



# ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 12 2023



32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Lord, Lord, open the door for us!" But he said in reply, "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you." - Mt 25:11-12

## 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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### 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.



It is amazing that we are already approaching “mid-November.” As we know, our weather has been up and down and I wonder if we are due for a change pretty soon?

We are in the midst of Cold & Flu season – and the medical community tells us that cases are becoming more prevalent. Moreover, CoVid is not done with us, yet. CoVid variants are popping up. And there is now a rise of RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus), especially among the very young and some of our “seniors” as well.

Let me offer a reminder that if you are feeling ill, please take appropriate precautions so you don’t spread any “bugs” around. Those who are sick should please stay home! I have said that missing church due to illness in “not a sin.” It is more prudent to stay at home rather than coming to church when one is sick. Not spreading the germs is an act of faith and kindness to us all!

Practically, covering the mouth and nose with a tissue or handkerchief while coughing or sneezing can also help prevent the spread of any illness. Be sure to dispose of any used tissues and maintain hygiene around the home, at church, in the car, etc. Another sensible step is to get vaccines, which could reduce the burden on health services and help each of us reduce the spread and infection of diseases that can spread.

There are other steps we could consider here at church, especially for those who may be “at higher risk.” Some may choose not to shake hands. Instead, we could offer a “reverential bow” to each other at the Rite of Peace at mass. Some have chosen to wear masks. It is always good advice to regularly wash hands and use sanitizer as well. Let’s be vigilant, prudent, and practical.

Stay well, warm, and faithful. Here’s to our health!

**This week (November 12-18) and next week (November 19-25) I will be away from the parish, on vacation. I will leave this Sunday, November 12, and will return for masses on Sunday, November 26 (which is Christ the King Sunday and the last weekend of Ordinary Time – after which we begin Advent and really begin to look ahead to Christmas!). Visiting priests will be here the weekend of November 18-19 and on Saturday November 25. Our parish staff will do their best to respond to any “matters that may present themselves” while I am away.**

**Have a great week.  
Blessings and Peace,  
Fr. Gary**



The tree will be in the Narthex starting next weekend, November 18-19.  
 Please take a tag off the tree and return with the gift on or before December 10th.  
 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.  
 Thank you so much.

## A BIBLICAL WALK WITH MARY

"Journey with Mary toward Christmas and Beyond,"  
 study begins Thursday Dec 7th, 8:30 - 10 AM.  
 8 sessions: Dec 7, 14, 21, Jan 4, 11, 18, 25, Feb 1  
 \$20 (for workbook and videos).



**Must register at [mpvalencic@gmail.com](mailto:mpvalencic@gmail.com) by NOVEMBER 22, 2023**



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, November 12

9:00am Chris Catanese (Corcoran)  
11:00am SJA

### Monday, November 13

8:00am No Mass

### Tuesday, November 14

9:00am No Mass

### Wednesday, November 15

No Mass

### Thursday, November 16

8:00am No Mass

### Friday, November 17

8:00am No Mass

### Saturday, November 18

4:30 Noreen Flaherty ( Moriarty)

### Sunday, November 19

9:00 SJA  
11:00 Thomas Curran ( Curran)

## 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**

**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.**

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration..." - Pope St. John Paul II

**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**



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*Enriching Lives In Northeast Ohio*



**ANGEL**  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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Catholic Community Foundation*

## 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



**IT'S QUICK. IT'S EASY. WE ARE HERE TO HELP!**

CALL: 216-902-1312 ONLINE: [WWW.CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/ANGEL](http://WWW.CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/ANGEL)





Thanks to all of you and your continuing generosity for donations for the Food Pantry. We receive many words of gratitude from those who are distributing the food items. The shelves are well stocked and provide necessary donations for those in need. Thank you again.

### Food Pantry Thursday

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday November 16th from 10-11:00 AM for you to drop off items.

**-Turkey Gravy-  
-Canned Sweet Potatoes-Celery-  
-Eggs-Corn Bread Mix-**

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

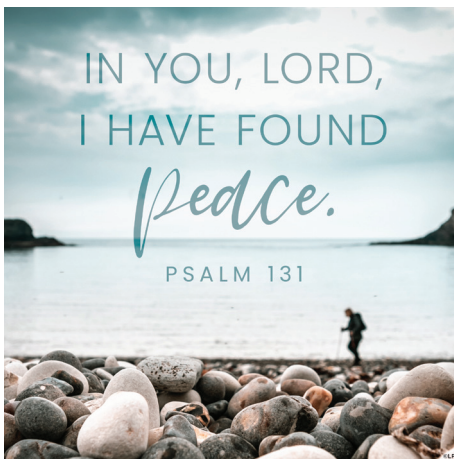
### Weekly Collection

**11/4-11/5**

Collection: \$ 10,459.67

Online: \$ 3,207.69

**Thanks you for your continued support!**



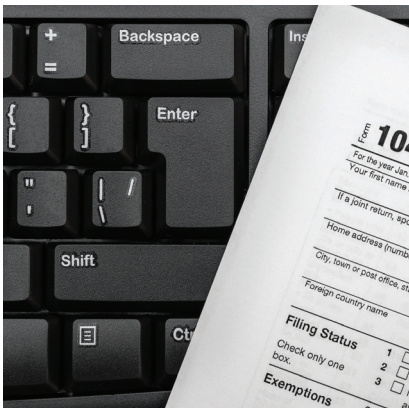
### SECOND SUNDAY VESPERS Beginning Sunday, November 12th at 6:30PM

**Vespers,** ( Evening Prayer) known to our Protestant friends as **Eventide** or **Evensong**, have a long tradition in the Catholic Church. We will be having Vespers here at St. Joan's every **second Sunday** monthly.

The evening includes prayer, reflection, music and peace and lasts under a hour.

The perfect way to end the week. Please plan to attend with your family.

Watch the bulletin for more details.



### IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

If you are 70 1/2 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 advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as St Joan of Arc.

As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2023, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciate such as stocks or bonds.





## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PSR



In our 8th grade PSR class, the teens learned about trusting in Jesus and participated in a fun activity testing their "trust" in each other!



## From the Desk of Millie Prebel:



### L.E.A.F - A Ministry for families of the Incarcerated

Do you have a loved one who is incarcerated? Do you know someone who does? It can be an experience that results in isolation, shame, and fear. LEAF Ministry offers support by bringing together families and friends of the incarcerated to share experiences, network resources and help deal with the difficulties involved.

LEAF stands for Listening, Encouraging Assisting Families of the incarcerated.

A LEAF support ministry is beginning at **Church of the Resurrection**, 32001 Cannon Road in Solon. Meetings will be the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm. They are non-denominational and confidential. **The first meeting is November 13th at 7:00pm at Church of the Resurrection. If you are interested or have questions, call 440-248-0980 \*27.**

**Called to Sainthood** -Join this retreat to hear about the lives of the six African Americans on the road to sainthood, to understand our role in the process of canonization, and to embrace our personal call to sainthood. Click on the code for more details!



### All Souls Mass

We held the "All Souls Mass of Remembrance" last Saturday evening at 4:30pm liturgy. If you had a funeral mass at St. Joan's this year for your loved one and were not able to make it, please stop by the church and pick up your votive candle for your loved one. We continue, as your church family, to hold you in our prayers. **For more information about Bereavement support please contact Millie Prebel 440-247-7183**



## Office of Faith Formation

### **Parish School of Religion**

November PSR Classes:

High School: Sundays, November 12, 19, 26

Grades 7 and 8: Sundays, November 12, 19

Grades K-6: Mondays, November 13, 20



### **Recognition of First Communion Candidates at Mass**

Our SJA second graders preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist and their parents will participate in a special recognition on Saturday, November 18 at the 4:30pm Mass, or Sunday, November 19 at the 9:00am or 11:00am Masses. Congratulations to our candidates during their preparation for these sacraments!

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

The 4th instructional session for our Confirmation Candidates is Thursday, November 16, from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All candidates are reminded to bring their binder to each session. Thank you!

### **CLW**

The Children's Liturgy of the Word program is suspended for the time being. We hope to get it back up and running soon as we get more volunteers. You do not have to be a catechist. For more information, please call **Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3606.**

## **BUILDING COMMON GROUND**

### **NOTES FROM DEACON DENNY**

Such a special week! We have met with the “start-up” families in forming our Family Ministry and are getting underway. Much more to follow in coming weeks.

Sunday November 12, 2023, is the kick-off for our monthly **Second Sunday Vespers**. Please consider this a personal invitation to join us in prayer as community.

At the same time please consider inviting a friend or neighbor. Or even asking them to join you, and you perhaps even pick them up.

Through our Baptism we are all called to become the Body of Christ, His church. So, we come together in worship in the “prayer of the church”, as community.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Questions, inputs, information and/or conversations welcome.

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**Have a Blessed week.**  
**Deacon Denny**





