



# St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

December 8, 2024— Second 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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*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-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 Second Sunday of Advent. Did you know that Christmas is 2-1/2 weeks away?!!

This column is being written on November 15 – much earlier than usual – because of my November travel schedule and there are early “due dates” for our bulletin because of deadlines from our “bulletin company,” our Parish Office’s schedule due to Thanksgiving, and the Thanksgiving holiday weekend...

I shared this last weekend, and am sharing it again, with a little more detail. Monday December 9th is a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

In 2024 (this weekend), December 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent, so the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9 (according to liturgical guidelines).

Previously, in the USA, when the date of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day was transferred to a Monday the obligation to attend mass was abrogated (“lifted”).

This is longer true.

You see, earlier this year, Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, Chairman of the US Bishops Committee on Canonical Affairs and Church Governance, wrote to Rome seeking clarification about the obligation to attend mass when a holy day of obligation in Advent, Lent, or Easter falls on Sunday and the Solemnity is transferred to Monday. In a recent memo to the US Bishops (dated Thursday, October 10) Bishop Paprocki communicated the Roman Dicastery for Legislative Texts response, which said, “The feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred.”

In light of this new directive, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9, 2024 is to be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.

I understand that local Bishops have the authority to dispense from the obligation to attend mass on a holyday of obligation. Here in the Diocese of Cleveland, Bishop Malesic did not do so for this feast/solemnity of December 9, 2024, and so it is a Holy Day of Obligation.

And so, here at St. Joan of Arc, masses on Monday December 9th will be celebrated at 9 AM and 7 PM, in observance of this Holy Day of Obligation.



Here is some other diocesan news from the Office for Child Protection, USCCB Charter Requirement. In our continued effort to comply with the requirements of the USCCB (US Bishops) Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the Diocese of Cleveland Office for Protection of Children & Youth is asking parishes to publish the bulletin announcement below at least twice during the Audit period of July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025. When published, parishes are asked to forward an electronic copy of the bulletin to diocese. Here at St. Joan of Arc, we will comply.

#### Bulletin announcement

##### Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org) (that is response (underline) services @ dioceseofcleveland . org).

Finally, The Giving Tree is up in the church Gathering Area. Feel free to take a tag and bring in your gift to help those in need by this weekend, "Giving Sunday," December 8th. What a wonderful way to bring the warmth of God's love to others! Thank you for your generous support.

**Blessings and Advent peace,**

**Fr. Gary**



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**9:00am Ziggi Walkiewicz**

**11:00am SJA**

### **Monday, December 9**

**9:00am Jean & Dolly ( Strong)**

**7:00pm Joan & Jack Kmieck  
( Gleason)**

### **Tuesday, December 10**

**9:00am Bill & Marilyn Collins  
( Kearney)**

### **Wednesday, December 11**

**No Mass**

### **Thursday, December 12**

**8:00am John Saada ( M. Prebel)**

### **Friday, December 13**

**8:00am Veronica Kessenich  
( Nally)**

### **Saturday, December 14**

**4:30pm Roy Lucas ( Moriarty)**

### **Sunday, December 15**

**9:00am SJA**

**11:00am Wayne Redding  
( Redding)**

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:mohearniii@gmail.com)**



## Giving Tree



This Christmas tree will be in the Narthex starting the weekend of November 16-17, and continuing until December 8th.

Please take a tag or tags off the tree and return the gifts on or before December 8th. This outreach initiative has been so well received and appreciated for over 30 years. Please note the organizations next to the tree that have been recipients of your generosity.



## 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



## Bulletin Corrections to Note.....

Please note that Mass dates for the Bulletin of December 1st were listed in error. This error has been corrected and we apologize for any confusion it may have caused.

Also, please note that St. Rita's has changed their Penance Service from Monday, December 9th to Monday, December 16th.

## **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 11/30-12/1**

**Collection: \$ 11,296.00**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION ONLINE**

**Online: \$ TBA**

**Thank You for your continued support!**

## **FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY**

**There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, December 12th from 10:00 - 11:00am for you to drop off items.**

**-Green Beans-Corn-**

**-Butter-Eggs-Apples**

**-Turkey Breast-**



**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 2nd week of Advent! As we prepare for the coming of the Lord in this week of peace, let us reflect and pray, "Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

December PSR Classes:

Grades K-6: Mondays, December 9, 16

Grades 7,8: Sunday, December 15

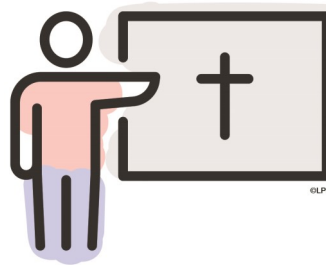
High School: Sundays, December 8, 15

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



### VACATION BIBLE CAMP

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](mailto:mvincenti@stjoanofarc.org).



### 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](mailto:mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org)



Last Month we had a very special edition of Second Sunday Vespers here at St. Joan of Arc Parish. Our special guest was Father Maurice Emelu, from John Carroll University here in Cleveland. Father Maurice was both a poignant and timely addition to our ongoing dialogue within our parish community. His key focus was on our “personal gifts”; defining them, nurturing them, and especially sharing them. Of key importance in the definition of our gifts is not necessarily the apparent “size” or particularly in the community recognition of such gifts. But that we come to appreciate in our hearts what our gifts truly are and taking the time in prayer to personally discern them and sorting out the best way to deploy them. It is perhaps the most important key message for us to receive, in the context of Building Common Ground (the header of this weekly column), and yet further, ***Building the Body of Christ*** in our parish and in our communities.

Father Maurice, along with teaching faculties in communications at JCU, being a Retreat Director with national acclaim, is a notable author. ***Talents and Spiritual Gifts-what are you doing with yours?*** and ***Our Journey To God***, developing and nourishing your faith life, among others.

As we approach the season of Advent, it may be a particularly good time to reflect on his message.

Have a Blessed week, Deacon Denny [deacondenny@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:deacondenny@stjoanofarc.org)



# ADVENT STUDY



## The Infancy Narratives

Little Rock Scripture study 3 weeks

12/4, 12/11, 12/18

Wednesdays 8:30 – 10:00 AM CHURCH HALL

Deepen your longing for our Messiah's coming and encounter his relevance at this time in your life.

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**Please rsvp to [mpvalencic@gmail.com](mailto:mpvalencic@gmail.com) to reserve a book**

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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!!



**ANGEL**  
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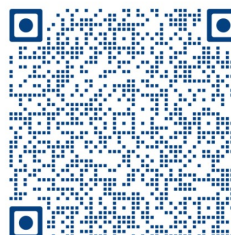


## **YOUR SUPPORT**

- ✓ 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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