



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

December 22, 2024—Fourth Sunday of Advent



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."
- Lk 1:41-42

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. This week we celebrate Christmas!

This column was written well before Christmas since "due dates" for our parish bulletin are adjusted around "holidays".

I hope and pray that the Celebration of our Lord's birth will bring you his heavenly gifts. I also hope that we can take time to "wonder" and "reflect" on the meaning of the love of God who sent us his Son. One great summary of this season says, "In Jesus, God became like one of us. Let us become more like him!"

We offer a special welcome to those who are home from college or have come back to Chagrin Falls from out of town for Christmas or New Years! It is good to have you here with us for this joyful feast of our Lord's birth and these Sacred Days. We are very glad to see you!

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 as I shared last week, here is 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!

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 22

9:00am Ginger Cirino (Cirino)

11:00am SJA

Monday, December 23

8:00am No Mass

Tuesday, December 24

4:30pm Ginger Cirino(Cirino)

**8:00pm Julie B. Koehler
(Conacher)**

Wednesday, December 25

9:00am SJA

**11:00am Michelle Magazine
(Magazine)**

Thursday, December 26

8:00am No Mass

Friday, December 27

8:00am Jerry Corsaro (Paris)

Saturday, December 28

**4:30pm Josephine Chisholm
(Moriarty)**

Evelyn Yoe 90th Birthday (Yoe)

Sunday, December 29

9:00am SJA

11:00am Jim Mastrangelo

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

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



"What a tremendous response our parish had to the Giving Tree! Along with all these gifts, we collected \$7,980 in gift cards! Your continued generosity has definitely made a difference in so many lives in the Cleveland area. Thank you so much!"

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: \$ 11,810.00

WEEKLY COLLECTION ONLINE

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Thank You for your continued support!

FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

There will be NO car in the SJA parking lot Thursday 12/26 or 1/2 drop off will resume January 9th at 10am



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 4th week of Advent! It will be a short Advent week but let us pray that the love of Christ dwells strong in our hearts as Christmas nears. Merry Christmas! May our newborn King bring each of you and your families abundant joy and peace throughout this Christmas season. THANK YOU for all you are and do for your children as you model the faith and your love for God and the Church.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

There will be no PSR classes for the remainder of December.

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



ARTIFICIAL TREES

We need your old artificial trees! 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.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation preparation Session #6 will be January 9th from 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. Don't forget to bring your binders and turn in Service Hours forms!

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



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the
St. Joan of Arc Staff**



MERRY
Christmas

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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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!!

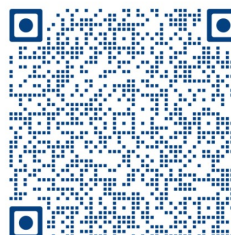


YOUR SUPPORT

- ✓ 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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