



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

January 7, 2024 | The Epiphany 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.

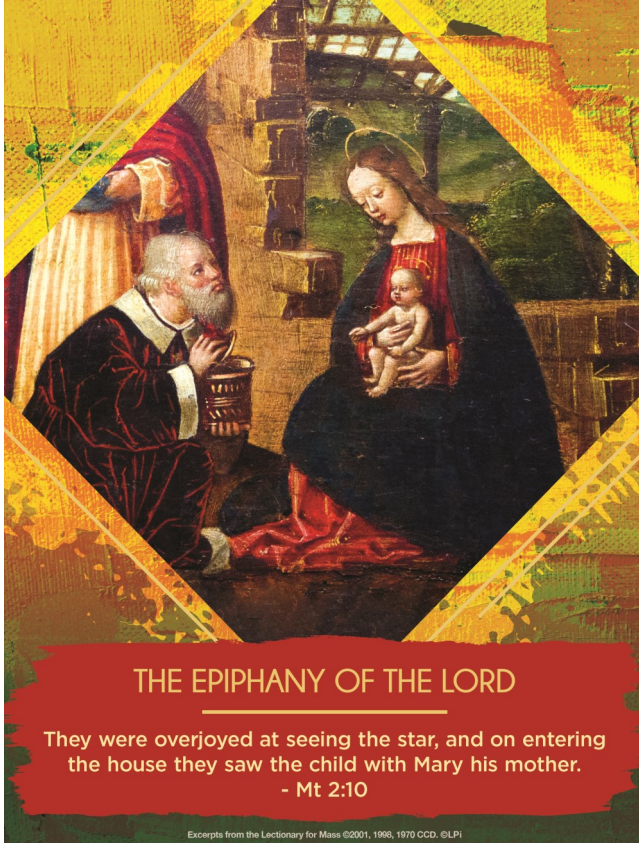
WE GATHER AS A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY TO:

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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.
- Mt 2:10

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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

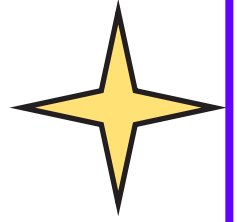
Baptism: Celebrated at most weekend masses or on most Sundays at noon. Contact the Parish Office.

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 bulletin column is being written in mid-December because of the holidays of Christmas and the New Year. Our office and bulletin company have adjusted the due dates. I hope your Christmas was Blessed and you have a Peaceful New Year, 2024.

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany. The Magi followed the star and found our Lord! They offered gifts and did him homage. We can do the same. Seek the Lord. Discover his love. Give him the gift of your life. Worship him – the one who truly deserves our praise!

On the Feast of Epiphany, it is customary for people to bless their homes. (The US Bishops tell us "It is appropriate for those who dwell in home to bless them." And so each year I offer this blessing for you to use in your homes. For those wishing to bless their homes this Epiphany prayer, below, can be used. *And feel free to mark your doorpost, using a piece of chalk.*

BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON EPIPHANY

All make the sign of the cross, and the Leader begins:

Peace be with this house and with all who live here.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All respond : Now and forever.

The Leader introduces the blessing:

During these days of the Christmas season,

we keep this feast of the Epiphany celebrating the manifestation of Christ

to the Magi, to John in the River of Jordan, and to the disciples

at the wedding of Cana. Today Christ is manifested to us!

Today this home is a holy place!

The Scripture is read by a family member:

From the Holy Gospel according to John: (John 1/1-2, 14)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.

All things came to be through Him and without Him nothing came to be.

And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us,



full of grace and truth. The Gospel of the Lord.

All respond: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Leader continues:

Let us pray:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed Your only begotten Son
to every nation by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others
may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All respond: Amen.

The Leader or a family member marks the doorway of the house with chalk
with the year and the initials of the names attributed to the three Magi,
Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar:

20 + C + M + B + 24 (indicating the current year)

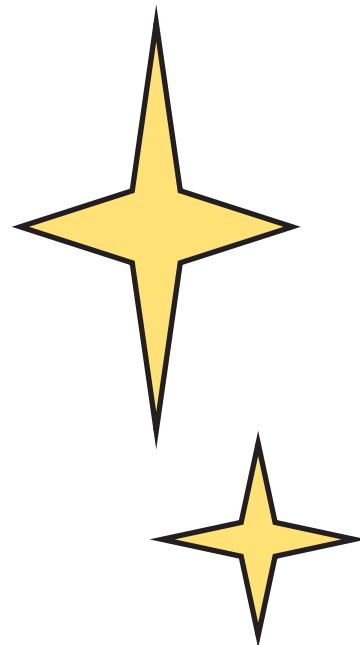
"They presented him with gifts of Gold, and Frankincense, and Myrrh." Mt. 2/11

One final note. I will be on vacation this week "Gone Fishin'," leaving after the parish masses on Sunday January 7, 2024 and will return later Saturday night, January 13. Fr. Jamie Mazanec will be here on Saturday January 13th for 3:30 PM confessions and the 4:30 PM mass. And since I am away this week there will not be "daily mass" at SJA. Also note our neighboring priests will do their best to respond, as they are able, to any funerals or emergencies that may come up in my absence. Thank you Fathers! Our parish ministerial staff will also strive to be of help and service.

Noel, Happy New Year, Blessings for Epiphany, and Peace,

Blessings and Peace,

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

Happy New Year.

The beginning of a new year, usually calls for personal introspection; exploring a new perspective, a new consciousness, perhaps even an invitation to change (New Year's resolutions). This coming year looms as a particularly arduous challenge for all of us. In the last few years, as both our personal and global challenges have become more defined, a number of writers from various interesting backgrounds, continue to supply us with contemplative possibilities;

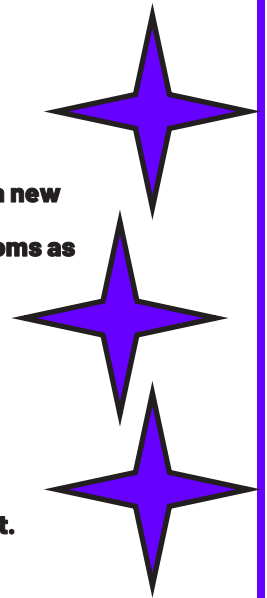
- Iia Delio in *Christ in Evolution*, explores the ongoing evolution of the Presence of God in the Judeo-Christian tradition as a "still becoming" Spirit with each of us as a gift bearing participant.
- Teilhard de Chardin is one of several authors and potential "Mystics" of our time who points toward a perspective of each of us being a "co-creator" with Christ, "a cooperator with God in the transformation of the universe".
- Pope John XXIII in 1962 called for the convening of Vatican II, saying in part; "What instead is necessary today is that the whole of Christian doctrine, with no part of it lost, be received in our times by all with a new fervor . . . What is needed is that this certain and unchangeable doctrine, to which loyal submission is due, be investigated and presented in the way demanded by our times."
- In the "New Spiritual Exercises, The: In the Spirit of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin" by Louis M. Savary, suggests that "you (each of us) possess the continuing ability to find ways to reconfigure, simplify, and integrate the growing complexity and consciousness that is you" into building the Body of Christ.

So, as we all face our challenges, in our families and communities, the invitation becomes, how can we, with our limited time, and our personal difficulties, contribute to building "Goodness" in the world? We continue to explore pathways to that discovery here at St. Joan of Arc. Join us in that conversation.

Reminder, 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.

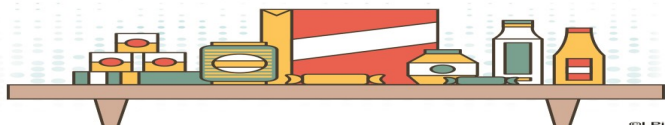
With Many Blessings in the New Year,

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 11th 10:00am-11:00am for you to drop off items.

-Sour Cream-

-Chili Packets of Seasoning-

-Diced Tomatoes- Onions-

-Shredded Cheese-

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

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

12/24

Collection: \$ 8,323.67

12/25

Collection: \$ 21,258.00

Online:

\$ TBA

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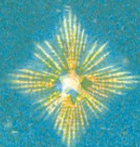
HOME VISITATION MINISTRY

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.

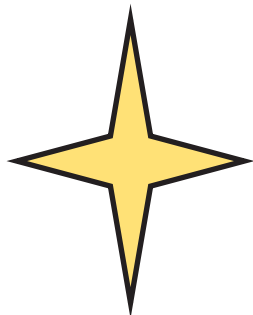


If you are 70 1/2 years of age or older, you are able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help St. Joan of Arc Parish and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your financial advisor and IRA Administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift made is directly from an IRA to St Joan of Arc.



O Come,

LET US ADORE HIM



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

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

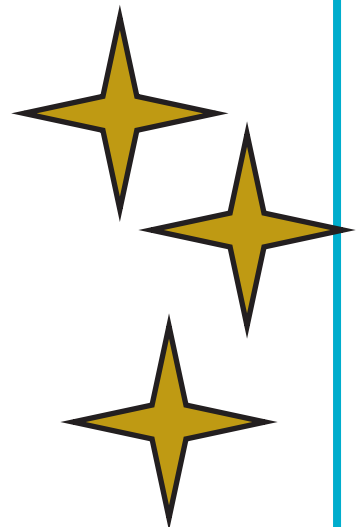
First Reconciliation (Last name M-Z) February 1, 7:00pm

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 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.



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well as life giving.
—”

Saturday, January 20, 2024

*Program, Breakfast/Lunch, Cooking Class Included
Space is limited!*

OPTION 1: \$200 Overnight Bonus + Retreat Day

OPTION 2: \$125 Saturday Retreat Only

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
WWW.TRILOGY.CENTER/RETREATS

Fr. Matt Cortnik, our local art historian will be joining us late January for a lunch and learn about sacred paintings. Stay tuned for details.

It's never too early to start thinking about our Lent mission, February 11-12, 2024. Bishop Michael Woost will be our presenter. If you would like to be part of our Mission team please email mprebel@stjoanofarc.org

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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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