



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

December 31, 2023 | Feast of the Holy Family



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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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

From the Pastor

Greetings of Christmas Peace.

This weekend we remember the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. May we strive to live as God's holy family, in our households and in our parish!

Monday of this week is January 1, 2024 – New Years Day and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. This weekend we have our regular mass schedule for Saturday and Sunday, December 30-31 – that is Saturday mass is 4:30 PM; Sunday masses are 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. There is not a "vigil mass" on Sunday December 31st in anticipation of January 1, 2024.

And because of the holiday, there will not be a "daily morning mass" on Tuesday January 2, 2024. The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

I hope and pray that this Season, when we celebrate 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!"

Again, 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. We are very glad you to see you!

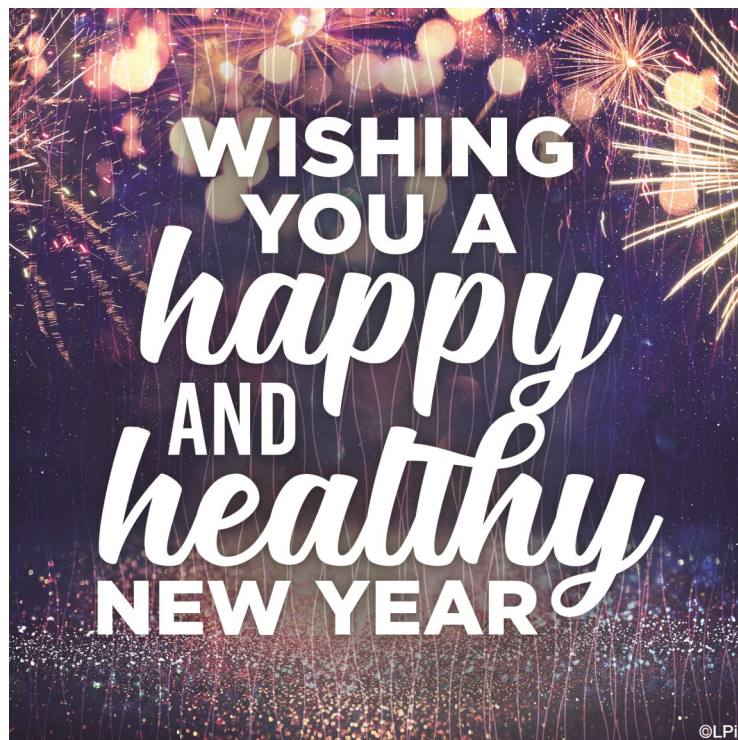
Let us also give special thanks to those who help to make our Christmas masses wonderful celebrations here at St. Joan of Arc. Particular recognition should be given to our parish staff, the Art & Environment people, the music and choirs, our Sacristan, the Liturgical Ministers and Ushers, and for you,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

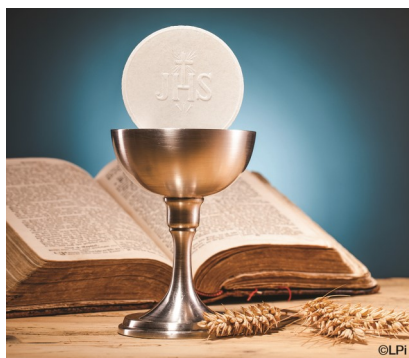
Did you know that the Pope is on Social Media and Twitter – or is it now “X”? Here are two “tweets” from the pope: “We cannot think of a Church without joy. This is the joy of the Church: announcing to all the name of Jesus” and “Holiness doesn’t mean doing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with love and faith” (twitter.com/Pontifex). And at Christmastime, we remember “Joy to the World” and the gift of Jesus. Pope Francis says, “Let us follow him with a lively faith!” I say, that sounds good to me!

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





MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00am SJA

11:00am Jim Mastrangelo
(Scaletta)

Monday, January 1

9:00am Preston Pierce (Kearney)

Tuesday, January 2

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, January 3

No Mass

Thursday, January 4

8:00am William P. Donovan
(Wiley)

Friday, January 5

8:00am Eddie Giordano (Zelevnik)

Saturday, January 6

4:30pm Donald McCourt (Moriarty)

Sunday, January 7

9:00am Jean Cost (Gleason)

11:00am SJA

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



BUILDING COMMON GROUND

NOTES FROM DEACON DENNY

As we continue to celebrate Christmas, we turn to starting a new “calendar year” where typically we make New Years Resolutions. Amidst this very difficult time in our World, in our Nation, and also in our local communities, it is truly The Presence of Jesus in our lives that brings hope. Throughout history, and times of turmoil, we too, are once again called to find direction and hope in the manger in Bethlehem.

In prayer and reflection, let us all resolve to seek ways that we can share our individual gifts, answering our individual call by building the Body of Christ.

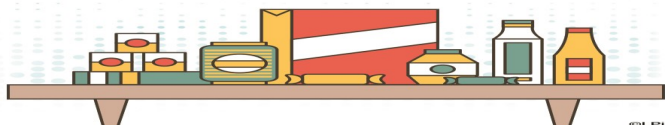
Quick note, mark your calendars; our **Second Sunday Vespers** on January 14th at 6:30, we will have a special guest. Fr. Joe Brankatelli will be joining us and leading us in our prayer. For those new to SJA, Fr. Joseph grew up here at St. Joan’s, and became a priest here in the Diocese of Cleveland. After ordination, he spent many years as a Military Chaplain, serving the military around the world. Father Joe shares the Spirit of St. Joan of Arc Parish, looking for ways to build our communities and our Faithful to meet the challenges we all face.

With Many Blessings in the New Year,
Deacon Denny



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, January 4th 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: \$ 10,371.67

Online: \$ 4,252.69

12/9 -12/10

Collection: \$ 11,816.67

Online: \$ 6,147.00

12/2-12/3

Online: \$ 6,840.69

**** 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.



Happy
NEW YEAR

OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

A happy and healthy new year is wished to all our PSR families! May God bless and guide you through this new year and may it be filled with His love.



PSR

JANUARY 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. Do not forget to bring your binders and turn in Service Hours forms!

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Parents, please remember to turn in your "Letters" that are due to your child's teacher by Friday, January 12, 2024. Please refer to the handout in the parent First Reconciliation meeting folder.

First Reconciliation (Last name A-L) January 25, 7:00pm

First Reconciliation (Last name M-Z) February 1, 7:00pm

Parents, please watch your email for more detailed information on all the above events.

CLW

The Children's Liturgy of the Word program will be up and running again in January! Our kick-off will be Sunday, January 21, at the 11:00 am Mass.

Before the regular scripture readings, children in grades K-4 will be called up to the front of the church then walk to the Parish Hall for a special Children's Liturgy reading of the Gospel with discussion and activity.

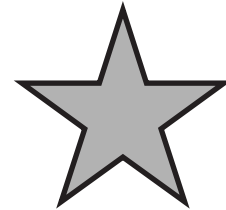


FROM THE DESK OF MILLIE PREBEL



Happy New Year!

We begin the new year with high hopes, of learning new things, adopting new healthier habits and the like. What is on your heart as we begin this new year? Please share with me any areas of interest you would like to add to our parish studies and events for the upcoming year. mprebel@stjoanofarc.org



WHAT DOES HEALTHY DISCIPLESHIP LOOK LIKE?

January 20, 2024 ,9:00am-2:00pm Includes breakfast and lunch

Millie Prebel ~ Pastoral Minister St. Joan of Arc Parish

Millie Prebel is passionate about health, mentally, physically and spiritually. She will be leading a retreat at Trilogy Retreat Center in Southington Ohio.

Millie is a Certified Spiritual Director graduating from the Ignatian Spirituality Institute in 2017 and a Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister certified October 2022. She is also a podcaster, speaker and author, but it is her life experience and growth that has been the greatest resource of wisdom. Millie is also a self -taught whole foods chef and shares her creations @milliesmindfulkitchen on Instagram. You can also join us Friday evening for a pre-retreat gathering at 6:30 when booking overnight accommodations. Space is limited - available first come first serve.

For reservations, please contact Aimee Wasinski 833-538-6323 EXT.1

THIS IS MY BODY GIVEN UP FOR YOU

Discover how our bodies reveal the mystery of God. Register Here

Theology of the Body

One Day Introductory Course

4 hours of engaging lectures by TOB experts

Q and A and discussion / Study materials / Breakfast and Lunch

Saturday Jan. 27, 2024

9:00 am-3:30 pm St. Mary Hudson

\$45/person Register by 1/19

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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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