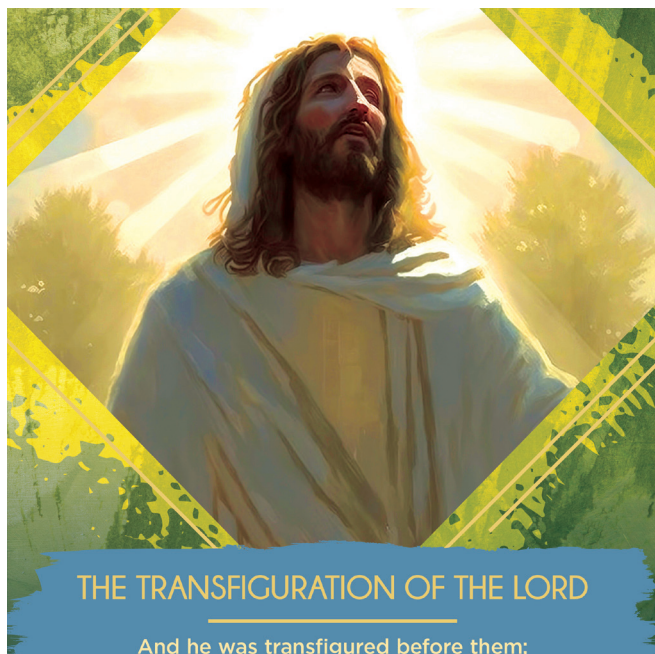




ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord - August 6, 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.

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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 in early August!

This weekend we remember the Transfiguration of the Lord on the mountain. I like the description of this feast that says The Lord showed on the outside who he is on the inside! Let's pray that we can allow the light and love of God to shine through us and our lives!

I shared this a couple of weeks ago, and it bears repeating here...

There is a **"special election" in Ohio this week on Tuesday, August 8**. I have had a few questions about the coming election and it is prudent to be attentive to what the church and our bishops have to say to us at this time.

- First of all, please vote!
- Secondly, we should allow our faith to influence us as we form our consciences as we seek to become informed on issues – and candidates, when they are on the ballot.
- 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.

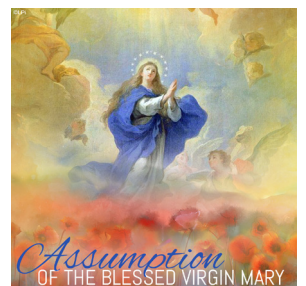
Recently Pope Francis and the Ohio and US Bishops have drawn our attention to important issues such as respect for all life as well as looking at other challenging topics and issues that demand our attention, especially as we cast our ballots. May the Holy Spirit guide us and our decisions about how we vote, inspired by our faith, and considering the common good of our community, state, and nation. Ultimately, let us pray that each of us might do God's will in all things!

Particularly, regarding Issue 1 and the election on August 8. The bishops of Ohio have stated that Issue 1 is essentially a vote about a procedural matter by which Ohioans amend the state constitution and Issue 1 does not directly deal with substantive matters of moral content. As a result, the bishops have not taken a stance on this initiative. The bishops ask that we prayerfully consider what we believe is right and prudent.

One final note: No one has our authorization to distribute partisan political materials (especially on candidates) on parish property, on vehicles, or anywhere else. Those who might do so are not acting in the name of the parish, our church, or diocese. I pray that each of us may be good citizens – and faithful.

Finally, looking ahead to **Tuesday, August 15. We celebrate the Assumption of Mary into Heaven – a Holy Day of Obligation. Our masses will be at 9 AM and 7 PM on Tuesday, August 15.**

Blessings and Peace,
Fr. Gary



Back to SCHOOL

**St. Joan of Arc Church
Back to School Drive
For The Chagrin Falls Park and Local Community**

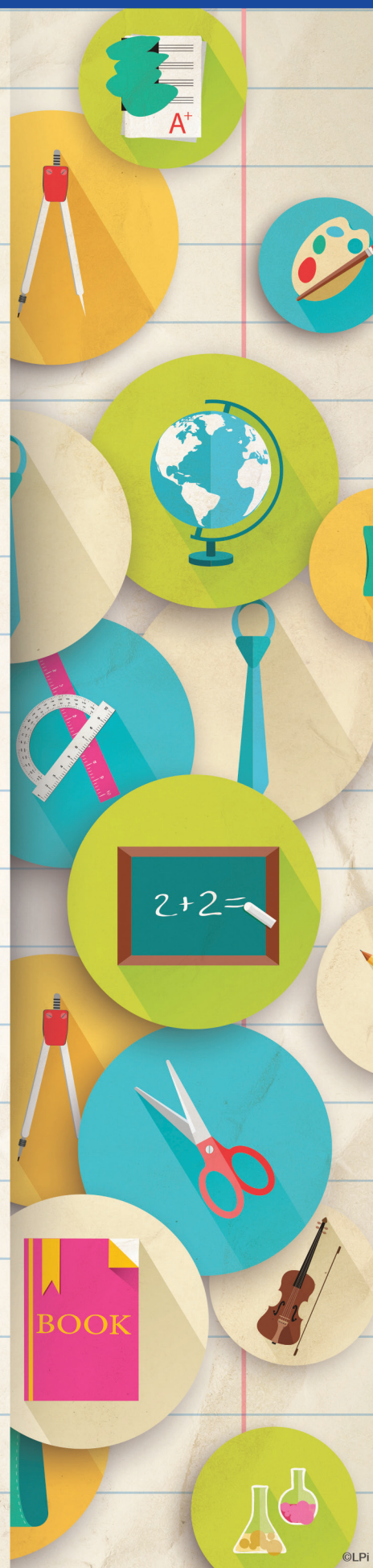
**Supplies Needed for each child:
(Please only new items)**

- 1 pair blunt-ended scissors
- 1 composition book
- 1 pack wide ruler notebook paper
- 1 12" ruler (inches/metric)
- 1 package #2 pencils, large eraser, small pencil sharpener
- 1 zipped pencil bag (one that clips into 3-ring binder)
- 1 glue stick
- 1 box colored pencils (16-24)
- 1 box crayons (16-24)
- 3 pocket folders with bottom pockets

Also needed with supplies: New or Gently used sturdy backpacks

Also

Donations collected on August 5th and 6th after all Masses.





Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 6

9:00am Jean Caputo
11:00am SJA

Monday, August 7

8:00am Lenore & Robert Vleck
(Lasch-Toth)

Tuesday, August 8

8:00am Patricia Hagan (Genske)

Wednesday, August 9

No Mass

Thursday, August 10

8:00 Jack Loftus (Bosley)

Friday, August 11

8:00 Richard Yoe (Walkiewicz)

Saturday, August 12

4:30 Benedict Tighe (Moriarty)

Sunday, August 13

9:00 SJA
11:00 Julie Koehler (Conacher)

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

Q What's been going on with the "synodal process at SJA"?

Since we started the process over a year ago, dozens of parishioners have been in discussions along with many more people, additionally providing input to the discussion. Over the next several weeks, we would like to share our very interesting historical context, from many of the participants, many of whom have been here for more than 30 years, along with our initiatives moving forward.

First, some interesting background. In calling for the initialization of Vatican II, "What instead is necessary today is that the whole of Christian doctrine, with no part of it lost, be received in our times by all with a new fervor . . . For the deposit of faith, the truths contained in our venerable doctrine, are one thing; the fashion in which they are expressed, but with the same meaning and the same judgment, is another thing." Pope John XXIII 1961. This was the invitation to begin the discussion of how the church should address the changing world. Many documents were created including the invitation to discover the role of the laity in collaboration with the whole Church.

Forty years later, "IN NOVO MILLENNIO INEUNTE, John Paul II stressed that living a thoroughly evangelical Catholicism in the twenty-first century would require Catholics, especially in the developed world, to think of themselves and their religious obligations in a radically different way." "Who is to be evangelized?" is straightforward and comprehensive: **everyone**.

Why this background? Our reality at SJA, concurrently within that same timeframe continues to challenge all of us. We used to have two Priests, three Deacons, and anywhere from six to ten religious on campus in support of our activities as a parish. Presently, we have one Priest, one religious and two part-time Deacons. Thankfully, we are now blessed with "laity" stepping up to fill key positions and leadership roles, both from within our Parish and Diocesan trained laity from our wider community as well. Relative to the "Faithful", while our numbers have waned, along the same lines as with the national trend, we are currently having a young family influx into the community, a new growth. That is the great news. At the same time, faced with many challenges we through our Baptism are all called to be Church".....sharing our gifts.

So how do we meet these challenges? Working closely with the diocese and our neighboring area wide Parish's, new approaches to support who we are as Catholic Christian's are beginning. Particularly for our young families, our fallen away Catholics, and those who are curious about our Faith. In this and in other new areas, opportunities for each of us to share our gifts, on our way to becoming Saints is the goal. Much more to follow.

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 10th 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

7/29-7/30

Collection: \$ 11,553.64
Online: \$ 5,912.69

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. 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 CATECHISTS NEEDED

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

One Kindergarten Catechist

One 7 th 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**



PSR

Registrations are still being accepted for PSR Classes for school year 2023/2024. You can pick up the forms in the Office of Faith Formation or find them online on the SJA website under the "Faith Formation" tab. We need to see all our young, smiling faces back this year...grades K-12! New and exciting educational programs and events are being planned!!

REGISTER FOR
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

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**



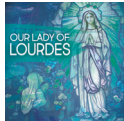
Children's
Liturgy

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 **SJA Family Movie Night Friday August 11th at 7pm in the Parish Hall**. We will be watching the 90's classic **Angels in the Outfield** starring Danny Glover and Joseph Gordon-Levitt. "When a boy prays for a chance to have a family if the California Angels win the pennant angels are assigned to make that possible." You are welcome to bring a sleeping bag or pillows. Theatre style seating and snack tables will be provided, along with popcorn and punch!



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 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.

