



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 19, 2023



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.

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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, 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.

This weekend, February 18-19, our parish – along with all the parishes in our diocese – will participate in the Annual in-pew Catholic Charities Appeal. The outreach services of Catholic Charities are needed now more than ever. Catholic Charities in our diocese recently said, “Our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude for all you do to help Catholic Charities serve over 425,000 people in need each year. We are excited to present you with our new ‘theme’ for 2023, ‘A Time to Heal. A Time to Help’.” On behalf of Bishop Edward C. Malesic, the Catholic Charities Staff, and those who will benefit from our generosity, “Thank you” for your generous support.

And Lent begins this week on February 22, Ash Wednesday. Distribution of Ashes will take place at parish masses at 9 AM and 7 PM. We will also have a Prayer Service “with Ashes” at 12 noon. All are welcome to participate as we enter into this special season.

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are both Days of Fast and Abstinence.

- The Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.

As we prepare to enter into our Lenten journey, it might be good to review some church guidelines for Lent.

- 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”

- Catholics 14 years old and older are to Abstain from meat on the Fridays in Lent and on Ash Wednesday

- Fasting is asked of Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 (on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday)

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. Here are some thoughts on “Keeping a Holy Lent” (an adaptation of a poem/Lenten reflection by William Arthur Ward, 1921-1994, an American author, teacher and pastor). I have shared these in the past and they are back by “popular demand!” In part, Ward wrote:

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.

One final note, there will not be a “daily mass” this week on Tuesday, February 21. Thank you.

Be assured of my prayers for you, especially as we enter into the Holy Season of Lent.
Stay warm, safe, and well.
Blessings and Peace,
Fr. Gary





Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 19

9:00am George Rittwage (Morgan)
11:00am SJA

Monday, February 20

8:00am Margit Kovacs (Szigeti)

Tuesday, February 21

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, February 22

9:00am Jackie Nieser (Aquila/Elliott)
12:00pm Prayer Service with Ashes
7:00pm Deceased Members of the
Rule Family (Rule)

Thursday, February 23

8:00am Alex Toth (Toth)

Friday, February 24

8:00am Davis Deioma (Walkiewicz)

Saturday, February 25

4:30 Marlene Lowe (Bronson)

Sunday, February 26

9:00 SJA
11:00 Bob Fay (Clegg)

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.



Office of Faith Formation

CONFIRMATION

ALL CANDIDATES:

Spirit Retreat Day is this Saturday, February 25, 10am-5:30pm Reminder: Service hours forms are due at/before the retreat so get those service projects done and the form signed by a supervisor before February 25!! Please keep our confirmands in your prayers that they each experience the joy of the Holy Spirit at work preparing them for the blessed sacrament of Confirmation.

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FEBRUARY CLASSES:

Grades K-6: (no class 2/20 or 2/27)

Grade 7: February 26th (no class 2/19)

Grade 8: February – no classes 2/19 or 2/26
(Spirit Retreat 2/25)

FIRST EUCHARIST

A parent meeting for parents of students making their First Communion in May 2023 will be held on Thursday, March 2, from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Parish Hall.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

As you plan and book your summer vacations do not forget to **SAVE THE DATE** for this year's VBC, June 19-23 from 9am-12pm. Stay tuned for our

theme reveal.....!



From the desk of Millie Prebel:

Stations and soup suppers are back hosted by none other than your SJA ministries. Stations begin at 6:30 with Soup suppers directly following.

Mark your calendars

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31st.

Join us for this SJA tradition!

SJA Parish Mission is back this year with Dominican friar Fr. Thomas Blau originally from Cleveland but now living in Columbus, Ohio. Currently Fr. Thomas is an itinerant preacher in the Diocese of Columbus doing parish missions with his residence at St. Patrick Priory.

This Message is for You promises to be a faith filled time spent with our Lord and our community.

Mark your calendars to enrich your Lent experience to prepare for Easter.

Join us February 26, 27 and 28 starting at 6 for dinner and/or the presentation at 6:45.

Babysitting will be provided.

Peace and blessings,
Millie Prebel



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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!



Food Pantry Thursday

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, February 23rd from 10-11am for you to drop off items.

- Soda Crackers (oyster or square)-
- 8oz. Shredded Cheese-
- Sour Cream-Butter-
- Dishwashing Liquid-

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



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.



Weekly Collection

2/11 - 2/12

Collection: \$ 9,129.39

Online: \$ 5,468.69

Thank You for your continued support!

Souper Bowl of Caring Thank You

Thank you for your help and support with this year's Souper Bowl of Caring collection. We were able to far exceed our goal of \$2,000 with a total amount of \$2,225. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will make a huge difference for Chagrin Falls Park Community Center.

-Allison Gall



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**

To schedule a Baptism, please contact the Rectory Office at 440-247-7183

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. 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

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!



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.

USE WHAT TALENT
YOU POSSESS:
THE WOODS WOULD
BE VERY SILENT
IF NO BIRDS SANG
EXCEPT THOSE
THAT SANG BEST.

-HENRY VAN DYKE



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St. Joan of Arc School is thrilled to announce that we have received the preliminary totals from the Angel Scholarship Fund donations. **There were 107 donations totaling \$118,450!** 100% of these donations will be used for student tuition scholarships in the 2023-2024 school year.

Thank you! We are overwhelmingly grateful to each individual and family who took advantage of this tax credit, while also supporting our school. More specifically, this would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of the ROME0 Club. These gentlemen offered to take on this brand new program. They were determined to obtain as many donations as possible in order to support the students and families of St. Joan of Arc. Our school is blessed to have parishioners who recognize the value (and expense) of a Catholic education. Thanks to the generosity of so many, more families will be able to afford a St. Joan of Arc education for their children.

The Angel Scholarship Fund has already begun collecting donations for tax year 2023. There is an option for a monthly recurring gift or a one-time gift. For more information, please go to: <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel-scholarship-fund/overview>

"Here's to Our Health"

Now that we are in the month of February, 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. 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 continue to make masks available on a table as you enter the Church.

Thank you. Stay well, warm, and faithful.



Elizabeth Ministry- Mom's Night Out

PRESENTS

BUNCO

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*Mom's Night
Out*

Tuesday, February 21

7:00pm at Holbrook Hollows
7250 Country Lane, Chagrin Falls



Calling all SJA parish and
school moms!! You're
invited to join us for mom's
night out! Bunco,
appetizers, drinks, and
great company!

Bunco is very easy to learn.
Please bring an appetizer to
share and BYOB.

Please RSVP:

Lisa Hamsmith
lpajek@gmail.com





Follow the link to read the full article and see how Catholic Schools in our diocese maintained student learning despite the pandemic.



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Our Spotlight Student of the week is Noah!

Noah is a first grader. He is new to SJA this year. He enjoys reading the Boxcar Children book series. His favorite gym activity is playing basketball. Noah also enjoys having free time in the gym on rainy days. Learning how to make Oobleck has been the most interesting thing he has learned in school so far this year. We look forward to seeing what Noah enjoys over his years at SJA.



