



ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 17, 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.

Parish Information

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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 mid-September.



Let me take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to the great group of parishioners who worked so hard to make our parish festival last Sunday such a wonderful event. Their hard work, dedication, publicity, organization, enlistment of volunteers, and more is so appreciated. We all had a great time and it was a wonderful reflection of our community and its vibrancy. Well Done! We are very grateful. We also say thank you to those who came and participated. "A good time was had by all!"

This week, Autumn officially begins on Saturday September 23rd at 2:50 AM (while we are sleeping on Friday night). This also means that Christmas is just over 3 months away! Recently, our weather seems to have taken its turn to cooler days and evenings. Sure, we may well go through another "hot spell," yet Fall and its weather approaches rapidly. The changing of the colors for this season is also very near. For many of us, the fall foliage is beautiful! The NFL Season has begun and the Browns are now 1-0! Wow! Let's hope for a good season. Someone told me this past weekend, **"Here we go Brownies, here we go!!"**

As I have been sharing, the Diocese of Cleveland – Bishop Malesic and the Office for Human Life – and the Ohio Bishops have been very active in offering reflections about the election in Ohio that will take place on November 7, 2023. A recent correspondence from the diocese said, "The amendment to enshrine abortion into the Ohio Constitution is officially on the November 7, 2023 ballot. The church must not be silent and cannot remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life. Therefore, the Catholic Conference of Ohio (CCO), in collaboration with the Catholic dioceses across the state...is informing Catholics in Ohio about the dangers of the amendment and encourage them to vote NO..." In addition, the memo from Bishop Malesic and the Ohio Bishops gave specific points and a "timeline" that all parishes have been asked to follow. Here at St. Joan, we will comply. And so more will be said about "all this" in coming columns and bulletins until the November election.

-Please vote! (If not registered to vote, please so so.)

-Secondly, we should allow our faith influence us as we form our consciences, as we seek to 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.

I have been known to say, "The Church is...and always will be...pro-Life."

Also note our "daily mass schedule" is adjusted since the school year began. Our daily mass on Tuesdays is at 9:00 AM throughout the "school year" – the months of September through May – so our school family can participate at our parish mass. In the months of June, July, and August, the Tuesday morning mass is at 8:00 AM; in the "school year," Tuesday mass is 9:00 AM. Thank you for making a note of this!

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





The Chagrin Documentary Film Festival

The Chagrin Documentary Film Festival Salad Luncheon will be on October 5th. The Women's Guild has hosted this sell out event for the past 13 years.

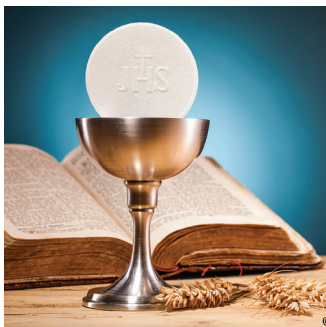
The following documentaries will be shown: Junk Genius, Go-Kart Therapy, Carpenter and School of Fish.

Special thanks to all of the ladies who prepared their wonderful salads.

Reservations are required.

The price of the lunch is \$25.

For reservations, Sally 440-247-6945



Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 17

9:00am Richard Yoe (Kaczor)

11:00am SJA

Monday, September 18

8:00am Virginia Ortmann
(Ortmann Family)

Tuesday, September 19

9:00am Ginger Cirino (Cirino)

Wednesday, September 20

No Mass

Thursday, September 21

8:00am Fran & Jim Clark (Brail)
Wedding Anniversary

Friday, September 22

8:00am Nan Morgan (Curran)

Saturday, September 23

4:30 Lourice & Hyman Budoff
(Budoff)

Sunday, September 24

9:00 SJA

11:00 Richard Hummel (Voinovich)

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





NOTES FROM JON THIBO:



St. Joan of Arc Music Ministry will be forming a new Children's Choir for Parish Masses one Sunday each month at 11:00 AM Mass. Students in our PSR and Day School grades 2-8 are encouraged to attend rehearsal starting Tuesday September 19th from 4:30-5:30 in the church with Mr. Jon Thibo, Director of Music.

Student Cantors for our Day School Masses will still meet on Wednesday right after school until 4:00PM in the church to prepare for those weekly Masses. Students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to participate starting Wednesday September 13th.

Our Adult Choir will resume rehearsal on Tuesday September 5th from 7:00-9:00 PM in the church, and New Members will be welcomed, especially in the Tenor/Baritone section. High School and College Students are very welcome here! You can join through the month of September, not just the first night, so please consider sharing your time and talent so that this vibrant part of our liturgical celebrations here at our parish continues to grow.

A new Handbell Choir is forming as well, high school students through adults are welcome and an ability to read music, while helpful, is not necessary. Rehearsal will be Monday September 16th from 7:00-9:00PM come get acquainted with Handbells and how to ring them to add more beauty to our liturgy. The goal will be to ring one Mass per month at 11:00AM as well as Christmas, Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Eucharist: The Real Presence



Thursdays September 7th thru October 5th 8:30-10 AM in rectory basement.

A 2019 PEW study revealed that only 25% of Catholics believe that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist.

Join us to learn why this is and what the ramifications are.

We will learn how to understand and explain transubstantiation and where its scriptural origins are. We will read and discuss **This is My Body, a Call to Eucharistic Revival** by Bishop Robert Barron

The Bishop is the founder of Word on Fire and is a well-respected lecturer. His sermons and podcasts are delightful and enlightening! We will spend 30 minutes each week watching his podcasts and sharing insights from his book.

To register, email mpvalencic@gmail.com or call 440-338-7177 no cost.

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 September 21st from 10-11:00 AM for you to drop off items.

**-Salt/Pepper-Paper Towels-
-Kielbasa-**

-Large Bags Chips/Pretzels/Popcorn-



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

9/9/-9/10

Collection: \$ 7,245.39

Online: \$ 5,707.69

Thanks you for your continued support!

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 eliminating 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 meganhett@yahoo.com**

Scholarship awards for the Angel Scholarship Fund were recently submitted to the Catholic Community Foundation. The school was able to offer awards to 62 students from 39 different families. Seven of those families are new to the school community. These funds have helped families to keep a Catholic education at SJA affordable! There are some remaining funds that have been allocated for new families who may wish to enroll at St. Joan's over the summer.

Now is the time to begin thinking about your upcoming contributions to the Angel Scholarship Fund. Donations can be made as a one-time gift or as a recurring monthly gift. Remember the state of Ohio allows taxpayers to contribute up to \$750 (\$1500 if filing jointly) of their state taxes to St. Joan of Arc. **Please visit the following link for more information:**
<https://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel-scholarship-fund/overview>

What is Issue 1?

Issue 1 is a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution that would endanger the health and safety of women, threaten parental rights, and allow for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. Ohioans will vote on November 7, 2023, whether to make this change to the Ohio Constitution.

What would Issue 1 do?

Put women at risk: Health and safety standards in Ohio could be eliminated.

Doctors could no longer need to examine a woman or explain the risks of the abortion procedure ahead of time.

Threaten parental rights: A fifteen-year-old could have an abortion without her parents knowing. Current Ohio law requires parental notification and consent before a child under 18 can obtain an abortion. These parental right protections could be removed as they directly conflict with the amendment which would allow all individuals, including minors, to make their own reproductive decisions.

Allow for abortions of fully formed babies: Abortion would be legal through all 9 months of pregnancy. Physicians at an abortion clinic could use a woman's age or emotional well-being as a reason to perform an abortion in the 3rd trimester.

Would abortion be illegal in Ohio if Issue 1 does not pass?

If Issue 1 does not pass, abortion would still be legal in Ohio until a baby's heartbeat can be detected. This standard was challenged in court and placed on hold, allowing for abortions up to 22 weeks as of September 15, 2023. Current laws that protect the safety of women and parental rights would stay in effect.

Doesn't Issue 1 simply restore Ohio back to when Roe v. Wade was in effect?

Issue 1 goes dangerously beyond what was legalized in the Roe v. Wade ruling. It opens the door to remove important health and safety measures that protect women, threatens parental consent and notification of any minor seeking an abortion, and allows for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

"The Diocese of Cleveland and the Catholic Conference of Ohio (Ohio Bishops) have asked us to include this in our bulletin this weekend." Thank you, Gary

Will miscarriage care or ectopic pregnancy treatment be denied if Issue 1 fails?

The passing or failure of Issue 1 will have no effect on the care a pregnant woman receives when her life is in danger, even if the treatment results in the loss of life of her unborn child. There is a fundamental difference between an elective abortion and the care provided after a miscarriage. In the case of an ectopic pregnancy, the life-affirming option is to surgically remove the mother's fallopian tube in which the embryo has implanted. No law restricts this care in Ohio or any other state in the country.

How is the Church helping pregnant women in need?

For decades, numerous Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with faith-based and secular organizations, have assisted pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment during pregnancy and after their child is born. Project Rachel helps those struggling post-abortion. Every woman should be able to depend upon a community for support and the Catholic Church remains committed to woman in need. Learn more: ohiocathconf.org

What is the Church doing to protect life and defeat Issue 1?

Each diocese in Ohio is working together, through the Catholic Conference of Ohio, to help Catholics understand the dangers of Issue 1 to women, parents, and life. We are also part of the Protect Women Ohio coalition to let all voters know Issue 1 is harmful for Ohioans.

What can I do to help defeat Issue 1?

1. PRAY & Fast
2. EDUCATE Yourself and TELL OTHERS about the dangers of Issue 1
3. Register & VOTE NO on Issue 1

Where can I learn more?

Read the full text of the proposed change to the Ohio Constitution and learn about the concerning language that puts women at risk, threatens parental rights, and allows for abortions through all nine months of pregnancy.

VOTE NO - ISSUE 1 - NOV 7. Visit www.ohiocathconf.org/protect





From the Desk of Millie Prebel:

A huge thank you and congratulations to the parish festival team and all the volunteers that made this past weekend's festival a tremendous success! It was a day of fun, food and fellowship! **Special thanks to Haley Covey organizer and the team, Patti Valencic, Liz O'Neil, Connie Gleason, Jo McGinnis, Al and Kathy Catani, Jan Jones, Jane Zilly, Debbie Fitzmaurice. It was a great day enjoyed by all who attended! Special thanks to the Chagrin Falls fire department who brought their trucks!**

October 17th at 7:00PM Bishop Michael Woost will be at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Macedonia offering a presentation for all Liturgical ministers including lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, ushers, greeters and all involved in the mass liturgy. Many of you that attended his EM training last fall know what a wonderful presenter he is! All are welcome!

Monday October 16th at 7:30PM, Ss. Cosmas and Damian, in honor of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and Right to Life Month will be offering a memorial mass for all families who have experienced this loss honoring these beautiful lives. The diocese has also partnered with Red Bird Ministries to bring a **Red Bird Retreat** for parents who have lost children. The day will include personal witnesses, a time for reflection, spiritual direction, lunch and we'll end the day with mass at 5:30 PM. **The location will be St. Bridget Kildare Parish, Parma. Please share this with anyone you know who may benefit from this service. For more information about any of these events please contact Millie Prebel at mprebel@stjoanofarc.org**

Peace and blessings,

Millie Prebel



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Today is Catechetical Sunday, a day to honor our hard-working teachers and catechists who give so much of themselves teaching our Catholic faith to others here at St. Joan of Arc Parish. **Thank you for your dedication to teaching our youth and adults. God bless you for your service.**

Parish School of Religion

All classes have officially begun for all grades in PSR! Please keep our catechists, children, and their families in your prayers as we begin this new school year! We are always open to having new catechists and aides join our team throughout the year as substitute catechists and aides. **Please call the Office of Faith Formation for more information: 440-247-3606.**

September PSR Classes:

High School: Sundays, September 10, 17, 24

Grades 7 and 8: Sunday, September 17

Grades K-6: Mondays, September 11, 18

CLW

Due to a lack of volunteers, the Children's Liturgy of the Word program at the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays is being suspended for now. If/when we get volunteers, it will be reinstated. You do not have to be a catechist to help with CLW. **For more information, please call Mary Vincenti in the Office of Faith Formation at 440-247-3606.**





CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

September 17, 2023

"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened"
Mat.11:28



Lisa Hamsmith
Jim Hogan
Gina Huber
Jan Jones
Laura Kennedy
Cheryl Laufer
Julie Lewinski
Chantel Michalek
Joseph Nieves

Megan Ritchie
Scott Sanders
Nancy Toth
Bobbie Trew
Patti Valencic
Mary Vincenti
Stacie Webster
Anne Wisniewski



