



# St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

December 15, 2024— Third Sunday of Advent



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

- Lk 3:16

## 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.**

## From the Pastor

Greetings of Peace in mid- December! Christmas is one and one-half weeks away!

*This column was written in early December since "due dates" for our parish bulletin are adjusted around "holidays".*

Since Christmas is approaching, here is our "Christmas Week Schedule" at St. Joan of Arc.

Mon Dec 23, no mass

**Tue Dec 24, Christmas eve**, masses at 4:30 PM and 8:00 PM

**Wed Dec 25, Christmas day**, masses at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Thurs Dec 26, no mass

Fri Dec 27, 8:00 AM mass

Sat and Sun, Dec 28-29, regular weekend schedule

Sat 4:30 PM; Sun 9 AM and 11 AM





And more to note about Christmas. Christmas has been a time when many people often come to mass! Christmas masses can be quite crowded – especially the 4:30 PM mass on Christmas eve. We ask that our people please be aware of parking regulations both on our grounds and in the “neighborhood.” There are “fire codes” and we need to be attentive to leaving a path for emergency vehicles in the event there is a matter that needs the attention of our first responders. Moreover, in today’s world, with colds and flu, CoVid, RSV, and more, let’s strive to be prudent and practical. If one is ill or not feeling well, they should stay home. Furthermore, those in “high risk” categories (or other considerations) could perhaps choose to remain home – out of caution and for your own health. Finally, our Christmas mass should be available on the St. Joan of Arc Parish website. Yes, we want to celebrate; we also want to stay safe!

And let’s remember, although we are looking forward to Christmas, we are still in the Season of Advent. In Advent we continue to pray, “Come Lord Jesus.” May the Lord come into our world today through each of us and in the way we live.

Have a great week as we get ready for Christmas and the New Year, 2025!

Blessings and peace.

**Fr. Gary**



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**

**9:00am SJA**

**11:00am Wayne Redding  
( Redding)**

### **Monday, December 16**

**8:00am Wanda Stec ( Prebel)**

### **Tuesday, December 17**

**9:00am Michael Andrew  
Smolinsky ( Smolinsky)**

### **Wednesday, December 18**

**No Mass**

### **Thursday, December 19**

**8:00am Josephine Carrubba  
( Nally)**

### **Friday, December 20**

**8:00am Mary Ann Kovalski  
( Poch/Waligura)**

### **Saturday, December 21**

**4:30pm Alvin Ortmann  
( Ortmann)**

### **Sunday, December 22**

**9:00am Ginger Cirino ( Cirino)**  
**11:00am 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

## **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.



### **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 their 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 SJA , call Diana at 440-552-1046 or email at [dianag@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:dianag@stjoanofarc.org)

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



Please join us to pray the Rosary, Weekdays 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](mailto:mohearniii@gmail.com)**

## Giving Tree

**"Thank you all so much for your generosity during this season of giving. All the organizations were very grateful for all your gifts! You have made this Christmas season so much better for so many people."**



## Notes from Jon Thibo



**Christmas Eve Mass 4:30. Cantor and organ with piano**

**Christmas Eve Mass 8:00 Adult Choir with Handbell Choir and Strings**

**Christmas Day Mass 9:00 Cantor and organ with piano**

**Christmas Day Mass 11:00 Children's Choir, Adult Choir, Handbell Choir and Strings**



## 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

### WEEKEND COLLECTION S 12/7-12/8

**Collection: \$ TBA**

### WEEKLY COLLECTION ONLINE

**11/11-11/15 \$ 4,879.00**

**11/18-11/22 \$ 3,317.00**

**11/25-11/29 \$ 6,182.00**

**Thank You for your continued support!**

## FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

**There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, December 19th from 10:00 - 11:00am for you to drop off items.**

**-Butter-Eggs-**

**-Flour-Apples-**

**-Cake/Brownie Mix-**

**-Cake Frosting-**



**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

Happy 3rd week of Advent! As we prepare for the birth of the Lord in this week of joy, let us rejoice at the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas Day!

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

#### **December PSR Classes:**

Grades K-6: Monday, December 16

Grades 7,8: Sunday, December 15

High School: Sunday, December 15

#### **January PSR Classes:**

Grades K-6: Mondays, January 6, 13, 27

Grades 7,8: Sundays, January 5, 12

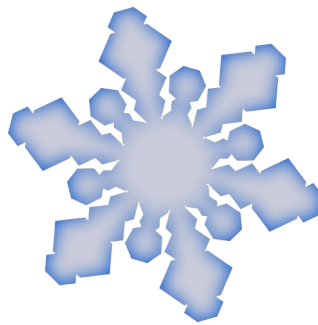
High School: Sundays, January 5, 12, 19

### VACATION BIBLE CAMP

We need your old artificial tree! If anyone is discarding an artificial Christmas tree this year, we would be happy to take it off your hands and use it as a decoration for next summer's Vacation Bible Camp. The theme is "True North" and we will be decorating with an Alaska/Pacific Northwest theme. Please call or email the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3603 or [mvincenti@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:mvincenti@stjoanofarc.org).

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word for children is held during the 11:00 Mass each Sunday for those children in grades K-3. If you would like to volunteer to help with this important ministry, please contact Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3606. Or email [mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org](mailto:mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org)



## **BLUE CHRISTMAS MASS**



**Thursday, DECEMBER 19, 7 PM**

**St Joan of Arc Church - Chagrin Falls**

**Do you find yourself grieving, lonely, or longing for something better this Christmas? Have you suffered the loss of a loved one, a job, your health?**

**The longest night of the year approaches near Christmas Day and you may be feeling dark and heavy for any number of reasons.**

**Join us in a mass of hope and remembrance to help lift your spirits and bring you the peace that our Lord wants you to have.**

**Presider is Fr. Max Cole (Pastor of Holy Angels). Light refreshments to follow.**



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the **Second Sunday Vespers** Team

We are taking December off during this special time of year.

We look forward to next year as our program continues to grow. We are excited to share that we are receiving many great suggestions and ideas for the coming year, as we continue to celebrate our Faith and our vibrant community.

With many Blessings in the New Year.

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## **NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!**

Ohioans can now receive a dollar for dollar tax credit of up to \$750 for donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund. If you are filing a joint return and both you and your spouse make eligible donations, each of you can claim this credit (up to \$1,500 total).

Donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund at SJA are awarded as scholarships for students in our parish. This is a great opportunity to provide tuition assistance for families who wish to send their children to St. Joan of Arc!!



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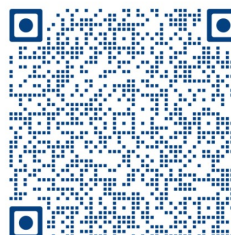


## **YOUR SUPPORT**

- ✓ 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



SCAN HERE TO CONTRIBUTE ONLINE:



**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!**

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

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