



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 13, 2023



## 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.

### Parish Information

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### Parish Staff

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**Rev. John R. Olsavsky, Pastor Emeritus**

### 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, July and 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. It is mid-August already! Amazing.

This week we celebrate the **Assumption of Mary into Heaven on Tuesday August 15 – a HolyDay of Obligation. Our masses will be at 9 AM and 7 PM on Tuesday, August 15.** Where Mary has gone, we hope to follow!

This is being written on Monday August 7, and the “special election” on Issue One in Ohio has not yet taken place (as of this writing). That election is tomorrow. Still, I received numerous memos from the Diocese of Cleveland and the Ohio Bishops about the election that will be held on November 7, 2023. In part, a letter of 7/31/2023 from the diocese said, “The amendment to enshrine abortion into the Ohio Constitution will officially be on the November 7, 2023 ballot. The church must not be silent and cannot remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life. Therefore, the Catholic Conference of Ohio (CCO) in collaboration with the Catholic dioceses across the state...is informing Catholics in Ohio about the dangers of the amendment and encourage them to vote no...”

In addition, the church has also said the following

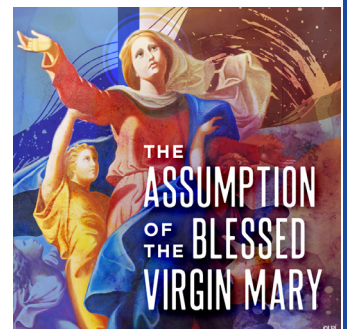
- Please vote!

- Secondly, we should allow our faith influence us as we form our consciences as we seek to become informed on issues – and candidates...

- Thirdly, the Church does not support or oppose particular candidates; the church does seek to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues. More will be shared on this on a regular basis – until the November election – as Bishop Malesic and the Ohio bishops have instructed. Stay tuned!

I hope you have a great week. You are in my heart and in my prayers.

**Blessings and Peace,**  
**Fr. Gary**





## Women's Guild New:



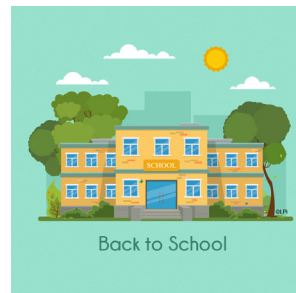
Rummage Sale, first **THANK YOU...THANK YOU** to everyone that showed up to work!! All the Guild women and young people from the Youth Group. What an awesome team, and it was great to see young people, families and women working together harmoniously. It was a successful Rummage Sale (\$10K+).....WOW. This could not have been done without the leadership of **Allie Gall and Susan Novak....Nicely done!** More details to follow at the **Guild meeting on August 21 at 10AM in the parish hall.**

Hope to see you there.....bring your ideas for future events!!

God Bless,

Sally Florkiewicz (Chair)      Mirta Prior (Co-chair)

## School Supply Drive



**Thank you** all so much for your continued support for the Chagrin Falls Park students. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The students will be able to have all they need to have a successful school year with your donations of school supplies and backpacks.

Our parish continues to answer the call to help others in need.

Thank you!

Jane



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, August 13

9:00am SJA

11:00am Julie Koehler ( Conacher)

### Monday, August 14

8:00am Elizabeth Cook ( Cook)

### Tuesday, August 15

9:00am Isabella Vincent ( Madera)

7:00pm SJA

### Wednesday, August 16

No Mass

### Thursday, August 17

8:00am Kimberly Podojil (Podojil)

### Friday, August 18

8:00am Nan Morgan ( Curran)

### Saturday, August 19

4:30 Matthew Bell ( Kearney)

### Sunday, August 20

9:00 Ziggie Walkiewicz (Walkiewicz)

11:00 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.

**Sessions in the Catholic Faith (RCIA):** Thursdays at 6:30pm, September - May. Contact **Deacon Jeff at 440-376-9177**

## 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.

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration..." - Pope St. John Paul II

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





## **BUILDING COMMON GROUND**

### **Notes from Deacon Denny**

In light of where we are today as the Parish of St. Joan of Arc, in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio, facing the challenges we face today, in light of our synod discussions in recent months, where do we begin? To build a community of Faith that supports each other and in particular our new parents in responding to their needs.

#### **Baptism**

Baptism is when we gather as family, usually with our infant or young children to celebrate the Rite of Baptism. Three different questions regularly emerge.

❓ As a Sacramental Church, what do we learn from the Rite and our Traditions about welcoming this new life into the "Body of Christ", beginning their journey toward becoming a Saint?

❓ As parents, Godparents, family and church community; how do we stand together in support by sharing our beliefs and "moral compass", to help them on their journey?

❓ How do we support these families with these new responsibilities, in today's world?

Over the last several years, in preparing families for the Rite of Baptism, a number of additional questions routinely come up, from the family perspective.

❓ What are the reasons and meanings behind the Rite of Baptism from which we can learn?

❓ When preparing parents for Baptism, often, a spouse has not had the benefit of learning many of the beautiful aspects of our Catholic Faith, what can we do for them in supporting the upbringing of our children?

❓ Along with our Faith & Spiritual development support of each other, as a faith-based community, how do we connect to each other as a Church to better understand our community and the issues facing families today?

This Note is announcing the initiative to build responses to these and related questions as well. Over the last several months a number of Parishioners and new families to our Parish have expressed an interest in developing a new initiative by creating a new ministry at SJA. Yet to be officially named, "New Family" or "Family Ministry", is calling for input as to how we become Church for one another. Among dozens of suggestions, they include;

❓ More involvement from Parishioners in the preparation and participation in Baptisms.

❓ Evolution of the RCIA program to include "as a refresher" or "tell me more first".

❓ A potential web site or community connection to post info and build community.

Suggestion's? Want to join the team? Just curious about more? Please respond to [notes@deacondenny.net](mailto:notes@deacondenny.net)

We'll keep you posted either way. Have a Blessed week.

## Food Pantry Collection in the Narthex

Please bring your non-perishable food donations (canned vegetables, fruits, spaghetti sauce, soups, pasta, rice, ramen noodles, peanut butter, etc.) when you come to Mass. Thank you for your support!

## Food Pantry Thursday

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday August 17th from 10-11:00 am for you to drop off items.

**-Chicken-  
-Sugar-Flour-  
-Cheese-  
-Spaghetti-**



Thank you so much for helping us stock the pantry shelves. **Please call Jane Zilly with any questions at 216-402-8912.**

## Eucharistic Ministers- Help Needed

Are you a Eucharistic Minister? Volunteers are needed to bring Holy Communion to Hillcrest Hospital. Our volunteers are back and safely ministering to our patients. We welcome you to join them . Training is provided. **Proof of Covid vaccination is required.**

**Contact Christine Young at 440-312-3739 for more information.**

## Weekly Collection

8/5-8/6

Collection:     \$ TBA  
Online:           \$ TBA

**Thank You for your continued support!**



Scholarship awards for the Angel Scholarship Fund were recently submitted to the Catholic Community Foundation. The school was able to offer awards to 62 students from 39 different families. Seven of those families are new to the school community. These funds have helped families to keep a Catholic education at SJA affordable! There are some remaining funds that have been allocated for new families who may wish to enroll at St. Joan's over the summer.

Now is the time to begin thinking about your upcoming contributions to the Angel Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made as a one-time gift or as a recurring monthly gift. Remember the state of Ohio allows taxpayers to contribute up to \$750 (\$1500 if filing jointly) of their state taxes to St. Joan of Arc. **Please visit the following link for more information:**  
**<https://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel-scholarship-fund/overview>**

## Baptism Classes

The Sacrament of Baptism is a very special time where we receive into the Church the 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 with Zoom. To sign up or to get further information on the class or with questions on Baptism at St. Joan of Arc, call **Diana** at **440-552-1046**, email **dinah627@windstream.net**

**To schedule a Baptism, please contact the Rectory Office at 440-247-7183**

## Electronic Giving

Please contact our Parish office at 440-247-7183.  
Ask for Kelly Kearney.

**Thank You for your generosity!**

## Coffee & Donuts

**Donuts are back. After 9:00 and 11:00am Mass. Please stop by the Parish Hall after Mass and enjoy connecting with your fellow parishioners!**



## Moms, Pops & Tots

Weekly play groups will meet on Mondays throughout the school year at 9am-10am in the Olsavsky Center - School Gym.

Any Questions please contact Kelly Rohr at 614-477-4032.



At St. Joan of Arc we believe in the difference faith makes in teaching the whole child to learn, lead, and live in a safe environment where each student is free to explore their ideas while growing closer to God.

**A Catholic education at St. Joan of Arc is now more affordable than ever with scholarships available to all families for up to 100% of tuition costs.**







As with any great event we need the help of great people! **Please contact Haley Kovey at [haleykovey@gmail.com](mailto:haleykovey@gmail.com). to sign up and get involved!** Volunteering is a fun thing to do with your friends...and a great way to meet new friends! We would like to show the Chagrin Falls community our vibrant parish and school to help us grow and flourish for another 60 years!



## OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

REGISTER FOR  
RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION

### PSR

**Last call for PSR Registrations for school year 2023/2024.** Classes begin in early September. Register online on the SJA website under the "Faith Formation" tab or pick up the forms in the Office of Faith Formation. We look forward to this new and exciting PSR school year!

### PSR CATECHISTS NEEDED

**Our PSR Program for the 2023/2024 school year needs:**

One Kindergarten Catechist

One 7th Grade Catechist

Aides in all grades

Catechist and Aide subs in all grades

Please consider this important ministry for our parish children. The most important qualification is a love of our Catholic faith and a desire to pass that on to this younger generation of children who are the future of our

Church! **Please call Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation at 440- 247-3606 to discuss the details or email [mvincenti@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:mvincenti@stjoanofarc.org)**



### CLW

Children's Liturgy of the Word needs adult volunteers for this coming school year starting in the Fall. **Please contact Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation if you are interested or for more information 440-247-3606. Or email [mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org](mailto:mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org)**

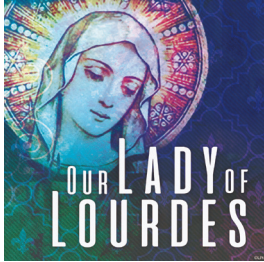
### Special Note:

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 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 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.



## From the Desk of Millie Prebel:

August will bring more opportunities to gather together in faith, fun and fellowship these hazy days of summer.



Join us for a SJA summer outing to the **National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes** in Euclid, Ohio August 22, 2023. (The minor feast day of the Queenship of Mary) We will meet at 8:30 in the St. Joan of Arc parking lot and arrange car pools to the shrine. Once at the Shrine we will have a tour, say the rosary and/or the stations time permitting. We have Fr. Max Cole scheduled for an 11 am mass. There will be time for a visit to the gift shop and lunch at Alfredo's to follow. It will prove to be a day of faith, fun, fellowship and good food! **Please contact Millie Prebel at [mprebel@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:mprebel@stjoanofarc.org) or call 440-247-1141 ext 127 for reservations.** All are welcome! There is a nominal donation at the shrine and lunch will range from \$14-\$16. Please RSVP by 8/15/23

Soak up these last few summer events here at **SJA and SAVE THE DATE for our Parish Festival September 10 from 12-4.**

Happy summering!



### Notes from John Thibo



St. Joan of Arc Music Ministry is preparing for its upcoming year and hopes to add you as a new member! We are in need of additional adult singers, age high school through senior citizens as well as new handbell ringers and hope to form a children's choir from our day school and PSR student bodies. Singers will be asked to meet with Jon Thibo, Director of Music for a brief sing-along to identify voice part, we particularly need male voices. Handbell Ringers with musical background are preferred, though the ability to read music is not a requirement as music can be marked with colors to identify which bells are played when, so long as the ringer can count and keep a steady beat. Ringers from grades 8 through high school and all adults are welcome to join our newly reformed Handbell Choir. Children's Choir will be for students grades 2-8 and will meet at a time convenient to all families. Further details will be in the first bulletin of September as all our ensembles will be rehearsing during the months of September through May.





