



# St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

February 18th - First Sunday of Lent



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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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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### 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.**

## **Greetings of Peace.**



**Catholic  
Charities**  
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Greetings of Peace in the "middle of February." In just over one month we will enter springtime!

Last weekend we participated in the annual in-pew process for Catholic Charities. Thank you for your willingness to "share God's

Transforming Love" and offer hope to those in need in NE Ohio. For those who have not yet completed a Catholic Charities envelope or made a pledge or gift, they are available in the Gathering Area of the church or the parish office. We can also support the good work of Catholic Charities by going to [CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.org](http://CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.org), texting the phrase CCHOPE to 41444, or using the QR code found on the Catholic Charities envelope. Thank you, again, for your support.

During Lent we will have "Stations of the Cross" on Fridays at 6:30 PM in church followed by a "soup supper" (for those who wish to participate).

Now that we are a few days into Lent, it might be good to review some church guidelines for this season. All Fridays in Lent, as well as Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, are days of Abstinence – which means all Catholics 14 years old and older are to Abstain from Meat.

Moreover, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are Days of Fast in addition to being days of Abstinence. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are to Fast on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

How's this for a simple description of each?

-Fasting means, "one full meal, two other light meals" – and together, the "lighter meals" are not equivalent to the one main meal

-Abstinence means "no meat"

*It is prudent to remember there are cases and circumstances that excuse one from the obligations of Fast and/or Abstinence. Those who are "outside the age limits," those who may be physically or mentally ill – including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses – such as diabetes – are "exempt" from the "rules." Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women or others with physical needs, those who "exercise manual labor for a living," and such alike. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and no one should jeopardize their health by Fasting.*

*And, back by popular demand, here are some thoughts on "Keeping a Holy Lent" (an adaptation of Lenten Prayers and reflections by William Arthur Ward, 1921-1994, an American author, teacher and pastor). I have shared these in the past and have had numerous requests for them to be shared with you again. So, here goes!*

### **Fast From ... and ... Feast On**

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ in them.

Fast from wanting more; feast on being thankful.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from worry; feast on trust.

Fast from complaining; feast on enjoyment.

Fast from negatives; feast on positives.

Fast from stress; feast on prayer.

Fast from anger; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from fear; feast on truth.

Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.

Fast from gossip; feast on silence.

Fast from fighting; feast on peace.

Be assured of my prayers for you – especially in this Holy Season of Lent.

Stay warm, safe, and well.

**Blessings and Peace.**

**Fr. Gary**



## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00am Family of Dean Markley  
( Rice)

11:00am SJA

### Monday, February 19

8:00am Julie Ann Smith (Walsh)

### Tuesday, February 20

9:00am John Damiani (SJA School)

### Wednesday, February 21

No Mass

### Thursday, February 22

8:00am Scott Thompson ( O'Hara)

### Friday, February 23

8:00am Alex Toth ( Toth Family)

### Saturday, February 24

4:30pm Raymond Stawicki ( Yoe)

### Sunday, February 25

9:00am SJA

11:00am Robert Ockuly (Ockuly)

## 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](mailto:dinah627@windstream.net)**



## **Retreat News: Holy Angels**

**You are cordially invited to a day Adult retreat entitled "Resting in God's Love"**



**Retreat Mission:** Engagement of The Father, The Son, and The Holy

**Spirit to increase attendee's ability to:**

- **Identify oneself in Christ, Hear God in prayer, Discern God's messages, Develop a closer relationship with the Trinity.**

**When:** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2024. Lunch and beverages will be provided. If you have any food allergies, please feel free to bring your own lunch.

**Where:** Holy Angels Catholic Church, 18205 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls

**Hosted By:** Encounter School of Akron Students

**Cost:** No Charge

**Registration:** Please call Cindi McIlnay at 434.981.7429 by February 17, 2024.

### **Thursday Morning Scripture Study**



**ANGELS in THE BIBLE written by Fr. George Smiga**

**Fr. George is a priest here in the Diocese of Cleveland and is a nationally known author and lecturer in scripture and homiletics.**

**Compare your personal understanding of angels with the portrayal of them in the Bible to more clearly identify and appreciate them. You will gain insights into your own spirituality. There is a workbook and video teaching each week.**

**7 sessions from February 15 – March 21, 2024 -Thursdays 8:30 – 10:00 AM**

**mpvalencic@gmail.com or 440-247-7183 (church office) to register by February 10.**

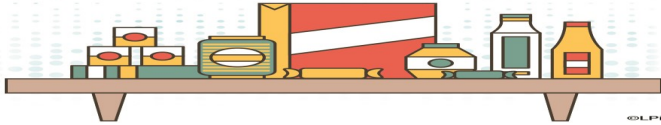
**cost \$15 for workbook and online access to his videos.**





## 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, February 22nd from 10:00am-11:00am for you to drop off items.

-Pizza Dough-Pizza Sauce-

-Sausage/Pepperoni-

-Mozzarella Cheese-

-Brownie Mix-



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

**216 -402-8912**

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**2/10-2/11**

Collection: **\$ 8,467.67**

Online:

**2/10-2/11 \$ 5,817.69**

**Thank You for your continued support!**

**SECOND SUNDAY VESPERS WILL  
RETURN SUNDAY MARCH 10TH.**



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.

**Year End Parish Donation Statements have been mailed and you should have already received yours in the mail.**

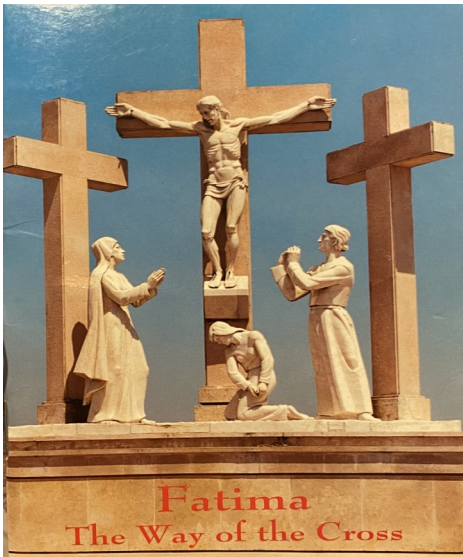
**If you have not and need a copy. Please contact the Parish Office at 440-247-7183.**

## From the Desk of Millie Prebel

### **Lenten Book Study *The Liturgy: The Source and Summit of our Christian Life.***

#### **Monday 6:30-7:30 pm Rectory Basement**

The Catholic Church teaches that the celebration of the liturgy is the “source and summit of the Christian life” (Lumen gentium, 11). This easy-to-read resource explores what it means to call liturgy “source and summit.” It will help the Catholic faithful to understand the meaning of the liturgy and its importance to our life of faith, experience Christ’s four-fold presence in the various Church rites, come to a deeper relationship with God, and reflect on the transforming power of the liturgy to change the world.



**Soup and Stations** begin this week with Fr. Gary and I leading the Stations with Reflections from the book ***Fatima the Way of the Cross*** a booklet used on my pilgrimage to Fatima. Stations begin at 6:30pm followed by a soup supper.

**Little Black Books for Lent** are available in the Narthex. Grab your copy to dive deeper into your Lenten journey. Share reflections with a prayer buddy, invite another into the beauty of the season.

***Thank you to Bishop Michael Woost*** for our Pre-Lenten Mission this past weekend. It was a fruitful time to learn Lent from a different perspective remembering to bring God into our reality and wait on his grace. What is he going to do this Lent for you?



Please continue to pray for all those in our RCIA program. The 2024 Rite of Election and call to Continuing Conversion is this Sunday February 18th at St. John the Evangelist Cathedral.



## SJA SCHOOL NEWS

### SJA Night @ CLE Cavaliers - 3/20

An open invitation to all families of St. Joan Of Arc Parish for the Cavaliers vs Miami Heat game on March 20, 2024, at 7:00 PM! We will have designated sections reserved for families of SJA, and we hope to see as many of you there as possible! The children of the first 25 families that purchase tickets through **THIS QR CODE ONLY** (see below) will have the opportunity to high-five the players on the Cavaliers court! Call 440-247-6530 with any questions.



### Register NOW for Kindergarten Visit Day - 3/20



St. Joan of Arc School invites incoming Kindergarteners to see what it is like to be an SJA Crusader! Use the QR code to register for either the morning or afternoon session. Questions? Call the school office at 440-247-6530.



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## Office of Faith Formation

### PSR:

**Mrs. Lewinski's 1st grade PSR class made Mardi Gras masks and learned about "Feast then Fast" !**

**They learned that during Lent we "pray", "fast", and "give". Thank you Mrs. Lewinski!**

### FEBUARY CLASSES:

**Grade 7: February 25**

**Grades K-6: February 26**

### CONFIRMATION

#### **Prayer Partners:**

**If you haven't yet turned in your letter to your Confirmation candidate, [please do so asap to the Office of Faith Formation or drop it off in the parish office. Thank you.](#)**

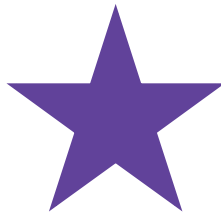
**Our Spirit Day Retreat will be Saturday, February 24 for our Confirmation Class. Parents/sponsors please review your handouts and watch for emails regarding this day.**

### CLW

**Children in grades K-3 may participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 11:00 am Mass.**

**Thank you to the volunteers willing to keep this ministry alive to teach God's Word to our youth in an age-appropriate and engaging way.**

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP SAVE THE DATE! Vacation Bible Camp will be June 17-21, 2024. I am in need of a co-director. If you are interested in helping plan this super-fun week with me, please contact [Mary Vincenti at mvincenti@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:mvincenti@stjoanofarc.org) or call (440) 247-3606. More specific information on the Camp to follow in the coming weeks.**





## Prayer Vigil for Peace in Ukraine



All are invited to attend a **Prayer Vigil for Peace in Ukraine at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland.** The event, marking the second anniversary of the war, will be hosted by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and Greater Cleveland's Ukrainian community. Bishop Edward Malesic is scheduled to be the principal speaker and clergy from the orthodox communities are expected to participate. **For more information, email [cma@gmail.com](mailto:cma@gmail.com)**

## From the Desk of Jon Thibo

This Lent we will be singing the responses from the Mass of Mercy by composer Lori True. It is not available in either of our hymnals, but if you would like a copy with the notation and lyrics, please see me before or after any Mass. Thanks, Jon Thibo



## SJA Keys for Kids Annual Auction



St. Joan of Arc School invites all parishioners to our upcoming annual auction. This year's theme is "Keys for the Kids" on March 23rd, 6:00pm, at the Tanglewood Club where funds will be raised for the recess revival project.

It will surely be a fun and engaging evening of dueling pianos, station style dinner at your pleasure, bidding on amazing auction items and connecting with the SJA community.

**Tickets and sponsorships are available now: <https://givebutter.com/c/YHHvxl>**

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