



St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church

November 3, 2024—Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.'" And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."
- Mk 12:32, 34ab

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass: 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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



**CHANGE
YOUR
CLOCKS**

Greetings of Peace as we enter November. This Saturday, November 2 we turn our clocks backward one hour and begin Eastern Standard time. Some like to say, "We 'fall back'!" I know of certain people who say they enjoy the time change – and an extra hour of sleep (for one night). Then it gets dark one hour earlier, and we keep losing daylight until late December, after which the days will get a bit longer... until June! I'd rather leave the clocks alone and not change our time – neither in the spring or the fall. Oh well, that shows you how much my opinion counts! Regardless, we change our clocks on Saturday November 2.

Also this weekend, on Saturday November 2 at our 4:30 PM mass, we remember the Faithful Departed whose funerals or memorials we had in our parish during the past year – praying a "litany" at our 4:30 mass on Saturday November 2. We also recall we are one in faith and fellowship with the all the Faithful Departed – whom we remember in the month of November,



Each November our parish "Book of Remembrance" is placed in the Gathering Area of the church. Parishioners are invited to enter the names of family members and loved ones who have died. By entering them in the Book of Remembrance we ask our community to remember them and to keep them in our prayers. Trusting in the promise of resurrection and we remember their names in faith. May the writing of the names of our loved ones who have died help to console us and remind us of the hope of new life – for which we all live! "Eternal rest, grant to them, O Lord..."

In light of our Parish Stewardship Appeal – in which we have been asking parishioners to consider increasing their offertory gift to the parish – here is another "Stewardship Reflection" from Cathedral Corp. called "Total Accountability."

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has defined stewardship as "a life of total accountability and responsibility, acknowledging God as Creator and owner of all." As we travel our faith journey through the Church Year, following in the footsteps of Jesus as His disciples, let us reflect on how accountable and responsible we have been with the gifts God has given us.

Were we the good stewards that we are called to be? Did we give back with increase a portion of what we have received from our abundantly generous God? Have we grown in our faith and shared our time, talent, and treasure with others? It is not too late. "Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10/43-45)

And here is a Stewardship Appeal Update for St. Joan of Arc.

As our Stewardship Appeal begins to close in a short while, as of this writing (on Sunday October 27, 2024) about 140 households have increased their offertory contribution, representing a combined weekly increase of just over \$3,000., if those increases are given to the parish and maintain. Thank you! St. Joan of Arc Parish is truly blessed with generous stewards. Thank you, again. You are a gift.

Finally, the election is this week, on Tuesday. (I already voted!) The US Bishops and the Bishops of Ohio remind us... As people of faith, let us allow our faith to influence our thoughts and actions – including how we vote and participate in our civic lives. Moreover, both the Diocese of Cleveland and St. Joan of Arc Parish does not permit leafleting of any kind nor placing flyers (or any other materials) on our property or on vehicles at any time. Anyone who might do so is not acting in the name of the parish or with the authorization of our church or diocese.

Have a great week. You are in my heart and in my prayers.

Blessings and peace.

Fr. Gary



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:00am SJA

**11:00am Karl Sutherland
(Anderson)**

Monday, November 4

**8:00am Walkiewicz Family
(Walkiewicz)**

Tuesday, November 5

**9:00am Mary Ann Kovalski
(Poch/Waligura)**

Wednesday, November 6

No Mass

Thursday, November 7

**8:00am Paul Repasky
(Mingione)**

Friday, November 8

8:00am Frank Stanovich (Cook)

Saturday, November 9

4:30pm Ginger Cirino (Cirino)

Sunday, November 10

**9:00am Donald McCourt
(Moriarty)**

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.

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

In recent articles in this space, we have been talking about the importance of "Companioning." The notion of "companioning" includes; "it is about walking alongside; it is not about leading", according to Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph.D. in his work in Bereavement. He suggests it's also about listening, learning, and being open to a change of heart for each person involved in the conversation. Perhaps sharing ourselves with others as we journey through life. Teilhard de Chardin suggests that as we journey through life that life is an "evolution" a "building" an "opportunity" to build the Body of Christ is occurring, a building project as Christ's Project or God's Plan (the Omega) and we are each a part of that. Perhaps, any one of several questions then arises for each of us; "what is my contribution, what are my gifts, how do I participate, what is my call?"

Discernment of "one's Gifts" should be an easy task, but is it? Recently, we have talked about the worldwide "Synod" where Pope Francis and the Church has initialized a global conversation. Here in our Diocese, we are initializing a new way of looking at Parish's and our Diocesan Community. Even in our Parish we are looking at how do we "be Church" for one another in our Ministries and Programs. But how do we start?

Mark your calendars for Second Sunday Vespers, this month on November 17th (yes that is the third Sunday 😊) We will be exploring how we come to better understand our "Gifts" as part of our Baptismal call. Fr. Maurice Emelu from JCU will join us for our Ted Talk at Vespers. Invite a friend (potential companion) and bring them along.

Have a Blessed week, Deacon Denny deacondenny@stjoanofarc.org

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!



WEEKLY COLLECTION

WEEKEND COLLECTION S 10/26–10/27

Collection: \$ 8,698.00

WEEKLY COLLECTION ONLINE

10/7-10/11	\$	4,262.00
10/14-10/18	\$	3,497.69
10/21-10/25	\$	5,827.00

Thank You for your continued support!

FOOD PANTRY THURSDAY

There will be a car in the SJA parking lot this Thursday, November 7th from 10:00am–11:00am for you to drop off items.

- Canned Fruit-**
- Butter- Eggs-**
- Chicken-Green Beans-**
- Onions-**



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



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

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

November PSR Classes:

Grades K-6: Monday, November 4, 11, 25

Grades 7,8: Sunday, November 3, 10, 17, 24

High School: Sunday, November 3, 10, 17, 24

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Lewinski's 8th grade PSR class (with the help of Mrs. Horvath) recently took some class time to take advantage of the gorgeous fall weather. They headed over to the Garden of Life to pray the rosary along the beautiful rosary stone path in the garden. What a joyous way to celebrate the month of the rosary!



Can you occasionally give an hour of your time on Monday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30pm? We need substitute adult (or teen) aides in our grades K-3 PSR classrooms.

Please contact the Office of Faith Formation for more information.

440-247-3606 or [email mvincenti@stjoanofarc.org](mailto:mvincenti@stjoanofarc.org).

There is also a sign-up genius to sign up:

[PSR Volunteer: PSR Volunteer 2024/2025 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

CONFIRMATION

Thank you to all the parishioners who chose a Confirmation candidate as a prayer partner. Your prayers for them through their preparation process is a shining example of what they are learning in their preparation; how to be disciples and continue God's work and spread His love. Thank you. The teens will be praying for you too!

Confirmation preparation Session #4 will be Thursday, November 14 from 6:30-8:00pm for the teens. Don't forget your binders and your journals!



FIRST RECONCILIATION

A parent meeting for parents whose children will be receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation in January/February will be held on Thursday, November 21 from 7pm until 8pm in the Parish Hall. Children do not need to attend, just at least one parent.



Also, all students making their First Reconciliation/First Communion next year will be acknowledged at a Recognition Mass at all the weekend Masses on November 23 (4:30pm Mass) and November 24 (9am and 11am Masses). Congratulations to our candidates for these sacraments!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word for children is for those children in grades K-3 during the 11:00 Mass. Without more volunteers we will not be able to provide CLW every Sunday. We need additional adult volunteers to offer this ministry every week! Please contact Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation if you are interested or for more information at 440-247-3606. Or email mvincenti@stjoanofarcchurch.org



Advent Wreath-Making Event

Save the date! Our annual Advent Wreath-Making Event will be Sunday, December 1 from 2pm-4pm in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$30 via cash or check (payable to St. Joan of Arc Parish) to the Parish Office or at the door.

To register, scan the QR code, visit the Parish website, or contact Allie Gall at agall@stjoanofarc.org or 440-247-4316.



Altar Server Training

All 5th-12th graders are invited to become an altar server! This is a fabulous chance to get involved in your Church community and share your gifts and time to help enrich the Liturgy for everyone. Altar Serving is easy and low-commitment - one training session and getting scheduled to serve Mass only a couple times per month. It's also a great way to earn community service hours!

We're offering three training session opportunities:

Monday, November 4 from 5:45-6:45pm

Tuesday, November 12 from 3:00-4:00pm

Sunday, November 17 from 12:00-1:00pm

Current altar servers are invited to attend a training session to brush up on your knowledge, get sized for your serving robe, and help welcome new servers! ALL current altar servers SHOULD fill out the registration form to make sure all contact information is current.





Parish Service Day

SCAN ME



Saturday, November 16th

Register Online by Nov 3rd

www.stjoanofarcchurch.org or scan QR code

We can do small acts of kindness with great love!

- Sign up as individuals (16+ only) or as a family, all ages welcome!
- Choose a volunteer shift: morning or afternoon (exact times vary by location)
- You will be matched with other parishioners & given details about your service site assignment about two weeks before the service day
- Receive a t-shirt to wear while you serve (or wear yours from prior years)
- Dinner served for volunteers in the Parish Hall following the 4:30pm mass
- Register online at the parish website with Google Forms by **November 3rd**

In 2023, over 150 parishioners volunteered at these sites around Cleveland!

Cleveland Food Bank, Lakeside Men's Shelter, Rescue Village, The Lantern, Chagrin Falls Park, Geauga Habitat Restore, Medwish International, Hamlet Village, Bainbridge Library, Malachi House, The Weils, Hattie Larlham, Geauga County Hunger Task Force, Kid's Book Bank, Ozanam Center at St. Philamena, Anna Maria of Aurora, The Village at Marymount, Light of Hearts Villa, St. Augustine Health Ministries, Westside Catholic Center, Zelig's Home, WomenSafe.

This year, sites may vary.

Registration Contact: Debbie Fitzmaurice 216-849-7878 debbie.fitzmaurice@gmail.com



Vespers Notice

Our second season of Vespers is in full swing and we invite everyone – especially families – to end the week with a moment of reflection.

Once again, the calendar yields to the message

In November Vespers will return on the third Sunday: November 17th at 6:30 PM



Coat Collection

It's not too late to bring in New/Used coats,, hat and gloves. We will be collecting donations until November 4, 2024 Please use the box located in the Narthex for donations.



St. Pat's Hunger Center

Thank you so much to our volunteers who cooked and packaged over 130 delicious chicken dinners for St. Pat's Hunger Center on Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

Also thank you to those who baked the wonderful homemade cookies for desserts. We have a great group of volunteers. This would not be possible without each of you!

Please contact Tim & Jacquie Cogan at tcogan82@gmail.com with any questions or for more information.

Join us for Youth Group!



All students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us for Youth Group! Even if you've never attended an event, you're still welcome! Anyone can jump in any time. Our next event is Sunday, November 17 from 3:30-5:00pm. We'll be playing Catholic Jeopardy, planning our Christmas service project, and more!

