



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

December 29, 2024— Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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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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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, Merry Christmas, and Blessings for the Season!

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 has brought 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 such wonderful celebrations here at St. Joan of Arc. Particular recognition should be given to our parish staff, the Art & Environment people, the Jon Thibo for the music, the cantors, choirs, accompanists, our Sacristan, the Liturgical Ministers and Ushers, and for you, the good people of SJA who make our parish such a good place!

Here is our schedule for this "New Years week."

Mon Dec 30, 8:00 AM mass

Tue Dec 31, New Years Eve, mass at 4:30 PM

Wed Jan 1, 2025, New Years Day, mass at 9:00 AM

Thurs Jan 2, no mass

Fri Jan 3, 8:00 AM mass



It happens 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). At Christmastime, we remember "Joy to the World" and the gift of Jesus. Pope Francis says, "Let us follow him with a lively faith!"

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, 2025.

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.

Blessings and Peace. Noel!

Fr. Gary



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00am SJA

11:00am Jim Mastrangelo

Monday, December 30

**8:00am Susan Gustavson
(Gustavson)**

Tuesday, December 31

**4:30pm Linda Orinella
(McGinnis)**

Wednesday, January 1

**9:00am Vincent Manahon
(Zilly)**

Thursday, January 2

8:00am No Mass

Friday, January 3

**8:00am Ester Dershaw
(Kearney)**

Saturday, January 4

4:30pm SJA

Sunday, January 5

**9:00am Eddie Giordano
(Zeleznik)**

**11:00am Frank Stanovich
(O'Neil)**

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

THANK YOU!

"Thank you from St. Martin de Porres"

"A simple note to say that we at Catholic Charities/St. Martin de Porres appreciate the support you've given to us well over 10 years. We thank you Father Gary, all parishioners and volunteers for all you do!"

**God bless you all,
Director Karnese McKenzie.**

Parish Calendars for 2025

2025 Parish Calendars are available in the church Gathering Area and the parish office. We say "Thank you" to the St. John Funeral Home in Bainbridge and Bedford for providing our annual calendars.



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 12/14-12/15

Collection: \$ 18,230.00

WEEKLY COLLECTION ONLINE

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Wonderful catechists, wonderful children, wonderful things going on in our PSR classes!.....

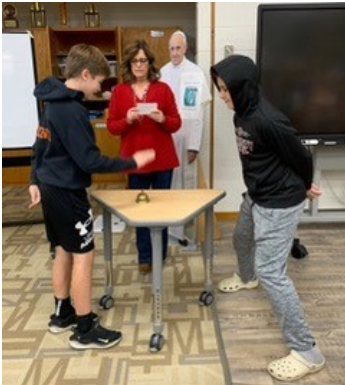
Mrs. Onder's 7th grade class made Hershey bar snowmen with gloves for hats as an additional donation to the Giving Tree gifts donated by the SJA parishioners. Thank you students and Mrs. Onders!!



Miss Elliott's 4th grade PSR class learned about Advent and the meaning of the Advent wreath. They displayed their artwork to be enjoyed by all:



Mrs. Lewinski and Mrs. Jones's 8th graders are always busy learning and having fun at the same time!



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 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.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation preparation Session #6 will be January 9 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

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.



Your Taxes. Their Tuition. **ST. JOAN OF ARC'S FUTURE.**



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

Enriching Lives In Northeast Ohio

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!!



ANGEL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Turning taxes into tuition with the
Catholic Community Foundation*

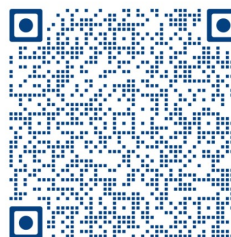


YOUR SUPPORT

- ✓ 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!

CALL: 216-902-1312 ONLINE: WWW.CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/ANGEL