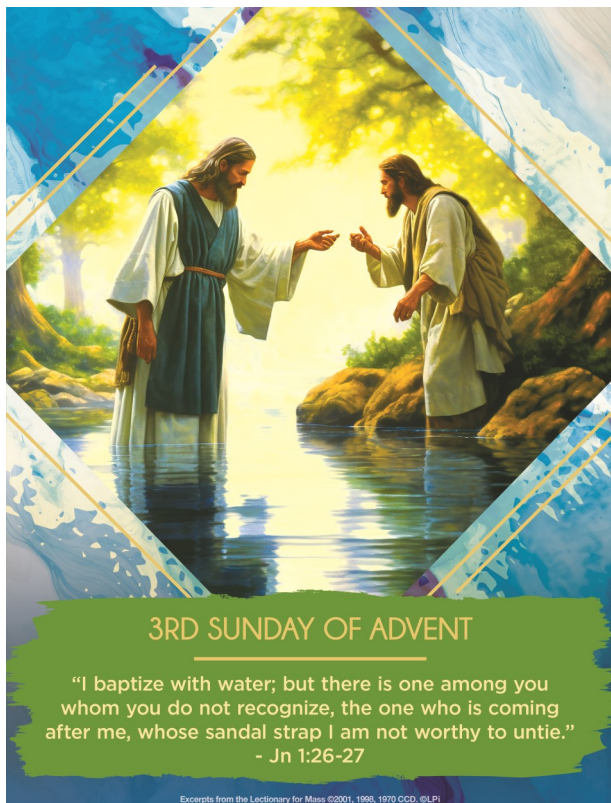




# St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

December 17, 2023 | Third Sunday of Advent



## 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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**Website:** www.stjoanofarcchurch.org

### Parish Staff

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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.

This column was written in late November to early December, since “due dates” for our parish bulletin are adjusted around “holidays” and there is a new “program” for submitting our bulletin to the “bulletin company.”

When the days were cold and the nights were long and our need for a Savior was great, God sent his son to us! Yes, Christmas comes upon us “this coming weekend.” Christmas is Monday December 25 this year.

Please note this year there is the obligation to attend mass for both “the weekend” of December 23-24 as well as for Christmas. The St. Joan of Arc weekend and Christmas mass schedule is:

### **Weekend of Saturday-Sunday, December 23-24**

4:30 PM mass on Saturday December 23

11:00AM mass on Sunday December 24

— **\*\* Note no 9:00AM mass on Sunday December 24 \*\***

### **Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24**

4:30 PM mass and 8:00 PM mass

### **Christmas Day, Monday December 25**

9:00 AM mass and 11:00 AM mass

**Also note there will not be a “daily morning mass” in the parish on Friday December 22 or on Tuesday December 26.**

On Monday night, December 18, there will be an Advent “Area Communal Penance Service” at St. Rita at 6:00 PM. Looking ahead to the last weekend of December 2023 and New Years 2024, which is Monday January 1, 2024, we will have our regular weekend mass schedule for Saturday and Sunday,

December 30-31 – that is Saturday mass is 4:30 PM; Sunday mass at 9:00AM and 11:00AM.

Since New Years is on a Monday, the obligation to go to mass on New Years is dispensed. Still, we will have one mass on New Years, Monday January 1, 2024 at 9:00 AM for those who wish to participate. And because of the holiday, there will not be a “daily morning mass” on Tuesday January 2, 2024. Blessings and Peace as we approach Christmas and the New Year.

**Noel.**

**Fr. Gary**



## FROM THE DESK OF JON THIBO

St. Joan of Arc Music Ministry is happy to have our own Handbell Ringers joined by former members of St. Columbkille Handbell Choir at today's 11:00a.m. Mass and again at 11:00a.m. Mass on Christmas Day. We would love to add more ringers in January. The Handbell Choir meets on Monday evening from 7-9:00 p.m.

Also, this Advent season we have been singing Maranatha, Lord Messiah for our Communion Procession. The word Maranatha is translated as Come, Lord. We hope you have been able to pray well with this beautiful hymn by Kathy Powell from our new Gather Hymnals.



## GIVING TREE

Thank you all so much for your generous gifts for the 5 organizations that expressed a need on our Giving Tree.

You have made an impactful response to the Christmas Season gift request and they are eternally grateful to you.







## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:00am SJA

11:00am Richard Yoe (Spanulo)

### Monday, December 18

8:00am Alvin Ortmann (Ortmann)

### Tuesday, December 19

9:00am Nan Morgan (Curran)

### Wednesday, December 20

No Mass

### Thursday, December 21

8:00am Paul Louis Repasky  
(Gatien)

### Friday, December 22

8:00am No Mass

### Saturday, December 23

4:30pm Helen Rooney (Moriarty)

### Sunday, December 24

11:00am SJA

4:30pm Ginger Cirino (Cirino)

8:00pm Paul Louis Repasky  
(Gatien)

## 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](mailto:dinah627@windstream.net)







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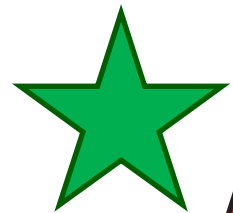
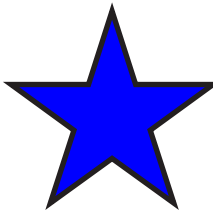
## HOLIDAY HAPPENING'S AT ST JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL

If you are in the Village, check out the SJA School Christmas Tree.

You can vote for your favorite tree here:

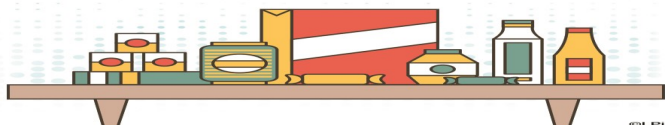


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## FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IN THE NARTHEX

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!



## FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, December 21st from 10:00am-11:00am for you to drop off items.

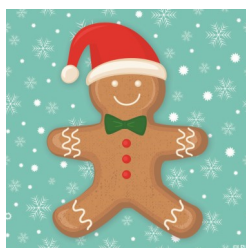
**-Cake Mix-Frosting-**

**-Corn-**

**-Oil-Eggs-**

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

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## WOMENS' GUILD

The Women's Guild would like to thank everyone who baked the delicious cookies for our Christmas Giving Cookie Project. We packed 48 containers of cookies. Sister Judy Bucco took the cookies and a bag of stuffed animals to the Blessed Trinity Church. The church was so appreciative of our kindness, and assured us that they will go to very needy families. What a wonderful way to start the Christmas Season! Many Thanks!!!!



## WEEKLY COLLECTION

### 12/9 -12/10

Collection: \$ TBA

Online: \$ TBA

### 12/2-12/3

Collection: \$12,394.00

Online: \$ TBA

**\*\* Please note that due to bulletin submission deadlines, weekly totals may not be available at time of printing\*\***

**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

#### 3rd Sunday of Advent 2023.

Today, the liturgical color changes to "Rose", as we "faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity".

The "Gospel" story today becomes not only an invitation to invite Jesus into our hearts but also becomes an invitation to, like John, explore our call as how we can "make a straight way for the Lord" not only in our own lives but in the lives of others as well.

Here at St. Joan's, we continue to explore new ways as a community to help each other to grow personally in our faith/spiritual lives. At the same time, we continue to explore new ways to develop how we support one another in both our ongoing ministries and in the development of new ministries. So, as we explore through prayer and reflection in the remaining days of Advent..... how each of us is called to "make a straight way for the Lord." Perhaps, we could consider making a **Liturgical New Years**

#### **Resolution.**

- Scheduling some time in Adoration.
- Considering a daily "prayer time"
- Coming as family, or inviting a neighbor to join us at our monthly community prayer; Second Sunday Vespers.
- Participating in one of our ministries:
  - o Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers
  - o Visitation teams
- Participating in our school
- Joining a faith study group or even starting a new one.

These are but a few of the many ways our community celebrates God's Presence in our lives. We need to continue to grow these ministries and continue to search utilizing the gifts we've been given.

**Have a blessed week,**

**Deacon Denny**

# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

**HAPPY 3rd WEEK OF ADVENT!**

## **Parish School of Religion**

**Wishing all our PSR families many blessings these last weeks of Advent preparing your families, hearts, and minds for the coming of our Savior! A special thank you to our catechists for teaching the children about the joy of Advent and our Savior's birth.**

## **December PSR Classes:**

**High School: Sundays, December 17**

## **January PSR Classes:**

**High School: January 7, 14, 21**

**Grades 7 and 8: January 7, 21**

**Grades K-6: January 8, 22, 29**



## **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.**



## FROM THE DESK OF MILLIE PREBEL



### **BLUE CHRISTMAS MASS Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm**

The Holidays can be an increased time of stress and/or loneliness. Do you know someone struggling to find joy this Christmas season? Maybe they have suffered a loss or a setback? Maybe it's you?

Blue Christmas mass is a service with gently uplifting music and a prayerful healing spirit of reflection, remembrance, and hope for hurting hearts. Our presider will be Fr. Dan Schlegel. Join us for a faith filled candlelit service followed by fellowship/refreshments. Share with us the Lord's strength and joy on this winter solstice, the longest day of the year. All are welcome.

### **PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS**

Advent is a wonderful time to add intentional prayers to our daily prayer. We grow in strength as a faith community when we pray for each other. Please take a scroll in the gathering area to pray for our Saint Joan of Arc Day School and PSR Students. Keep our students in your prayers this Advent and the rest of the school year!

### **ADVENT MISSION**

Thank you Fr. Blau for our beautiful Advent Mission and for visiting our students! It was a beautiful time spent deepening the meaning of the season.



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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



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