



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

December 10, 2023 | Second Sunday of Advent



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"One mightier than I is coming after me."
- Mk 1:7a

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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.

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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-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 as we begin the Second week of Advent.

This column was written well before Thanksgiving – since “due dates” for our parish bulletin are adjusted around “holidays” and because of my recent travels.

The Giving and Sharing Tree has been up in our church Gathering Area. We are accepting Gift Cards as well as gifts – as requested on the tags on the tree. This is one great way to bring the joy of the Christmas Season to those who may need it. Thank you for your generosity and support of this outreach ministry and to those who coordinate this wonderful service in our parish. We ask that your generous gifts be turned in by the end of the 11:00 AM mass today, Sunday December 10.

Looking ahead – please note that Christmas falls on a Monday this year. Also note that here is the obligation to attend mass for both “the weekend” of December 23-24 as well as for Christmas. For your planning, our weekend and Christmas mass schedule is:

Weekend of Saturday-Sunday, December 23-24

4:30 PM mass on Saturday December 23

11:00 AM mass on Sunday December 24

—note, no 9:00 AM mass on Sunday December 24

Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24

4:30 PM * mass and 8:00 PM mass

Christmas Day, Monday December 25

9:00AM mass and 11:00AM mass



* If the need presents itself, it may be possible for us to have some “overflow” directed to our parish hall for the Christmas Eve 4:30 PM mass – and hope to be able to live stream. Also note we will not have a “daily morning mass” in the parish on Friday December 22 or on Tuesday December 26.

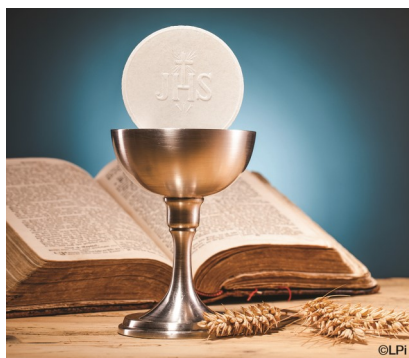
There will be an Advent “Area Communal Penance Service” on Monday December 18 at St. Rita at 6 :00PM. And more to note about Christmas. Christmas has been a time when many people often come to mass! Christmas masses can be quite crowded. In today’s world, with CoVid, RSV, Colds and Flu, we will need to be prudent and practical. Furthermore, for those in “high risk” medical categories or other health considerations could perhaps choose to remain home – out of caution and for your own well-being. Finally, Christmas mass should be available on the St. Joan of Arc Parish website.

As the days grow shorter and colder, may the warmth our love and faith increase! An Advent “prayer” is “Come Lord Jesus.” May the Lord come into our world today through each of us and the way we live.

Blessings and Advent Peace

Fr. Gary





MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:00am Edna Fay (John Murphy's Co-workers)

11:00am SJA

Monday, December 11

8:00am Thomas Curran (Curran)

Tuesday, December 12

9:00am Ginger Cirino (Cirino)

Wednesday, December 13

No Mass

Thursday, December 14

8:00am Paul Louis Repasky (Gatien)

Friday, December 15

8:00am Wayne Redding (Redding)

Saturday, December 16

4:30pm Josephine Chisholm (Moriarty)

Sunday, December 17

9:00am SJA

11:00am Richard Yoe (Spanulo)

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 dinah627@windstream.net



SECOND SUNDAY VESPERS

AMIDST THE SEASONAL HUBBUB THIS YEAR, GIVE YOUR FAMILY THE GIFT OF PEACE, CALM AND QUIET REFLECTION ...

JOIN US FOR : SECOND SUNDAY VESPERS

DECEMBER 10, AT 6:30PM

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

**HAPPY 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT! ADVENT BLESSINGS TO ALL
OUR PSR FAMILIES.**

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

There are many great things happening in our PSR classrooms! Advent preparation and violet are everywhere! The children are learning the significance of Advent, and our catechists are finding interesting and fun ways of teaching our faith to them. Thank you to Miss Elliott and the volunteer students who led an all-school PSR Advent Prayer Service in the gymnasium for grades K-6. It was a beautiful and moving "changing of the Colors & ceremony showing the children the transition from Ordinary Time to Advent and the meaning of the Advent Wreath. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our Prayer Service.

DECEMBER PSR CLASSES:

High School: Sundays, December 10, 17

Grades 7 and 8: Sundays, December 10

Grades K-6: Mondays, December 11

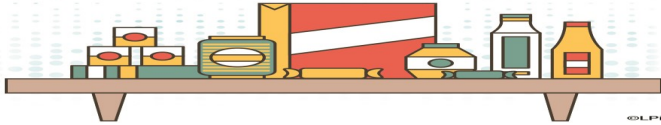
CLW

The Children's Liturgy of the Word program is coming back thanks to the volunteers who said "Yes". We could use a few more people, however! We hope to have it up and running again after the start of the new year in January. **For more information, please call Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3606.**



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



FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, December 14th from 10:00am-11:00am for you to drop off items.

-Flour-Brown Sugar-

-Brownie Mix-

-Large Cans of Sweet Potatoes-

-Turkey Gravy-

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



GIVING TREE

"There is still time to take a tag from the Giving Tree and bring in a gift. There will be tables set up in the Parish Hall to drop off gifts on Sunday, December 10th, until 12 noon. Thank you so much for bringing a smile to someone in need this Christmas!"



WEEKLY COLLECTION

11/18-11/19

Collection: \$5,019.67

Online: \$4,327.69

11/25-11/26

Collection: \$7,921.67

Online: \$2,549.00

12/2-12/3

Collection: \$12,394.00

Online: \$ TBA

THANKS YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

HOME VISITATION MINISTRY

Do you know 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 homebound on a regular basis. These visits afford 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.

If you are 70 1/2 years of age or older, you are able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help St. Joan of Arc Parish and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your financial advisor and IRA Administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift made is directly from an IRA to St Joan of Arc.

BUILDING COMMON GROUND

NOTES FROM DEACON DENNY

In our ongoing preparation during Advent, consider spending an hour with us in prayer and reflection at our Second Sunday Vespers tonight at 6:30pm, reflecting on our call through community prayer.

Reflection on Communal Prayer

At our Baptism as Catholic Christians we are anointed as Priest, Prophet & King. In today's world we might say Priest, Prophet and **Shepherd**. We are also called to Sainthood no matter what our path in life shall be. As our journey of faith begins at Baptism, we follow our path with the benefit of sacramental graces afforded by the Church to support us on that journey. Often as wounded pilgrims on the journey we find that **prayer**, as well as being together in Spirit, along with discernment, add both clarity and comfort, particularly in troubled times. We find that **identifying and dealing** with what we might call "thorns" along the way, which provide obstacles and deterrents to our journey, is an important/unction in our lives. We often need to choose between trying to remove those thorns from our life or at other times reconciling what life has given us, we are called to constant and regular discernment... a choice. Often this discernment is trying to harmonize; Head, Heart & Hands ... the actions we must take. Often, we must define our actions by determining what is "good" in the context of life around us, "common good". This involves our relationships; our personal relationship with God, our relationship with our families and faith community us, and finally, what is our relationship with God and His desire for us as co-creators of the Kingdom here on earth. Discerning, necessarily includes prayer; personal prayer, communal prayer in our community of faith, and through our participation in defining our actions in contribution to the wider "common good". Tonight, we gather to pray in community, to come together in Spirit, and to reflect on those area~ of our lives or actions where we are called to grow, to share, to journey



Have a Blessed week....

Deacon Denny

Advent Wreath Making at SJA

Thank you to Allie Gall for organizing our annual Advent Wreath Making event. Thank you to those who participated. The parish hall smelled of Christmas greenery and the festive wreaths that were created were beautiful!



FROM THE DESK OF MILLIE PREBEL

Our second annual Blue Christmas Mass is Thursday December 21, 2023 7:00pm. Join us for an evening of Reflection, courage, hope and joy in the midst of a season filled with wonder. All are welcome!



A big thanks to all who so generously contributed to our **Giving Tree** this year!



Help for the Holidays

Geauga County Job and Family Services coordinates the Sponsor a Family Program to assist low-income families with toys, food, and gifts for the holidays. The program is open to Geauga County families with minor children who are receiving assistance such as food Stamps. **Interested FAMILIES CAN CONTACT SARA SHININGER AT 440-285-9141, EXT. 1263 FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



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NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!

Ohioans can now receive a 100% tax credit of up to \$750 (\$1,500 for married couples filing jointly) for donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund. The aim of this tax-credit scholarship program is to award scholarships for elementary and high school students. This is a great opportunity to provide tuition assistance for families who wish to send their children to our Catholic schools.

NEW in 2023!

HB 33 passed by the Ohio State legislature in July 2023, extended the scholarship tax credit deadline- donors now have until April 15, 2024 to make a contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund that is eligible for a 1:1 state tax credit in 2023.



YOUR SUPPORT

- ✓ Directly impacts an SJA family's ability to afford a Catholic education
- ✓ Helps provide high quality Catholic education to students at **St. Joan of Arc**
- ✓ Allows you to choose what your tax dollars support



IT'S QUICK. IT'S EASY. WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

CALL: 216-902-1312 ONLINE: WWW.CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/ANGEL

