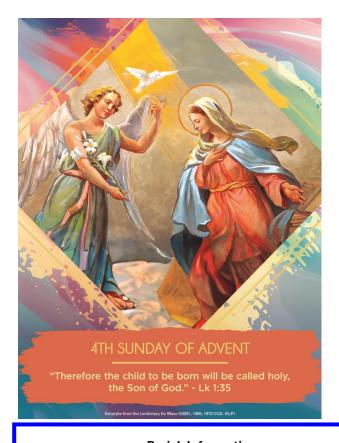


# St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

December 24, 2023 | Fourth 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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#### **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

#### From the Pastor

Greetings of Peace on this last Sunday of Advent, "Merry Christmas Eve," and Blessings for the Season!

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."

I hope and pray that the coming 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! It is good to have you here with us for this joyful feast of our Lord's birth and these Sacred Days of Christmas. We are very glad you to see you! Christmas comes upon us "this coming weekend." Yes, Christmas is Monday December 25 this year. Please note there is the obligation to attend mass for "the weekend" of December 23-24 as well as for Christmas. The St. Joan of Arc weekend and Christmas mass schedule is:

- --this weekend, 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 AM mass

Also note there will not be a "daily morning mass" in the parish on Tuesday December 26.



Looking ahead to the last weekend of December and New Years, 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 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

Since New Years is on a Monday, the obligation to go to mass on New Years is dispensed. Still, we will have a mass on New Years at 9 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.

It is a blessing to be here as a part of the St. Joan of Arc parish family and truly grateful you are here to pray and celebrate with us in this Joyful Season. You are in my heart and in my prayers.

May the warmth of the birth of our Savior shine on you this Christmas, throughout the Christmas Season, and in the New Year of grace, 2024.

## **Blessings and Peace. Noel!**

## Fr. Gary



### **Have a Blessed Christmas**

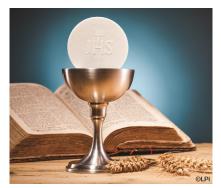
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## A Happy New Year from the St. Joan of Arc Staff









## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

11:00am SJA

4:30pm Ginger Cirino (Cirino)

8:00pm Paul Louis Repasky

(Gatien)

#### Monday, December 25

9:00am SJA

11:00am Matthew Bell (Kearney)

#### Tuesday, December 26

9:00am No Mass

#### Wednesday, December 27

No Mass

#### Thursday, December 28

8:00am Janos Szigeti (Szigeti)

#### Friday, December 29

8:00am Mary Ann Bucar (Moriarty)

#### Saturday, December 30

4:30pm Marguerite McCourt (Moriarty)

#### Sunday, December 31

9:00am SJA

11:00am Jim Mastrangelo

(Scaletta)

#### 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.

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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





## St. Joan of Arc PSR Classes get ready for Christmas!









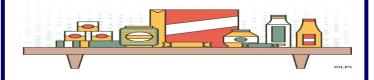






#### **FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IN THE NARTHEX**

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 28th from 10:00am-11:00am for you to drop off items.

-Cake Mix-Frosting-

-Butter-Eggs-

-Brown Sugar-

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

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#### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

#### 12/16-12/17

Collection: \$ TBA

Online: \$ TBA

12/9 -12/10

Collection: \$ TBA

Online: \$ TBA

12/2-12/3

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.

## **The Giving Tree**

## "Generosity abounds in our parish"!

Thank you again for responding to the needs of others."







## 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 who will be at the 11:00am 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.



## **OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION**

## **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.



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

High School: January 7, 14, 21

Grades 7 and 8: January 7, 21

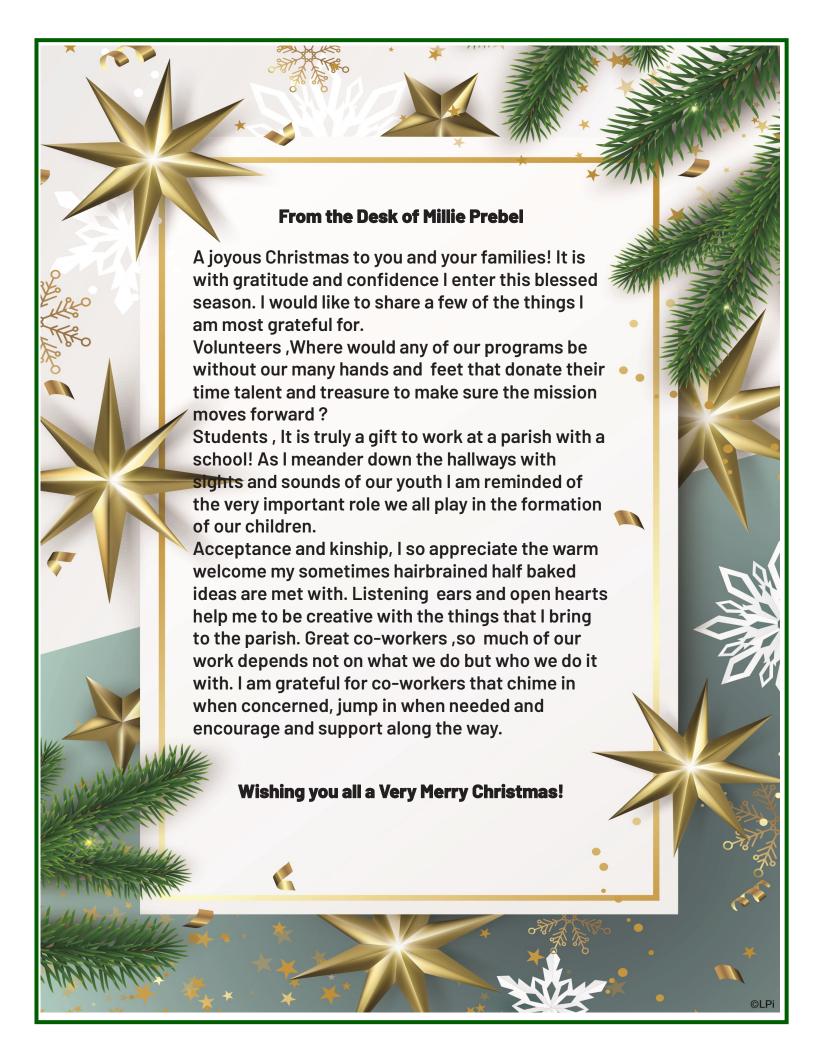
**Grades K-6: January 8, 22, 29** 

#### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation preparation Session #5 will be January 11 from 6:30-8:00pm in the Parish Hall. Don't forget to bring your binders and turn in Service Hours forms!

#### 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.



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#### **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
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