



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 8, 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.



From the Pastor

Greetings of Peace in this season of Fall. The colors and foliage are nearing their peak, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. I enjoy this time of year.

The Ohio Bishops and Bishop Malesic have asked all parishes in our Diocese and the State of Ohio to share these words with you this weekend.

By now, you have likely heard about Issue 1, the proposed amendment to enshrine abortion into the Ohio Constitution. This communication is to share a bit more about this extreme amendment and what we can do to help protect the women, families, and children of Ohio.

While some believe Issue 1 would simply restore Ohio back to the pre-Dobbs decision days, this proposed amendment goes DANGEROUSLY BEYOND what was legalized in the Roe v. Wade ruling. If passed, this amendment would:

- Open the door to **remove health and safety standards that protect women** seeking an abortion;
- **Threaten parental rights**, as the language directly conflicts with current requirements for parental notification and consent before a child under 18 can obtain an abortion;
- **And allow for abortions in the third trimester**, well beyond when a baby feels pain.

Issue 1 is too extreme for Ohio. We need your help to ensure this scary amendment does not find a home in our constitution, making it very difficult to change. So, what can you do?

First – if you are not already registered to vote, REGISTER TODAY! The deadline to register is this Tuesday, October 10th. You can register online at **www.voteohio.gov**

Next – please VOTE NO on Issue 1. Early and absentee voting begins this Wednesday, October 11th. Again, you can visit **www.voteohio.gov** to request your absentee ballot or find your early voting location.

Finally – Pray, visit the Ohio Catholic Conference website to learn more about Issue 1, and tell your family and friends about the extreme implications of Issue 1 and encourage them to Vote No!

(The Catholic Conference of Ohio serves as the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on matters of public policy).

It happens I will be at the parish this week, October 8-15; the following week, October 15-21, I will be away – on Retreat. It is good to take some time to focus on “the spiritual” as I go on an annual retreat. I will keep you in my heart and prayers while I am on retreat. I would also

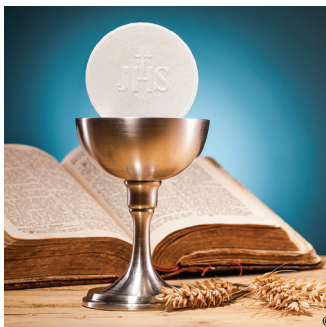
appreciate your prayers. Thank you. During the week I am away, there will not be a “daily mass” at St. Joan of Arc. Our ministerial staff is very good and they will continue to be of service here at SJA while I am away – and our priest/neighbors will do their best to be of assistance, if the need presents itself. Thank you, Fathers and our SJA staff. I will be back for the weekend schedule of October 21-22.

Have a great week and enjoy the Season of Autumn!
Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Gary



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Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 8

9:00am SJA

11:00am James P. Mockler (McCune)

Monday, October 9

8:00am Evelyn & Richard Yoe (Yoe)

Tuesday, October 10

9:00am Thomas Curran (Curran)

Wednesday, October 11

No Mass

Thursday, October 12

8:00am Marie Braun (Nally)

Friday, October 13

8:00am Joseph & Helen Justavich
(Kelley)

Saturday, October 14

4:30 Richard Yoe (Koeser)

Sunday, October 15

9:00 Janos Szigeti (Szigeti)

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**



Angel Scholarship Fund- Back in 2023!

The Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF) is a State of Ohio approved Scholarship Granting Organization. Donors to ASF may be eligible for a 100% tax credit on their State of Ohio income tax return for the year the contribution is made. ASF donations are awarded as tuition assistance for K-12 students in the Diocese of Cleveland, and donors may designate a school/schools to receive their donation.

Here's how it works*:

The maximum credit amount is \$750 per individual; married couples that file a joint return can each claim this credit if both spouses make eligible donations (\$1,500 total). **Please note this is a non-refundable credit, which means that the amount of the credit cannot exceed the amount owed in state taxes.** Just follow these three steps:

STEP 1- Estimate your 2023 Ohio state tax liability

STEP 2- Make your donation to ASF

STEP 3- Claim your scholarship tax credit when you file your 2023 State of Ohio taxes

* This does not constitute income tax advice. Always consult with a tax professional for information on the impact of any charitable donation.

Contributions can now be made that are eligible for the credit in the 2023 tax year. Please visit www.catholiccommunity.org/angel to make an online contribution or download a mail-in form.

For more information, call, email or scan:

216-902-1312 / asfinfo@dioceseofcleveland.org /

Food Pantry Collection in the Narthex

Please bring your non-perishable food donations (canned vegetables, fruits, spaghetti sauce, soups, 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 October 12th from 10-11:00 AM for you to drop off items.

**-Butter-Bread-
-Canned Fruit-Snacks-
-Chicken-**



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

Eucharistic Ministers- Help Needed

Are you a Eucharistic Minister? Volunteers are needed to bring Holy Communion to Hillcrest Hospital. Our volunteers are back and safely ministering to our patients. We welcome you to join them . Training is provided. **Proof of Covid vaccination is required.**

Contact Christine Young at 440-312-3739 for more information.

Weekly Collection

9/30-10/1

Collection: \$ 6,793.39

Online: \$ TBA

Thanks you for your continued support!

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Now, more than ever, we need to stand up for life. Abortion advocates have a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot in November, threatening the lives of babies in the womb and threatening parental rights. Please join the Arc Angels for Life at St. Joan of Arc in our fight to be a voice for the voiceless. There are so many ways to engage – from prayer to community engagement, in accord with Directives of the Diocese of Cleveland. **For questions or to sign-up to join the Arc Angels distribution list, please contact Megan at 216/312-3798 or meganhet@yahoo.com**



CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

Early Voting Against Issues 1 & 2

We have been asked to include this bulletin announcement this weekend by the bishops

Catholics are called to faithful citizenship, which means we must act when a moral question confronts our society by praying and fasting, educating ourselves and our neighbors, and making our voice heard when it's time to vote.

As followers of Christ, Catholics cannot be silent when the health and safety of women and preborn children are endangered by the vague language of Issue 1. We must also protect the health of children and safety of our communities, which are both threatened by the legalization of recreational marijuana proposed by Issue 2. Recreational marijuana puts children at risk by increasing exposure to harmful drugs when their development is most vulnerable. It also increases the likelihood of traffic fatalities and workplace accidents.

Visit www.voteohio.gov to register to vote by October 10th. Early voting begins October 11th –find your early voting location or request an absentee ballot at www.voteohio.gov to protect women, children, and communities in Ohio and Vote NO on Issue 1 and Issue 2

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

From the Desk of Millie Prebel:

October is Respect Life Month. Join Catholics nationwide praying a special novena for the protection of human life from conception to natural death October 13-21. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org!

The month of October is also dedicated to the holy Rosary as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on October 7th. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. We encourage you to teach someone else the rosary! We have several opportunities to pray the rosary here at St. Joan of Arc. After each morning mass and every Wednesday, rain or shine in the Garden of Life. Add the rosary to your week, maybe even your day! You'll gain a peace beyond understanding. We will be doing another Evening with Mary, a fall evening rosary in the garden, stay tuned for details to come.

Don't forget these upcoming events Mark your calendars!!

October 10 -The Women's Guild presents The Eucharist, a challenging truth to swallow with Trapper Jack.

October 16- Ss. Cosmas and Damian Memorial Mass: Pregnancy and Infant Loss and Right to life 7:30pm. At SS. Cosmas and Damian 10419 Ravenna Rd, Twinsburg, OH 44087

October 17 - Brown bag lunch Beauty, Wonder and Awe: the Birds of Northeast Ohio with Matt Valencic at 12:00pm Parish Hall

October 17 - Bishop Woost Liturgical Minister Evening 7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe 9080 Shepard Rd, Macedonia, OH 44056

October 26 - Peter's Shadow Healing Prayer Service. 6:30pm

All events are at St Joan of Arc Parish unless otherwise noted.



Office of Faith Formation

Great things are happening in all of our programs thanks to our wonderful parents, students, catechists, and staff. Our high schoolers in PSR theology are learning “what does it mean to be Catholic?” with some great questions and discussions during class. Our 8th graders are rocking their Confirmation preparation with active participation and enthusiasm at their sessions. They learned about “Accepting God’s call” and “Establishing a friendship with God”. All our PSR students are learning about the rosary during October, the Month of the Rosary, and will receive a rosary (instructions included!) **Our K- 6th graders had a lovely St. Francis Prayer Service led by Fr. Gary where the children were blessed as very important “caregivers of the animals” in honor of The Feast of St. Francis on October 4th. They brought in pictures of their pets or stuffed animals!**



Confirmation

Our annual “Prayer Partner” weekend will be at all the Masses the weekend of October 14 and 15. This is an opportunity for a parishioner to receive the name of a Confirmation candidate and pray for them through their preparation journey and in return, they will pray for you! Sign ups will be at a table in the Gathering Area after all the Masses.

Our next Confirmation Session #3, for teens only, will be on Thursday, October 19 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Please drop off at the church to begin. A meeting for all Confirmation sponsors will be held Thursday, October 26 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. If a sponsor cannot attend, a parent needs to attend in their place. Teens are welcome to attend with their sponsor!

Parish School of Religion

October PSR Classes:

High School: Sundays, October 8, 15, 22, 29

Grades 7 and 8: Sundays, October 8, 22, 29

Grades K-6: Mondays, October 9, 23, 30

Family Religion Program Meeting: Sunday, October 22 at 12:15pm in the school.



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.**





October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" because in this month the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on Oct. 7.



The dedication of the month of October to the Holy Rosary became common in the Church thanks to Pope Leo XIII, an enthusiastic promoter of the rosary. In the span of only five years, Pope Leo wrote eleven encyclicals on the rosary.

St. John Paul II called the rosary his favorite prayer, "in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a Mother meditated on in her heart (Lk. 2:19.)."

The Mysteries of the Rosary

Until about the 15th century hundreds of mysteries were part of the Rosary devotion. Then the 15 mysteries that we know today were definitively fixed as "the Mysteries of the Rosary." Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, in 2002 added the five Luminous Mysteries.

Through the meditations of the complete Rosary one recalls and has impressed on his mind, the Popes tell us, "the chief mysteries of the Christian religion," "the mysteries of our Redemption," "the great mysteries of Jesus and His Mother united in joys, sorrows, and triumphs." The twenty mysteries are divided into four equal groups, known as "The Joyful," "The Sorrowful," "The Glorious," and "The Luminous Mysteries."

Server Training

Tuesday, October 10th at 3:00pm.

Open to all 5th grade and up.

You will need a permission slip which you can obtain from the school office.

**Any questions please contact Millie Prebel
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