



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2022



## 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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Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

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**Email:** [stjoanchagrin@gmail.com](mailto:stjoanchagrin@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.stjoanofarcchurch.org](http://www.stjoanofarcchurch.org)

### Parish Staff

**Fr. Gary J. Malin, Pastor**

**Rev. Mr. Jeffrey Dunlop, Deacon**

**Rev. Mr. Dennis Guritza, Deacon**

**Mrs. Mary Vincenti, Director of Religious Education**

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**Mrs. Millie Prebel, Pastoral Minister**

440-247-1141 | [mprebel@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:mprebel@stjoanofarc.org)

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440-247-4316 | [agall@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:agall@stjoanofarc.org)

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440-247-7183 ext.131, [jthibo@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:jthibo@stjoanofarc.org)

**Mrs. Stacie M. Webster, Principal**

440-247-6530 | [swebster@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:swebster@stjoanofarc.org)

*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, July and 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, Merry Christmas, and Blessings for the Season!**

**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! 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!**

**Let us also give special thanks to those who help to make our Christmas masses wonderful celebrations here at St. Joan of Arc. Particular recognition should be given to our parish staff, the Art & Environment people, the music and choirs, our Sacristan, the Liturgical Ministers and Ushers, and for you, the good people of SJA who make our parish such a good place!**

**One more note/ Did you know that the Pope is on Twitter? Here are two tweets from the Pope: "We cannot think of a Church without joy. This is the joy of the Church: announcing to all the name of Jesus" and "Holiness doesn't mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith" ([twitter.com/Pontifex](https://twitter.com/Pontifex)). At Christmastime, we remember "Joy to the World" and the gift of Jesus. Pope Francis says, "Let us follow him with a lively faith!"**

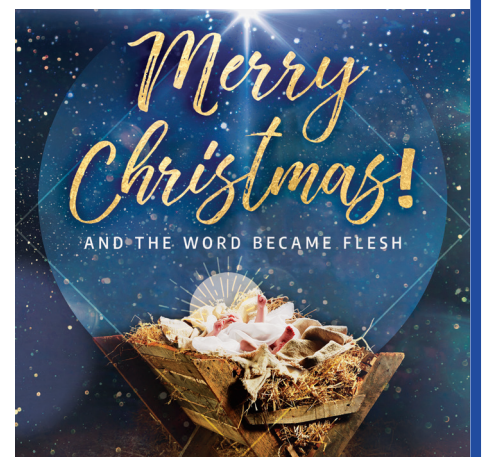
**Please be reminded this week there will not be " daily mass" at 8:00am in the Parish on Monday or Friday. Thank You.**

**I am blessed to be a part of the St. Joan of Arc parish family and truly grateful you are here to pray and celebrate with us on this Joyful Feast. 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, 2023.**

**Blessings and Peace. Noel!**

**Fr. Gary**



**Rev Gerald J. Bednar Ph.D**



**The Book of the Apocalypse: A 'New' and uplifting 'Old Reading'**

A new approach to the Book of Revelation looks back to the oldest interpretation we have, and discovers there a fresh reading. Surprisingly comforting and challenging at the same time, it displays a much more Christian sense of love and mercy than people often think.

Here's the key: everything in the Book of Revelation has already happened, is happening now, and will happen in the future.

Come and explore this ancient understanding on five **Monday evenings: January 9, 16, 23, 30, and Feb. 6 at 7 PM. in the Parish Hall.** Talks will be given by Rev. Gerald J. Bednar, Ph.D, former associate pastor at SJA., and will last approximately 60 minutes, with time allotted for discussion at the end of each lecture. The final session will feature live input from the Australian author of the new commentary, Rev. Francis Moloney, SDB.



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, December 25

9:00am SJA

11:00am Kimberli Diemert Steinberg  
(Kearney)

### Monday, December 26

8:00am No Mass

### Tuesday, December 27

9:00am Janos Szigeti (Szigeti)

### Wednesday, December 28

No Mass

### Thursday, December 29

8:00am Pearl Koczwarra (Favret)

### Friday, December 30

8:00am No Mass

### Saturday, December 31

4:30 Bob Fay (Gleason)

### Sunday, January 1

9:00 SJA

11:00 Gwen Beck (Conacher)

## 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**

## 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 brings 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.**



**"A Blessed and Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year to all our PSR  
families" from the Office of Faith  
Formation...**

**Mary Vincenti  
Sr. Theresa Hafner**



### **Dementia and the Holidays**

**Dementia Education  
sponsored by Arden  
Courts Promedica  
Memory Care**

Entering into the holidays with a loved one suffering from dementia can be challenging to navigate. During this event, common missteps around the holidays and how to avoid them will be discussed, as well as winter safety, tips for reducing stress and a Q and A session.

There will be a virtual option for those not able to attend in person. **Please contact Millie Prebel 440-247-1141 ext 127 or email [mprebel@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:mprebel@stjoanofarc.org) for dates and times.**

Peace and blessings,  
Millie Prebel



## Food Pantry Collection in the Narthex

Please bring your non-perishable food donations (canned vegetables, fruits, spaghetti sauce, soups, pasta, rice, ramen noodles, peanut butter, etc.) when you come to Mass. Thank you for your support!



## Eucharistic Ministers- Help Needed

Are you a Eucharistic Minister? Volunteers are needed to bring Holy Communion to the Hillcrest Hospital. Our volunteers are back and safely ministering to our patients. We welcome you to join them. Training is provided. Proof of COVID vaccination is required. Contact Christine Young at 440-312-3739 for more information.

## Food Pantry Thursday

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, December 29nd from 10-11am for you to drop off items.

- Butter-Eggs-
- Flour-
- Green Beans-Apples/Oranges-

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



## Weekly Collection

Please look for collection totals in the coming weeks bulletin!



MERRY  
*Christmas*

Merry Christmas  
from the St. Joan of  
Arc Staff



## Baptism Classes

The Sacrament of Baptism is a very special time where we receive into the Church the 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 with Zoom. To sign up or to get further information on the class or with questions on Baptism at St. Joan of Arc, call **Diana** at **440-552-1046**, email **dinah627@windstream.net**

## Coffee & Donuts

Donuts are back...After 9:00am and 11 am Mass. Please stop by the Parish Hall after Mass and enjoy connecting with your fellow parishioners!



**There will not be any donuts on Christmas or New Years Sunday.**

## Moms, Pops & Tots

Weekly play groups will meet on Mondays throughout the school year at 9am-10am in the Olsavsky Center - School Gym.

**Any Questions please contact Kelly Rohr at 614-477-4032.**

## Electronic Giving

**Choose the option that works best for you**

1. Visit the SJA online giving website: <http://www.stjoanofarcchurch.org/eGiving.aspx> and set up an account, or simply scan the QR code below. You can set up a personal account to use for regular offertory, holy days of obligation, and special collections.
2. Visit the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, where you will find the free "Give + Church" smart phone app.  
  
After downloading, you can set up a personal account and use the site for regular offertory, holy days of obligation, and special collections. You will be prompted to enter our zip code of 44022 or the St. Joan of Arc Church name. Click on our church name and address in the list and then begin the process of setting up you account.
3. Complete the paper form found on the website listed in Option 1 and mail it to the Parish Office:

St. Joan of Arc Parish Office  
Attn: Kelly Kearney  
496 East Washington Street  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

## ST. PAT'S HUNGER CENTER COORDINATOR NEEDED

St. Joan of Arc, partnering with Holy Angels, cooks and serves an evening meal at St. Pat's, 3603 Bridge Ave., Cleveland, four times a year. It is always the fourth Tuesday of months with five Tuesday's. St. Joan's and Holy Angels coordinators alternate shopping and providing the food so you would only have to be in charge twice each year.

We are currently serving meals for 100 people. Volunteers meet at St. Pat's around 3:00 to begin preparing the food, we begin serving at 5:00 and finish cleaning up around 6:45.

Please consider this position.

**Contact Connie Eddy at CEddy543@aol.com for information. Thank you!**



## "Here's to Our Health"

Now that we are in the month of December, we are in the midst of cold & flu Season. Medical professionals indicate cases are becoming more prevalent. And Covid is not done with us, yet. Plus, RSV is becoming more prevalent. If you are sick or feeling ill, please take appropriate precautions so you don't spread "the bugs" around. It is more prudent to stay at home rather than coming to church when one is sick. Missing church, if you are sick, is not a sin. As a matter of fact, not spreading the germs is an act of kindness! For your convenience SJA will have masks available on a table as you enter the Church. Thank you. Stay well, warm, and faithful.



## Giving and Sharing Tree

"Thank you all so much for your generosity this season of Christmas. Your gifts were so appreciated and will bring smiles of thanksgiving on so many faces."

## Christmas Books

Matthew Kelly books will be given out to all SJA families after all Christmas Masses. Please don't forget to get one!



Have a blessed Christmas.

## 2023 Parish Calendars

**We have 2023 Parish Calendars are available in the Gathering Area. Let us extend a special " Thank You" to St. John Funeral Home in Bedford and Bainbridge for providing our annual calendars. We are very grateful!**







## **OHIO TAX PAYERS - YOU CAN HELP OUR SCHOOL!!!**

### **St. Joan of Arc School: Six Decades Of Excellence In Catholic Education**

- Superior academics producing test scores above national averages.
- Dedicated teachers collaborating with parents for the benefit of the students.
- Small class sizes allowing personal attention and more hands-on learning.
- Promoting a student journey that ties faith in God with traditional learning. Fulfilling the Mission: Learn, Lead, and Live the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

You have the opportunity to support our St. Joan of Arc Parish School through the Angel Scholarship Fund utilizing your Ohio Income Tax Credit. Your participation strengthens St. Joan of Arc School's future by providing tuition assistance for St. Joan students.

Now we are able to receive 100% Ohio income tax credit, up to \$750.00 (\$1500.00 if filling jointly). Contribute your money to the Angel Scholarship Fund and specify our St. Joan of Arc School as the recipient of your donation.

You need to act before the end of the tax year; act now by donating and obtaining your tax credit!

**More information is available: <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/ways-to-give/donate/angelscholarship-fund>**

December 31st is right around the corner - Don't forget that your gifts to St. Joan of Arc Church and School are tax-deductible ( for those that itemize on their tax returns)!

We will be mailing parishioners' statements of itemized donations to our Church & School for calendar year 2022. We plan to begin sending these out around the third week of January 2023, so please be patient as we close-out our year!

Thank you for your generosity to our Church and School!



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IN NATION'S  
REPORT CARD



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