



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 5, 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.

November

From the Pastor

Greetings of Peace in the month of November. This weekend, November 4-5 we turn our clocks back one hour. On Saturday before bedtime we "Fall Back." I like to say "we spin our clocks" as we leave Daylight Savings Time." Someone recently said, "I thought we were done turning our clocks and we would stay on one time all-year-round." I did some checking and here is what I found. Many states continue to consider proposals to adopt either permanent daylight saving time or permanent standard time. Yet, no states have adopted a legislative change in 2023. Without new movement on proposed changes, Americans should expect clock changes to continue into 2024. This time change will last until the second Sunday of March 2024, when daylight saving time starts again. So there you have it. Ohio has not yet adopted a legislative change, so we will continue to "change our clocks."

And, in church, November is the month we remember the Faithful Departed. Our parish "Book of Remembrance" is in the Gathering Area of the church in November. Parishioners are invited to inscribe the names of our departed loved ones in the book and we will remember them in a special way in our prayers in November.

Additionally, we will remember those whose funerals or memorials we had at St. Joan of Arc this past year at our 4:30 PM mass on Saturday November 4th. "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord." Amen. We are all on our journey to the kingdom of God – the Faithful Departed, the Faithful Present (that's us!), and the "Faithful yet to come" are one in faith and called to be united in God's love.

And this week, we vote on Tuesday – for those who "go to the polls". (I already voted.)

—Please vote!

—Secondly, we should allow our faith influence us as we form our consciences and become informed on issues – and candidates...

—Also note, the Church does not support or oppose particular candidates; the church does seek to focus attention on the moral and human dimensions of issues.

We have been asked to include this bulletin announcement this weekend by the Ohio Bishops (Catholic Conference of Ohio) and Bishop Malesic...

This Tuesday, the rights and safety of women, children, and parents are on the ballot. Issue 1 not only puts women at risk and threatens parental rights, but this extreme amendment also allows abortions through all nine months of pregnancy. The vague language of Issue 1 endangers preborn children and Catholics cannot be silent when the most vulnerable are in harm's way.

Catholics must Vote NO on Issue 1 because it endangers children by...

—Allowing abortion through all nine months by using the overly broad term “health” to permit painful, late-term abortions. In U.S. law, “health” includes age, as well as psychological, emotional, or physical well-being, so an abortion providing-physician could justify an abortion in the third trimester by citing a woman's age or emotional well-being.

—Leaving preborn children without protection by giving abortion providers the ability to determine on a “case by case” basis when a preborn child is protected by state laws. If abortion-providing physicians can decide when a preborn child is viable, this allows the same clinician to sidestep regulations and end the lives of potentially viable children.

Our Catholic faith teaches us that every human being deserves protection, love, and care – especially the most vulnerable. This Tuesday, to defend the preborn from painful, late-term abortions and to protect children in the womb, Vote NO on Issue 1.

Visit www.voteohio.gov to find your polling location or be sure to postmark your absentee ballot no later than November 6th.

The Catholic Conference of Ohio is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on public policy, advocating for the dignity of life at all stages, immigrants, Ohioans in need, and Catholic education.

Catholic Conference of Ohio, 100 E. Broad Street, Suite 600, Columbus, OH 43215,
ohiocathconf.org

I have been known to say, “The church is...and always will be...pro-Life.”

Have a great week. You are in my prayers.

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary





Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 5

9:00am SJA

11:00am Patricia Hagan (Genske)

Monday, November 6

8:00am Virginia & Alvin Ortmann
(Ortmann)

Tuesday, November 7

9:00am Patricia Chittock (Brail)

Wednesday, November 8

No Mass

Thursday, November 9

8:00am Rule Family (Rule)

Friday, November 10

8:00am Frances D'Ambrosia
(Zeleznik)

Saturday, November 11

4:30 Vincent McLaughlin (Moriarty)

Sunday, November 12

9:00 Chris Catanese (Corcoran)

11:00 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**

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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ANGEL
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Turning taxes into tuition with the
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





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 9th from 10-11:00 AM for you to drop off items.

- Cranberry Sauce-
- Turkey Gravy-Stuffing Mix-
- Onions-Turkey-



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

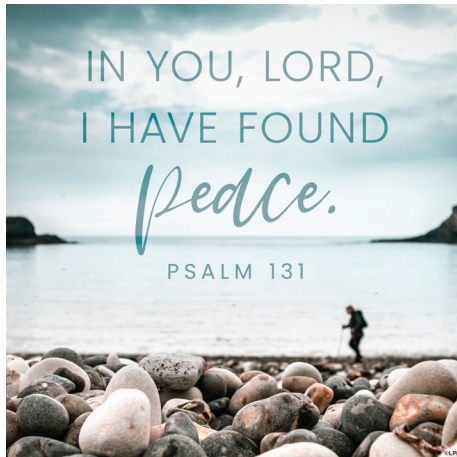
Weekly Collection

10/28-10/29

Collection: \$ 5,923.67

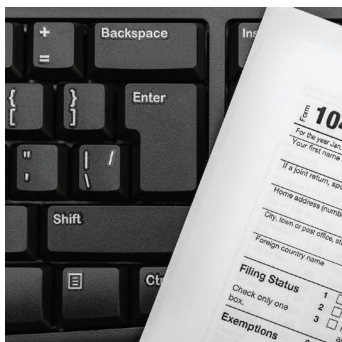
Online: \$ 5,912.00

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 having Verpers 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.



Parish Service Day



Saturday, November 18th

Register Online by Nov 5th

www.stjoanofarcchurch.org or with 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 5th

In 2022, 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, Boys and Girls Club Cleveland.

This year, sites may vary.

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

From the Desk of Millie Prebel:

****POSTPONED**** The Date night for couples has been postponed and will be rescheduling a new date to be held in the coming months. Watch the bulletin for details.



If you haven't already, please consider signing up for our **Parish Service Day** November 18, 2023. Serving others not only benefits them, but it also benefits YOU as well. The Mayo Clinic tells us there are 3 main benefits.

1. Improves Physical and mental health - Volunteers report better physical health than non-volunteers. Research also has shown that volunteering leads to lower rates of depression and anxiety, especially for people 65 and older.
2. Provides a sense of purpose and teaches valuable skills - The work that volunteers provide is essential to everyday activities, giving volunteers a sense of purpose, especially when giving their time and talent in the areas they find meaningful.
3. Nurture new and existing relationships- One of the best ways to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships is to participate in a shared activity. You can sign up on our website www.stjoanofarcchurch.org



Our **December Brown Bag Lunch** series continues Tuesday, December 5th at 12:00pm. We will be watching and discussing the documentary "Science Test Faith", a compelling and thought-provoking witness to the faith of two men following the trail of the blood of Christ. Their investigative team presents a strong testimony for a renewed love of the Most Holy Sacrament, the Eucharist. **For more information contact Millie Prebel mprebel@stjoanofarc.org**

Office of Faith Formation

Parish School of Religion

Our Parish School of Religion students thanked Fr. Gary on Priesthood Sunday by making cards for him! The cards were displayed in the Gathering Area as a fun surprise for Fr. Gary. He said he loved it and "Thank You!" to all the students.



November PSR Classes:

High School: Sundays, November 5, 12, 19, 26

Grades 7 and 8: Sundays, November 5, 12, 19

Grades K-6: Mondays, November 6, 13, 20

First Reconciliation

A meeting of all parents of children making their First Reconciliation this year will be held on Thursday, November 9th from 7:00pm to 8:15pm in the Parish Hall.

All students making their First Reconciliation/First Communion this year will be acknowledged at a Recognition Mass at all weekend Masses on November 18th (4:30pm Mass) and November 19 (9:00am and 11:00am Masses). Congratulations to our candidates during your preparation for these sacraments!

Confirmation

November 16th will be our next teen Confirmation preparation session at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

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

What is Second Sunday Vespers at SJA and who can we bring along?

Second Sunday Vespers at SJA, which will occur every month on the second Sunday of the Month, has 4 parts:

- Evening Prayer (Vespers) ~ 20 minutes
- Brief Presentation (Ted Talk) ~ 9-10 minutes plus brief Q&A
- Social Time (Cookies & Beverages)
- Closing Prayer (w/ Blessing) ~5 minutes

Evening Prayer is the Prayer of the church where as a Community we recite and sing the Evening Prayer, as prayed around the world for that day.

Brief Presentation will be a short presentation on a selected topic pertinent to the community, with a different speaker every Month, selected by the community.

Social Time is a time to meet and greet, and connect with others. A place to bring people together as our Faith Based Community, as a welcoming back, or meeting a new person of interest.

Closing Prayer, Night Prayer of the church is a brief prayer, at the closing of the day, where as a community we pray for continued blessings on ourselves and our communities and are sent with a special Blessing for our families and our lives.

Who should we invite? Second Sunday Vespers is open to everyone, parishioners, family members (Catholic & non-Catholic), neighbors, friends & associates of all faiths It is a time to build a welcoming community, to meet or greet a friend, to introduce others to our faith community. The plan is to vary the prayers and music from various faith and musical traditions as well. On second thought, why not bring someone...

Interested in joining the team?

Questions, inputs, information and/or conversations welcome.

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Have a Blessed week. Deacon Denny

