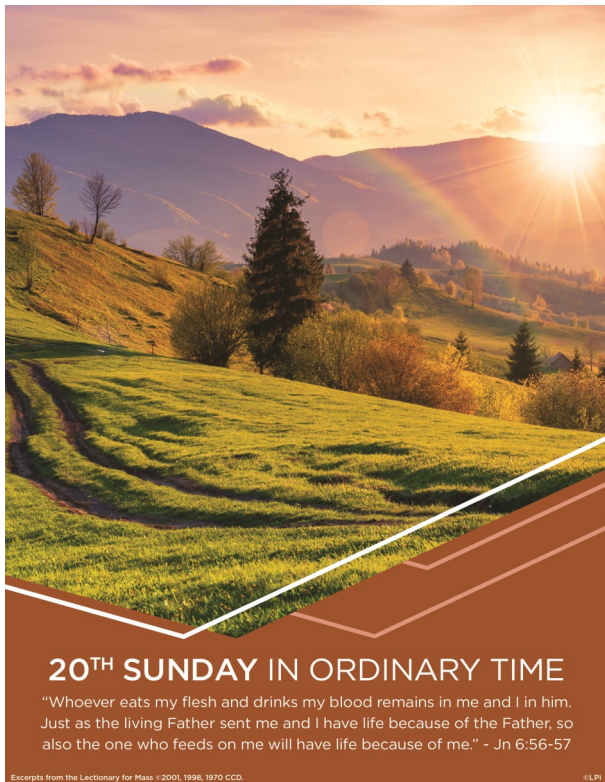




# St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

August 18, 2024— Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56-57

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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.

### 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-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.**

## Greetings of Peace.



School begins here at St. Joan of Arc. "Welcome back" to our students, faculty, staff, principal, and support personnel. Here's hoping it will be a very good year! More will be said about "school," below.



This weekend, August 17-18, 2024 we participate 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."

As of this writing, 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, girls are bearing the brunt of gender inequality, Christian schools in that region in India are closed or closing, Dalit girls are the common victims of such domestic violence, some girls have taken up job as workers in the health and social sector and enter another layer of discrimination and helplessness, girls who work as domestic helpers face a serious risk of exploitation, and more...

Kindly support this initiative of Talitha cumi.

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



As you may notice, we did some work on our parking lot and have done some other "Parish Improvements," and still have more to do. As I recently shared, since the Covid shutdown in Spring of 2020, we have "held back" doing some work on our parish buildings and grounds because of the pandemic, "lighter" attendance at mass, a decline in some revenues, the difficulty in arranging for workers to do some of the tasks, and more. Some areas here at St. Joan of Arc that have needed attention are our parking lot, areas of the exterior and paint in and on our buildings, some plumbing needs, carpet cleaning, and more. As of this writing we have already begun some maintenance on our parking lot, have arranged for painting, did some carpet cleaning and also some basic plumbing (and there is more work to be done on our plumbing). As you know your homes and property need regular maintenance. So, too, do our parish buildings and grounds. We have tried to prioritize jobs that need attention and have done our best to budget for those tasks. It is your generous commitment and offerings that make all this possible. Thank you. We strive to be good stewards of what is entrusted to us and offer a heartfelt "Thank You" for your support.

Finally, I mentioned our parking lot, above... and since our Day School begins this week... let me mention two virtues – namely courtesy and safety. Please show these virtues in our daily living! And in our parish parking lot!!



Please be "courteous" and park in the lined/marked parking places at St. Joan of Arc and avoid making "our own parking places." We also ask that the designated areas for "handicapped" parking be respected. Not only is all of this courteous, but necessary in the event that any emergency vehicle would need to come to St. Joan of Arc during mass – or anytime the parking lot is being used. Thank you for your cooperation.



Also, please be attentive and drive slowly through the parish lot. This is the virtue of "Safety." ALL of us can be attentive to this – parishioners, students, staff, faculty, visitors, and everyone!

Yes, I am known to say that "Safety" and "Courtesy" are virtues as much as Faith, Hope, and Love.

Have a great week, and Blessings & Peace,

**Fr. Gary**

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

**9:00am Nakhoul Family ( Nally)**

**11:00am SJA**

**Monday, August 19**

**8:00am William Summers  
( SJA)**

**Tuesday, August 20**

**8:00am Helen & Ziggi  
Walkiewicz ( Walkiewicz Family)**

**Wednesday, August 21**

**No Mass**

**Thursday, August 22**

**8:00am Paul ( Lou) Repasky  
( Mingione)**

**Friday, August 23**

**8:00am Skip Kelley ( Kelley)**

**Saturday, August 24**

**4:30pm Noreen Flaherty  
( Moriarty)**

**Sunday, August 25**

**9:00am SJA**

**11:00am Mary Ann Wallo  
( Gleason)**

## **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**

### **DAILY ROSARY—ST. JOAN OF ARC AVILAS**



Please join us to pray the Rosary, Weekday following the 8:00am Mass in the Chapel.

The St. Joan of Arc AVILAS, an organization of men and women, joined together under the patronage of St. Theresa of Avila, praying for religious vocations, meet on the Second Friday of each month. Member's attend the 8:00am Mass, followed by the Recitation of the Rosary and praying the Avila prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

**For more information , contact Matthew " Mickey" O'Hearn at 440-338-5914 or mohearniii@gmail.com**



AUGUST 31, 2024

# HEALING SERVICE

ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
32820 BALDWIN RD. | SOLON, OH 44139

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



**PRESENTER**  
**MIKE**  
**RAGON**



**PRESENTER**  
**DCN. MARK**  
**JANEZIC**

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

COME & EXPERIENCE GOD'S  
SUPERNATURAL LOVE!

7:00PM - PRAISE & WORSHIP

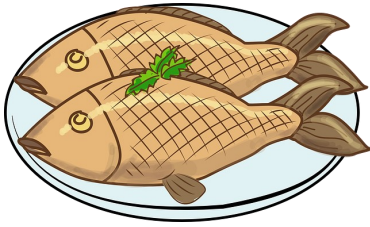
7:30PM - CORPORATE HEALING PRAYER &  
TESTIMONIES

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

[encounterschool.org/akron](https://encounterschool.org/akron)  
This Event is Free & Open to the Public

## **FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IN THE NARTHEX**

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



## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**8/10-8/11**

**Collection: \$ 6,729.67**

**Online: \$ 5,887.69**

**8/3-8/4**

**Online: \$ 3,177.00**

**Thank You for your continued support!**

## **FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY**

**There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, August 22nd from 10:00am-11:00am for you to drop off items.**

**-Milk-Butter-**

**-Eggs-Peanut Butter-**

**-Kielbasa\_**

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



## **HOME VISITATION MINISTRY**

**Do you know of someone in the parish who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist? The Home Visitation Ministry teams bring the Eucharist to the sick and the homebound on a regular basis. These visits afford the opportunity for prayer and social visitation.**

**Please contact Jan Nally at 440-840-5087 or the parish office to arrange for our teams to visit.**

# Office of Faith Formation

## Parish School of Religion



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

First day of classes:

Grades K-6: Monday, September 9

Grades 7,8: Sunday, September 15

High School: Sunday, September 8

## Confirmation



Opening Session: Saturday, September 7, 2pm in the gym, closing with Mass at 4:30pm.

## 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.

## 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](mailto:mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org)**





**NOTE FROM DEACON DENNY COMMON GROUND**

All too often, we as Catholics and those who seek to understand our "Faith" suspect that it's about the "rules & rubrics" to which we proscribe. Yet throughout human history, various faith traditions, including the Judaic (Old Testament) and even the Native American (Vision Quest) search for an understanding of God in our lives, suggest themes of "journey", "discovery" and essentially the possibility of "transformation" of ourselves and how we think and what "we believe". These traditions and others as well all share common themes of how we approach the questions that arise in our minds and hearts in search of understanding and our relationship to God and His "Presence" in our lives and in the world.

The RCIA (OCIA) program, which continues to evolve since Vatican II in the mid 1960's, while defining "rubrics" and "rites" is really the backbone of the evolving traditions which attempts to link our Sacraments and teachings to our faith and treasure of Scripture to tell the story of how "transformation" has and continues to work for us all.

The whole of the perspective, transcends and even combines, utilizing many traditions, a **community** that companions individuals on their search for becoming who God calls them to be. "We are human, weak and without power. But if we take the risk, if we make the effort, if we claim our own sacred space to invite the vision of God into our lives, we will be transformed. We will receive the wisdom and blessing of God and be given all we need to do our part in rolling back the evil that separates us from one another and from all living things around us."(1)

We are evolving our OCIA at SJA to grow a wider team to be that community that welcomes and refreshes any "inquirer" to grow their faith, to be transformed in heart and soul and join the community of faith by sharing their gifts, as well. Next week, how we plan to grow that effort.

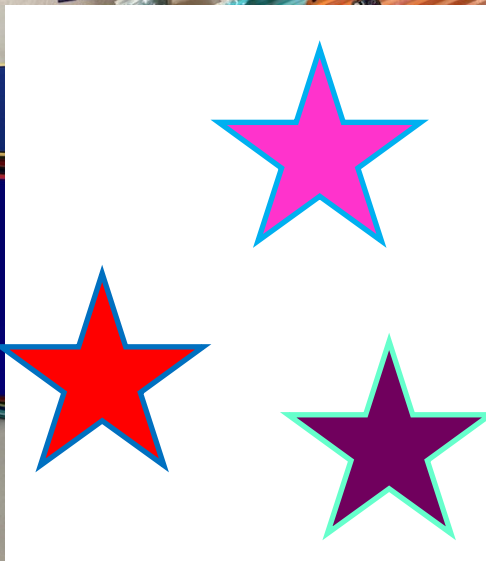
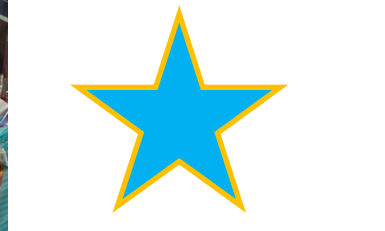
Have a Blessed week

Deacon Denny ([info@deacondenny.net](mailto:info@deacondenny.net))

i The Four Vision Quests of Jesus" by Steven Charleston



**"Thank you for your generosity. Because of you the kids are off to a great school year"**



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT SJA

### St. Joan Music Ministry

The Music Ministry of St. Joan of Arc Parish is kicking off our liturgical year soon. **Adult Choir** will begin on Tuesday September 3rd and new singers are really needed to fill in our ranks. **Handbell Choir** will begin Monday September 9th from 7-9 p.m. **Children's Choir**, students grades 2-8, both Day School and PSR will begin Wednesday September 4th with a NEW TIME this year, from 4-5 p.m. Day School Student Cantors, grades 4-8 will begin Tuesday September 3rd from school dismissal until 4 p.m. New members are really needed this year, so please consider sharing your talents with us! **For questions, Jon Thibo at [jthibo@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:jthibo@stjoanofarc.org).**



### 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](mailto:mpvalencic@gmail.com) to register**

