



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 20, 2023



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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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. We are approaching the end of August.

School is ready to begin in our area. Here at St. Joan of Arc our parish Day School begins this week! Thank you to Mrs. Stacie Webster, our Day School principal, and the teachers and school support staff for your work in preparing for another great year.

Some young adults in our parish are heading to college or returning to college. Many stores have already displayed their Halloween candy, decorations, and costumes! As we approach September we might begin to think of the Season of Fall. Yet, we generally have some very warm and humid days in the early days of the school year – often through September into October! And many of us say we enjoy the change of times and seasons – particularly Fall!

Autumn is a wonderful season of the year.

We are also preparing for those who will participate in our Parish School of Religion and our sacramental preparation for Confirmation and Communion this year. Mrs. Mary Vincenti and the Office of Faith Formation (with Sr. Theresa) are hard at work and doing an excellent job! Moreover, the entire Ministerial Staff of St. Joan of Arc is preparing for another year of activities, meetings, gatherings, etc. This includes Mr. Jon Thibo with our parish music, Ms. Allie Gall and our parish Youth Ministry, and Mrs. Millie Prebel, our Pastoral Minister who helps with many and varied parish groups and committees. Well done and thank you for your good work in our parish.

Still, we are in summertime. Please take some time for rest, relaxation, prayer, and recreation. These virtues help us become better people.

Speaking of virtues, let me mention two virtues in particular – namely Courtesy and Safety, especially in our parking lot.

-Please be "courteous" and park in the lined 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 parking is necessary in the event emergency vehicles need to come to St. Joan of Arc during masses – or anytime the parking lot is being used. Thank you for your cooperation.

-Also in our parking lot, 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.



As I mentioned in last week's column, I have received numerous memos from the Diocese of Cleveland and the Ohio Bishops about the next election in Ohio that will take place 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, memo from Bishop Malesic and the Ohio Bishops gave specific points and a "timeline" that all parishes have been asked to follow. We will comply. And so more will be said about "all this" in coming columns and bulletins until the November election.

-Please vote! (If not registered to vote, please do so.)

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

-Also note, the Church does not support or oppose particular candidates; the church does seek to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues.

I have been known to say, "The church is...and always will be...pro-Life."



Looking ahead – since we are approaching September. Please note our "daily mass schedule" will be adjusted on Tuesdays beginning in September – so our Day School can participate regularly at our parish mass. The "daily mass" on Tuesdays will be at 9 AM throughout the "school year" – the months of September through May. In the months of June, July, and August, the Tuesday morning mass is at 8 AM; in the "school year," Tuesday mass is 9 AM. Thank you for making a note of this!

Have a great week. Blessings and Peace,
Fr. Gary



Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 20

9:00am Ziggie Walkiewicz
(Walkiewicz Family)
11:00am SJA

Monday, August 21

8:00am Skip Kelley (Kelley Family)

Tuesday, August 22

8:00am Charles Galipo (Galipo)

Wednesday, August 23

No Mass

Thursday, August 24

8:00am David York (Daniele)

Friday, August 25

8:00am Richard Yoe (Kaczor)

Saturday, August 26

4:30 Joan Tighe Lucas (Moriarty)

Sunday, August 27

9:00 SJA
11:00 Edna Fay (Coworkers of John
Murphy)

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

So where are we headed?

SYNODALITY-COMMUNITY-BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST

Synodality is about opening up the discussion. As we evolve as a Church and as a society, things change. We change, the world we live in changes, and how we do things; how we communicate, how we “be” church for one another, changes too. As we begin to look at the challenges for young families, bringing up their children in the world of today, a new perspective is emerging. Seeking new pathways of being Church is the goal. How do we share our values and beliefs? How do we approach new responsibilities of raising our families with an awareness of what our Church and Traditions of the Catholic Church teaches? We need to start that conversation in earnest. What are the questions that you have and how do we convene to share the Good News that our Faith and Church can provide? We are beginning that task over the weeks and months to come. At the same time, we realize that it all evolves through “COMMUNITY”.

Community is the pathway to the support of one another and the convening of people who share our values and seek to grow together amidst the challenges of today. Our Parish Festival coming in September is one such event in a growing array of new possibilities. Families of every age, convening to share their stories, their lives and support of each other in celebration of who we are. Over many generations our Parish's have been a resource for communicating, sharing, and validating each other in the context of common good. Well-being for everyone in the flock. Discovering and or assisting one another in the culture and society we face every day. As we come out of our Covid experience, we need to refresh our communities. Join together and celebrate God's gifts and graces.

Building the Body of Christ. Our sacramental life in the Church starts with Baptism. We are welcomed into the “Church”; the Body of Christ. We become a living stone, upon which the church is built. We recount our history through Scripture, of the washing away of sin and evil at the baptismal font, and turn to God in his graciousness, forgiveness and compassion. At the same time, we are anointed as Priest, Prophet & King (Shepherd), to recognize our own special talents and gifts, and to deploy them for others, for common good. One of the great questions before the Church around the globe today is how we share the beauty and sacredness of our Sacraments with each other, and share that grace and Presence of God amongst us. How do we retain and even grow our sharing of our teachings, our Sacramental preparation with new generations? How do we enliven our Spirit within?

Prayer, reflection, and being open to God's call is the beginning to who and what we are “becoming”. Our conversations and sharing of our gifts along the journey are the key. 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 24th from 10-11:00 am for you to drop off items.

**-Eggs-Flour-Canned Fruit-
-Kielbasa-
-Paper Towels-**

Thank You so much for helping us stock the pantry shelves. Please call Jane Zilly with any questions 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: \$ 8,107.78
Online: \$ 5,732.00

8/12-8/13

Collection: \$7,634.39
Online: \$4,182.69

Thank You for your continued support!



A big **THANK YOU** to the Women's Guild for buying beautiful new cushions for the handicapped pews in the church to replace the old ones we had. **A special thank you to Barbara Koeser** for heading up the ordering to pick out the perfect cushions!

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. 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



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**



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**

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:



Prayer for our staff at St. Joan of Arc school and our students.

Lord, as a new school year begins, bless the teachers, the entire staff, and students to start the year strong. Give teachers renewed energy and enthusiasm to teach with passion and purpose. I pray for smooth routines and procedures to be established within the school. May the new year bring new hope, excitement, and readiness to learn and grow. We thank you for the wonderful role teachers and the entire staff at Saint Joan of Arc play in the lives of children and in our society. Grant them peace in their classrooms as they conduct their daily tasks, lessons, and assignments with your grace. We pray for unity in the classroom among students, and for peace and harmony to prevail each day. Let the model of the life of Jesus and the grace of the Holy Spirit be our guide. Amen. Your Saint Joan of Arc Parish family

Our **Parish Festival** is fast approaching! One of the best ways to get to know others in the parish is to serve! Please consider volunteering with your family and friends to make this day a wonderful experience for all! **Contact Haley Covey at haleycovey@gmail.com**

Last chance to sign up for Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine visit August 22, 2023. Please respond by Monday afternoon at the latest. mprebel@stjoanofarc.org or 440-247-1141 ext. 127



Women's Guild News:



The Women's Guild invites you to a special event on **Patriot Day, Monday, September 11th** in memory of the Americans killed by terrorists. Parishioner, Melinda Redding will give a presentation on her Father, CWO Michael Jacob Schick of the U.S. Marine Corp. Her Father during World War 2 was a prisoner of war in China for a total 45 months. He held the record as the longest POW in Cleveland. . Melinda will tell this very interesting story about her Dad at our St. Joan Parish Hall. **The program will begin at 7:00 PM. On Monday September 11. For information, call Melinda 440-477-8910 or Sally 216-832-6243.** Hope that you will be able to stop by, and hear Melinda share this incredible story about her Dad.

SCRIPTURE STUDY



Eucharist: The Real Presence

A 2019 PEW Research study revealed that only 31% of Catholics believe that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, Join us to learn why this is and what the ramifications are.

We will learn how to understand and explain transubstantiation and where its scriptural origins are.

We will read and discuss This is My Body, a Call to Eucharistic Revival by Bishop Robert Barron

The Bishop is the founder of Word on Fire and is a well-respected lecturer. His sermons and podcasts are delightful and enlightening! We will spend 30 minutes each week watching his podcasts and sharing insights from his book.

Thursdays September 7 thru October 5 th 8:30-10 AM in rectory basement To register, email mpvalencic@gmail.com or call 440-338-7177 no cost.

