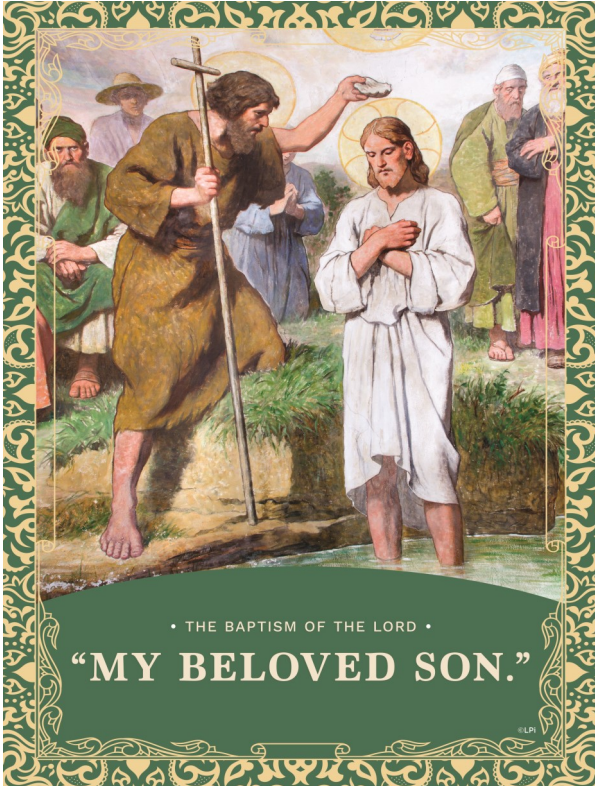




St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

January 12, 2025 - The Baptism of the Lord



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. Mr. Dennis Guritza, *Deacon*
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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 Christmas Peace as we conclude the Christmas Season this weekend with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River. Jesus, who is born among us, is revealed as God's Son in his baptism. We become his daughters and sons in our own baptism. Yes, Christmas tells us that Jesus became like us. We should strive to become like him. In baptism, we are made his own!

As we take leave of the Christmas Season, we are given the opportunity to practice the message of this Feast – together we are all God's children! Let's strive to live that way. I noticed that stores have been decked out for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and I have also seen some accoutrements for Spring and Easter! Amazing.

The next "Season" in church is Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025. That is just under 2 months away! Until we begin Lent, we are in the midst of "Ordinary Time" in our "Church Liturgical Year". We also know it "meteorologically" as the Season of Winter!

Back to Christmas... Your faith is quite evident in your presence at our Christmas and New Years masses and celebrations.

Your hospitality was a great gift in the way you welcomed our visitors and to those who returned home to SJA after being away at college or those who came back to be with family and friends for the Holidays.

We are also very thankful for those that offered their time and talent in decorating the church for Advent & Christmas – and for the "un-decorating" as well. Our "Art & Environment" people are so good and generous with their time and talent. Please join with me and let them know what a good job they do and how much we appreciate their efforts.

I want to sincerely thank you for your generosity to our parish in so many ways – this Christmas and the “end-of-year gifts”, our special requests for help (like the Giving Tree), and the ways you bring joy and help to thoin need.

Your response to our Giving Tree was wonderful. And Thank you for your generosity to our recent Parish Offertory Enhancement appeal. Your gifts help us operate our parish and our school. We are also very grateful for your support in the We Give Catholic and the Angel Scholarship.

We have many needs in the parish and we strive to be good stewards of your generosity in helping us meet those needs.

Thank you, too, for your generosity in so many other areas – your gifts of time and talent – and especially your regular stewardship of treasure in our weekly offerings as we strive to continue the mission of Christ here in Chagrin. This is “our work”. We could not begin to do it without you. We are all in this together. Thank you so much. You are a gift. I am very grateful.

Blessings & Peace,
Fr. Gary



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00am Jim Clark (Distaulo)

11:00am Karl Sutherland (Brail)

Monday, January 13

8:00am Joan Murphy (Gleason)

Tuesday, January 14

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

Wednesday, January 15

8:00am No Mass

Thursday, January 16

**8:00am Karl Sutherland
(Walkiewicz)**

Friday, January 17

**8:00am Frank Stanovich
(McGinnis)**

Saturday, January 18

4:30pm SJA

Sunday, January 19

**9:00am Dennis Pfouts
(Zamiska)**

**11:00am Margaret & Michael
Yoe (Yoe)**

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

SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED!

When: Saturday, January 25th

Time: 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: St. Joan of Arc School

498 E. Washington Street

Chagrin Falls, OH 44022



Our middle school students have been working on their projects since October, seeking approval, gathering data, and testing their theories.

Volunteer judges are now needed.

Breakfast provided!

<https://form.jotform.com/SJAADMIN/science-fair-2025-judges-form>

Interested? Details? Contact:

Mr. Joseph Nieves

jnieves@stjoanofarc.org



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!



FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

**There will be a car in the SJA parking lot
Thursday, January 16, 2025 from 10:00-
11:00am**

-Butter-Milk-

-Rice-Sugar-

-Ground Meat (1lb. Packages)



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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

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Collection: \$ 9,954.00
Christmas Collection : \$ 25,244.50

Weekend Collection 1/4-5

Collection: \$ 9,190.00

WEEKLY COLLECTION ONLINE :

12/23-12/27 \$ 6,327.00
12/30-1/3 \$ 4,430.00



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

FIRST RECONCILIATION



Parents of First Reconciliation Candidates: "Letters" were due to your child's teacher by Friday, January 10, 2025. Please turn them in asap if you haven't already. See your handout from the parent meeting for details.

First Reconciliation (Last name A-K) January 29, 7pm

First Reconciliation (Last name L-Z) February 5, 7pm

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

JANUARY PSR CLASSES:

Grades K-6: Mondays, January 13, 27

Grades 7,8: Sunday, January 12

High School: Sundays, January 12, 19

CONFIRMATION



Spirit Retreat Day is Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 10:00 am concluding with Mass at 4:30pm. This retreat is mandatory for the candidates to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Please remind sponsors of their participation in part of the retreat also. Information was in their sponsor packet.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

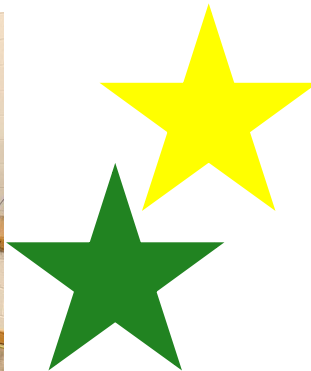
Children's Liturgy of the Word for children is held during the 11:00 Mass each Sunday for those children in grades K-3 . If you would like to volunteer to help with this important ministry, please contact Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3606. Or email mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org



SJA PSR Happenings.....



The 8th grade PSR class learned about and celebrated Epiphany! They took turns and had parts as Gabriel, Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, and of course the Magi, in Reader's Theater which explained The Epiphany. They followed the star of Bethlehem which led them to the school door where they chalked the blessing 20+C+M+B+25 and prayed. They continued to "follow the star" which led them to the 7th grade PSR classrooms where the "Magi" surprised the 7th graders with gifts of gold wrapped mints! They reflected on the real gifts they gave to others in their journey following the star; "joy", "happiness", "love", and "the fruits of the Holy Spirit"! The Holy Spirit is truly at work through our catechists to the children as they grow in their faith, and it is truly beautiful to see their spiritual growth as teens! Thank you, parents, for getting them to our religion classes here at St. Joan of Arc!



Second Sunday Vespers

This Weekend

January 12, 2025, 6:30 PM.

We look forward to seeing you as our program continues to grow. We are encouraging all to invite (or better yet, bring a friend and/or neighbor) to enjoy praying in community with the Prayer of the Church Worldwide and hearing a speaker on current topics in our lives.

With many Blessings in this New Year.

Thank You

A big thank you to the Arts & Entertainment committee for making our worship space and narthex so beautiful for Advent and Christmas.

Many hours go into planning and the decorating process and it profoundly enhances our mass experience.

Kathy Catani

Jan Nally

Emily Donovan

Claire Roush

Melissa Frangipane

Mary Ellen Toth

Kathy Gustavson

Patti Valencic

Also, thank you to helpers:

Tony Colini

Al Catani

Matt Valencic

Joe Nally

Liz O'Neil

Rich Gavin

McCari Frangipane

Jack Zilly

Dick Steif

Declan and Shannon Roush





ARC ANGELS FOR LIFE PRESENTS A



SJA DIAPER DRIVE

TO BENEFIT BIRTHRIGHT GEAUGA AND
LOCAL MOMS/DADS AND THEIR BABIES

Our drive will benefit Birthright Geauga who provides essential services to moms and families in need. Birthright's mission is to offer not only practical assistance but also emotional and spiritual support, fostering an environment where mothers and families feel valued and cherished.

**Please bring your donations on the collection weekends
indicated below when you come to Mass and
place them in the Playpen in the Gathering Area.**

THESE ARE THE NEEDED ITEMS:

DIAPERS SIZES 5-7
PULL-UP SIZES 3-4, 4-5 AND 5-6
MONETARY DONATIONS



COLLECTION WEEKENDS/AFTER EACH MASS:
JANUARY 18-19, JANUARY 25-26, FEBRUARY 1-2

TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE DIAPER DRIVE, PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS DI STAULO AT CDISTAULO78@GMAIL.COM.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!