



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 27, 2023



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven"

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, 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 in the final days of August and approaching September. As we do each year, **our “daily mass schedule” will be adjusted on Tuesdays beginning in September. This way our parish Day School can participate regularly at our parish mass on Tuesdays. The “daily mass” on Tuesdays will be at 9 AM throughout the “school year” – beginning Tuesday September 5, 2023. This will continue for 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!**

Continuing on the topic of the November 7, 2023 election in Ohio – which I have been writing about the past couple of weeks – I receive regular memos from the Diocese of Cleveland and the Ohio Bishops. We were given specific points and a “timeline” that all parishes have been asked to follow and share. Here at SJA, we will comply. And so more will be said about this in coming columns and bulletins until the November election. Locally, Our St. Joan of Arc Angels Life enables our community to take action to help safeguard the dignity of all life – from conception to natural death. I want to commend them and offer our prayers and support for their good works and encourage everyone to do our part to promote the sanctity of all human life. At the promptings of Bishop Malesic, the Human Life Office of the Diocese of Cleveland, and the Ohio Bishops, we have been instructed to say more about the coming November election so that we, as Catholics, can be clear and strong in our belief to uphold and defend life. Bishop Malesic and the Ohio Bishops have said that 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. We should allow our faith influence us as we form our consciences and 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.” Again, more to come in future bulletins...

Finally, looking ahead, Monday September 4, 2023, is Labor Day. Our “daily mass” on Labor Day is at 9 AM.

Have a great week!
Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary



SJA ELIZABETH MINISTRY PRESENTS

AUGUST BUNCO NIGHT

MOM'S NIGHT OUT



Wednesday, August 30, 7:00PM
Holbrook Hollows

Hey ladies! Our kids are going back to school and it's time for a night out! Bunco is a fun game and easy to learn! Please bring a small appetizer to share and \$5 (singles preferred) to cover venue costs and prize money.

BYOB



Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 27

9:00am SJA

11:00am Edna Fay (John Murphy
co-workers)

Monday, August 28

8:00am Grace DeMore (Brail)

Tuesday, August 29

8:00am Jack & Jane Zilly
Wedding Anniversary (Rule)

Wednesday, August 30

No Mass

Thursday, August 31

8:00am Richard Yoe (Kaczor)

Friday, September 1

8:00am Mr. & Mrs. Zuccaro (Foli)

Saturday, September 2

4:30 Roy Lucas (Moriarty)

Sunday, September 3

9:00 Richard Yoe (Babula)

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).

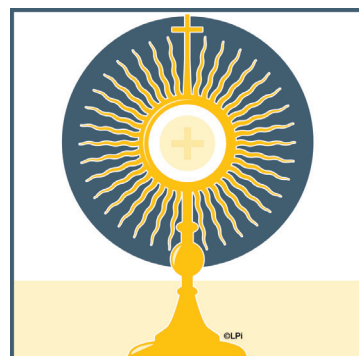
Sponsor Certificates: May be obtained by registered, practicing members of our parish who have received the three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist (and, if married, were married in the Church). Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

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**



WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?



THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using "individual" instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents' consent or notification.

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Ohio laws* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a "burden" and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

ALLOWS ABORTIONS THROUGH 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In U.S. law,** "health" includes age or physical, emotional, or psychological well-being. This means a woman's age or emotional health could be cited to justify aborting a full-term baby. An abortion-providing physician would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

IS MISLEADING

Referring to "miscarriage care" promotes a myth that a "right to abortion" is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

ARTICLE I, SECTION 22

*The Right to Reproductive Freedom
with Protections for Health and Safety*

1. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual's voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health.
4. As used in this Section, "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis"; and "State" includes any governmental entity and political subdivision.
5. This Section is self-executing.

* Ohio Revised Code, Sections
2317.56 & 3702.303

** Based on Doe v. Bolton



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 31st from 10-11:00 am for you to drop off items.

-Rice-Potatoes-
-Corn Bread mix-
-Sugar-Milk-



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

8/19-8/20

Collection: \$ 6,634.39

Feast of the
Assumption:
\$ 743.39

Online: \$ 3,277.00

Now, more than ever, we need to stand up for life. Abortion advocates have a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot in November, threatening the lives of babies in the womb and eliminating parental rights. Please join the Arc Angels for Life at St. Joan of Arc in our fight to be a voice for the voiceless. There are so many ways to engage – from prayer to community engagement, in accord with Directives of the Diocese of Cleveland. **For questions or to sign-up to join the Arc Angels distribution list, please contact Megan at 216/312-3798 or meganhett@yahoo.com**

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>

BUILDING COMMON GROUND

Notes from Deacon Denny

BASKETS...PART 1- BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

In the Rite of Baptism, we are all called to become a Saint. We “wash away” sin, we are anointed Priest, Prophet & King (Shepherd). Then, the welcoming Church recognizing that you have become a new creation in Christ, are given a white garment from the hands of our community. We as Church then offer you a lit candle from the Easter Paschal candle, to receive the Light of Christ, where parents, Godparents, and the whole Church join in support of raising this child of God in our Faith, **all** taking on that responsibility.

As a Sacramental Church, one of the next Sacraments for the newly Baptized will be First Communion, in receiving the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. But how do we “be” Church for this child and this family for the next 5 to 7 years? This “Part 1” note is about gathering these families and connecting them to “us” the Church, the Body of Christ.

In preparing families for Baptizing their children over the past many years, and as a married Deacon, particularly in our Parish in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, a number of key points emerge.

❓ Many young families discover that these beautiful babies, do not arrive with an instruction book!

- Charting a course forward in health and wellness for the whole family is in itself a challenge.
- Finding social and learning opportunities for parents and children alike, within a community sharing our values and aspirations, defines a community that we must discover.
- Connecting with those “in-betweens”; a competent baby sitter for two hours, finding a pediatrician, information on a school or program, or just finding and talking to a compadre/companion to share a moment, requires connecting to a community.

What if new families to our Parish or those Baptizing their children were enrolled in a new network? In today’s world that means a communication and information platform nestled appropriately in today’s social communications. However, how do we define the ways of communicating and further find out what they need? Our upcoming Parish Festival is the first step. We need to invite these families to meet us, where we are, seeking to journey with them in building our Parish community in support of one another. We need to jointly define our best way forward. So, the first part is the invitation. Via email, text, and yes personal invitation, we need to simply “sign them up” by inviting them. We will have a “sign up table” at the Festival, encouraging the beginning of the discussion. For signing up, each family will have a chance to win a “Welcoming Basket” representing who we are as community, gathering as community to build new pathways. More to come next week. Blessings. “Think, who can I invite?”



ST. JOAN OF ARC

PARISH FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 12PM-4PM

**COME JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR PARISH,
CONNECT WITH OUR COMMUNITY,
AND HAVE FUN!**



**DON'T
MISS
OUT!**



**FOOD & DRINKS
PONY RIDES
ROCKET CAR
BUBBLE SHOW
IRISH DANCING
RAFFLE
GAMES
AND MORE!**



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Parish School of Religion

As we get ready to begin a new PSR school year, we welcome back our returning families and welcome our new families!

PSR Classes begin:

Sunday, September 10 for High School

Monday, September 11 for grades K-6

Sunday, September 17 for grades 7 and 8



Please keep our catechists, children, and their families in your prayers as we begin this new school year!

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.

CLW

Children's Liturgy of the Word needs adult volunteers for this coming school year starting soon. **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**



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 haleykovey@gmail.com**

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 was a prisoner of war in China for a total 45 months during World War 2. 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



Thursdays September 7th thru October 5th 8:30-10 AM in rectory basement.

A 2019 PEW study revealed that only 25% 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.

To register, email mpvalencic@gmail.com or call 440-338-7177 no cost.

