for her sick children. Upon persistent asking, they brutally cut her hand. Such is the way Indian women are treated in the Middle East.

Moreover, here are other ways girls are bearing the brunt of gender inequality

--School/college closures: Recently Christian schools in our region in India are closed. Having schools/colleges closed increases the vulnerability of marginalized girls. This eventually caused termination of their studies. Parents force them into early marriage.

--Domestic violence: Spending time indoors have been increasing instances of domestic violence. They have no idea where to turn to for help. Gender based violence is an issue of big concern. Dalit girls are the common victims of such domestic violence.

--Frontline care workers: In order to support the family during the pandemic, some of our girls have taken up job as workers in the health and social sector. They enter another layer of discrimination and helplessness.

--Migrant domestic helpers: Girls working as domestic helpers growing increasingly anxious about not only their precarious work status, but also the risk of exploitation.

--Longer term economic impact: The families of these girls are employed in in-informal sectors. With no income, social security, taking care of sick people in the family, or paying house rents becomes extremely difficult. The girls suffer the biggest impact.

It is essential to ensure that the voices of these girls are heard and recognized. Kindly support this initiative of Talitha cumi and we thank you for your much needed help and sure support.

Please note: Donations should be given to ST JOAN OF ARC PARISH and noted for the 2024 MISSION APPEAL. Thank you.

Have a great week as we approach mid-August and the beginning of another school year.

Blessings and Peace.

Fr. Gary

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00am SJA

11:00am Jim Clark (Florkiewicz)

Monday, August 12

8:00am Kevin Shcomisch (SJA)

Tuesday, August 13

**8:00am Caryn Rickelman
(Rickelman)**

Wednesday, August 14

No Mass

Thursday, August 15

9:00am Helen Walkiewicz

90th Birthday (Walkiewicz Family)

**7:00pm Brian O'Sickey
(Westendorf)**

Friday, August 16

**8:00am Mary Alice Cavaliere
(SJA)**

Saturday, August 17

4:30pm Nora Moriarty (Moriarty)

Sunday, August 18

9:00am Nakhoul Family (Nally)

11:00am SJA

OTHER SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest or deacon at least one year before the anticipated date.

Care of the Sick and Elderly: Please inform us of those who are sick, aged, unable to come to church, homebound, hospitalized, or may need the Sacrament of Anointing.

FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office before scheduling or publishing (generally through a funeral director).

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

May be obtained by registered, practicing members of our parish who have received the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist (and, if married, were married in the Church). Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at St. Joan of Arc: Will be the Thursday before the First Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Any questions please contact Paulina Rudmann, (440) 724-1468



Baptism Class

The Sacrament of Baptism is a very special time where we receive into the Church newly Baptized, along with welcoming their family and sponsors to share in the beginning of the child's journey of faith. Classes are offered both in person and online Zoom. **To sign up or get further information on the classes or with questions on Baptism at St. Joan of Arc, call Diana at 440-552-1046 or email dinah627@windstream.net**



AUGUST 31, 2024

HEALING SERVICE

ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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JESUS CHRIST
IS THE DIVINE
PHYSICIAN.
LET US ENTRUST
OUR HEARTS &
BODIES TO HIM.



PRESENTER
MIKE
RAGON



PRESENTER
DCN. MARK
JANEZIC

COME & EXPERIENCE GOD'S
SUPERNATURAL LOVE!

7:00PM - PRAISE & WORSHIP

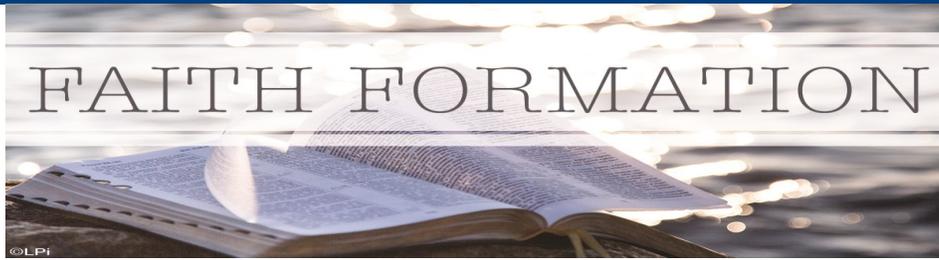
7:30PM - CORPORATE HEALING PRAYER &
TESTIMONIES

9:00PM - INDIVIDUAL PRAYER MINISTRY
(FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT EXPERIENCE
BREAKTHROUGH IN THE CORPORATE SESSION)

JESUS PROMISED, "THESE SIGNS WILL
ACCOMPANY THOSE WHO BELIEVE...THEY
WILL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK AND THEY
WILL RECOVER." MARK 16:17

encounterschool.org/akron

This Event is Free & Open to the Public



Parish School of Religion

Last call for PSR registrations. Please visit our website stjoanofarcchurch.org under the tab "Faith Formation" for more information and forms. PSR is available to children in grades K-12.

Special Note:

To receive the sacrament of Eucharist in 2nd grade, two years of regular religious education are required. Therefore, if you have a child entering 1st grade this school year, please make sure to register him/her in our SJA Parish School of Religion for the 2024-2025 school year.

To receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 8th grade, two years of regular religious education are required. Therefore, if you have a child entering 7th grade this school year, please make sure to register him/her in our SJA Parish School of Religion for the 2024-2025 school year. For Confirmation in 8th grade, in addition to attendance of a regular religious education class, attendance in our supplemental Confirmation preparation program will be required.

If your child attends a Catholic school, they do not need to attend our PSR classes, however, for Confirmation as an 8th grader, they will need to register for our Confirmation preparation program only. **Please call the Office of Faith Formation for more information 440-247-3606.**

PSR OPPORTUNITY

We are in need of volunteers to help with our PSR program as teachers and aides for the 2024/2025 school year. Our needs are:

- A 3rd grade catechist
- A 5th grade catechist
- Aides in grades K, 1, and 2
- Catechist and aide subs in grades, K-8



Please think and pray about this important ministry for our parish children. There will be training provided and support throughout the year. Please call Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3606 to discuss the details or email mvincenti@stjoanofarc.org. **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 Mass will begin again in September. The program is in need of additional adult volunteers. **Please contact Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation if you are interested or for more information at 440-247-3606. Or email mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org**



NOTE FROM DEACON DENNY COMMON GROUND

“What is unique about Catholicism or what is special about being a Catholic?”

This question comes up often in preparation of families having their children Baptized, or during sacramental preparation for Eucharist or Confirmation. It is truly a great question, obviously with a long history. The roots of our Catholic faith begin in the Jewish tradition, much of which is found in our Old Testament, the “bible” of the Jewish people. The story of Jesus and His teachings in the New Testament, complete the rest of the story for our Christian Bible which includes both the old and the new Testaments, where much of the old testament “pre-sages” the coming of a Savior. So, our shared scripture becomes a strong basis of our “beliefs” and perspective on how to live our lives. But being a “Catholic” Christian follows an ever-evolving path with so much more.

Since the mid 1970’s the Church has been evolving many ways to share that Scripture history as well as other elements of our faith community in what is partly now described as the “Order of Christian Initiation for Adults” (OCIA). In part, this new format joins other elements of our Faith Community in teaching the “why” and “how” of our Sacraments in the context of how are “community” functions in support of our individual faith development. Our Sacramental practices help us form our Christian lives. But our Faith community as Catholics is even more. Over the two Millenia of Catholic Faith development we continue to study scripture and share in our own Spiritual development, along with ways of companioning one another on our journeys of faith, and ways to encourage one another to contribute our personal gifts in support of each other and our vision of “common good”.

Over the next weeks, we will elaborate several of these new ways, in this column, and how we are evolving our Faith formation here at SJA, simply as an attempt to share our stories, and invite those who may wish to learn more about our Faith and how we are called to share that Faith with others, as we evolve our program here at St. Joan’s.

Have a Blessed week

Deacon Denny (info@deacondenny.net)

SJA Bible Study

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BIBLE

A study written and narrated in video by Fr. George Smiga

Christian belief in the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Trinity was not officially defined by the church until the fourth century. But centuries earlier, The Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament were already describing the action and presence of the Holy Spirit. Come explore scripture with us and learn more about the role of the Holy Spirit in your personal life.

When: Wednesday's from September 5–October 23 from 8:30-10:00am

Where: Rectory Basement

Cost: \$15 for book.

[Email Patti Valencic at mpvalencic@gmail.com to register](mailto:mpvalencic@gmail.com)



UPCOMING EVENTS AT SJA

Please Join
SJA Family Connections

SJA Family Connections is a new initiative to host fun, social activities for families with like aged kids. The goal is to build relationships among families (both adults and children) so that we may form a more united community.

Please contact Lisa Hamsmith to join or for more information.

Lpajek@gmail.com



Parish Festival

Sunday, September 8, 2024

After 11:00am Mass