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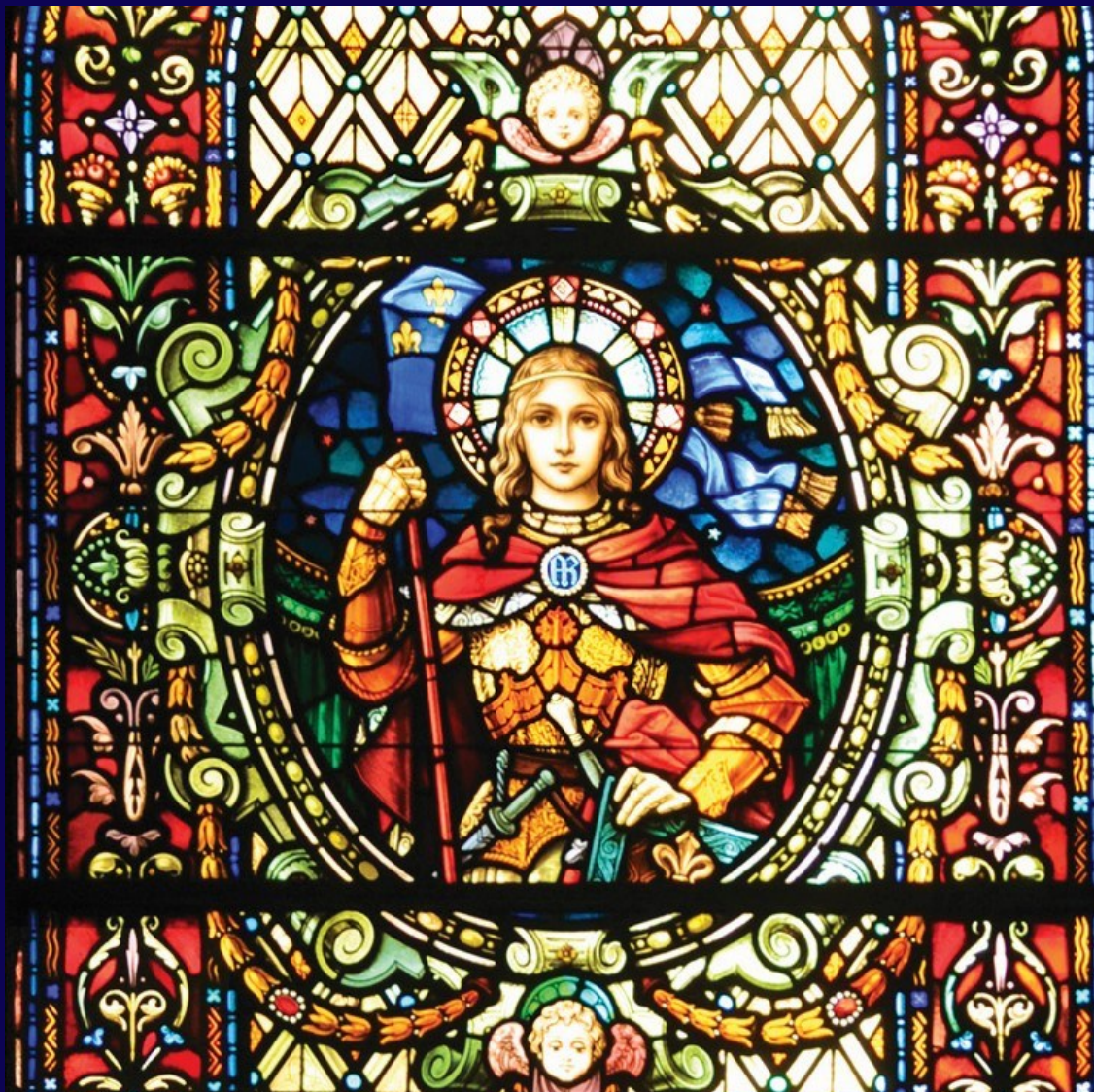
SJOA'S Weekly Parish Bulletin



Faith + Community + Service

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday



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Mass Schedule
 Tues & Thur 5:30 PM
 Wed & Fri 8:00 AM
 Saturday 5:30 PM
 Sunday 8:30, 10:30, 5:30

Adoration
 Tues & Thur 6-7:00 AM
 Wed 7-8:00 AM
 Thursday 8-10:00 PM
 First Friday 12-5:00 PM

Confession
 Sat & Sun 4:00 PM

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:3-4)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts,
and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body,
so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

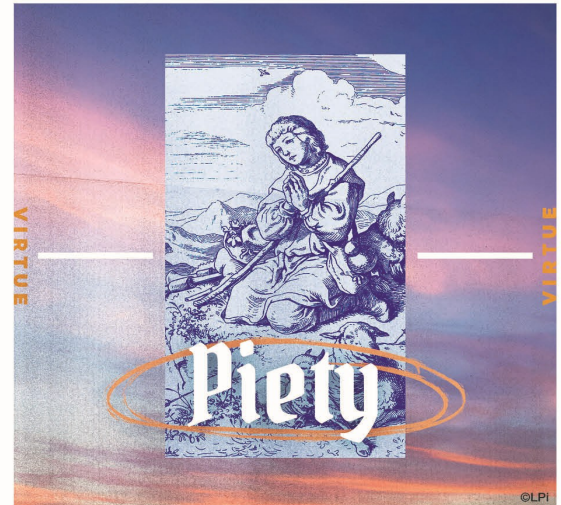
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Today, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "the Advocate." The Latin for lawyer is "advocatus." Like a lawyer, the Holy Spirit defends us. The Holy Spirit guides us. So, when you're in trouble, don't forget: ask for your lawyer, and do what he tells you.

Observances for the week of May 24, 2026

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| Sunday: | Pentecost Sunday |
| Monday: | Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; <i>Memorial Day</i> |
| Tuesday: | St. Philip Neri, Priest |
| Wednesday: | St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop |
| Friday: | St. Paul VI, Pope |
| Next Sunday: | The Most Holy Trinity |



Virtues, Explained!

"Piety denotes the reverence which we give to our faith and to our country," writes St. Thomas Aquinas. "And since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety."

Pentecost Prayer

Come Holy Spirit,
Descend upon us and fill us with the
fire of Your love!
Remind us of Your dreams for us,
ignite us with new zeal,
place new visions on our hearts,
and the grace to work alongside You.
Amen.

"Cast yourself into the arms of God and be very sure that if he wants anything of you,
He will fit you for the work and give you strength." ~ St. Philip Neri

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 24, 2026

Sunday:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/ Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:

1 Pt 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

1 Pt 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 10:32-45

Thursday:

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/ Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/ Mk 10:46-52

Friday:

1 Pt 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday:

Jude 17, 20b-25/ Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 11:27-33

St. Joan of Arc Mission Statement

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church is a community gathered in Jesus Christ. We welcome all people and provide them opportunities to know God, grow in faith, and use their gifts to serve others. Through Word, Sacrament, Prayer, and Service, we honor our tradition as we extend our ministry to each new generation.



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"He breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'" (John 20:22-23)

For those of us who go to confession regularly, there is often a familiar frustration: "Why do I keep confessing the same sins?" It can feel like a loop, cleansed but unchanged.

Pentecost reveals a hopeful perspective. When the Risen Jesus breathes on his ashamed and fearful disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit, he echoes Genesis, when God breathes life into Adam. This is not just primarily the removal of guilt, but new creation.

In confession, we receive more than forgiveness. We receive a fresh outpouring, the breath of the Spirit, and a renewed mission. Jesus does not say to us, "You're forgiven, now go back to your old life." He says, so to speak, **"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."** (John 20:21)

That is why penance is not just saying a few prayers. It is reorientation. It is the Spirit summoning us to live differently: with mercy and healing.

Just as Adam was sent into the world, and the Apostles were sent out after Pentecost, so too we are sent from the confessional — not just clean, but consecrated.

Pentecost Challenge: After your next confession, ask the Holy Spirit for one way you can participate in Christ's healing will for you. Then take one small, concrete step, and do not look back.

— Father John Muir

"For man cannot attain that true happiness for which he yearns with all the strength of his spirit, unless he keeps the laws which the Most High God has engraved in his very nature." ~ St. Paul VI, Pope

SJOA Happenings



There will be a tri-parish Memorial Day Mass at 9 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary this Monday.

please note

Please note the parish office will be closed this Monday for Memorial Day and on Friday for our staff retreat.



Join Pastoral Council President Josh Matthews for dinner and discussion of Pope Leo XIV's much-anticipated and soon-to-be released

encyclical this Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. in the parish office. Scan here to RSVP.



Help honor our Blessed Mother as we pray the rosary at 6:15 p.m. after evening Mass this Thursday outside by the large statue of Mary located adjacent to the playground.



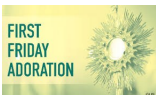
Everyone is invited to a neighborhood celebration for the Feast of St. Joan of Arc at noon next Saturday, May 30 in the gym hosted by our St. Joan of Arc St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Enjoy

lunch from Yats, learn about the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at our parish, and meet some of the neighbors that we serve. For opportunities to contribute and more information, contact Chase at chaselacoursiere@tutanota.com. Scan here to RSVP.



Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their little ones to Babies & Bagels/Tots & Tea on Wednesday, June 3. Stop by the

Community Garden located at the northeast corner of 42nd and Park any time between 10 a.m. and noon.



We will have First Friday adoration on June 5. If you can take a one-hour shift, sign up by scanning the QR or

by contacting the parish office. Otherwise, stop by any time between noon and 5 p.m.



Save the date and plan to join us for our 18th Annual Corpus Christi procession through the St. Joan of Arc neighborhood following 10:30 Mass on Sunday, June 7. This joyful event is one that you don't want to miss!

Weekly Prayer Petition



May the Holy Spirit strengthen us, protect us, encourage us, and guide us.

Please Pray For: Leslie Ashburn-Nardo; Patrick Ashmore; Kim Bach; Sam Blandina; Mable Brown; Beth Brockelman; Marisa Broka, Frederick Bullard; Nancy Bullard; Gonzalo Chavez-Quijada; Michael Chisley, Jr.; Katie Cleary; David Colby; Kelly Colen; Ella Comer; Judy Cox; Ian Craig (son of Libby); Judd Cromer; Ellie Davis; Lyla DeArmond; Sr. Kathleen Desautels, SP; Mary Ellen Diemer; Elizabeth Dion; Yolanda DiPietro; Gregg Dwyer; Trish Dyer; Siara England; Dr. Marc Frost; Brian Gaddie; Erlene Gaines; Rita Gatzemeyer; Donna Gesell-Stuart; Gail Gerlach; Kathleen Gibbons (mother of Beth Matthews); Owen Griffith; Betsy Harvey; Noreen Hazeur Williams; Terry Hines; Susie Hoffman; Doris Hogan; Cindy Hooley; Patty Hughes; Jesse Hurst & family; many members of the Irwin Family; Matt Hutton (John Cornelius' nephew); KW Jackey; Dee Janik; Harley Janssen; Dalaena Johnson; Judith Jones; Pat Jones; Dorothy Klineman; Charlie Lane; Tom & Marie Leahy; Diana Lee; Jim & Tim Maher; Jessica Martin (Daughter-in-law of Deborah Capuano); Melissa Mates (John Cornelius' sister); Marnie Mattek; JoAnn McDaniel; Susie McClelland; Barbara McNamara; Carole Miller; Sharon Montieth; Mark Morris; Daniel Muller; Joseph, Estefana, and Patty Ochoa; Teresa O'Connel; Thecla O'Donnell; Declan O'Keefe; Rob Ohlemiller; Michelle Oesterling; Alex Pachciarz; Steve Pavicich; Sharon Pence; Elaine Peterson (Jeff Mitsch's grandmother); Jane Pfeifer (Andrea Collier's mother); Angee Poe; Mike M. Pointer; Barb Rainbolt; Eric Renner; Kathy Riland; Kim Rivelli; Mary Roy; Devin Ryan; Barb Schaefer; Dave Schermerhorn; Beth Sellers; Frederick Selm; Helen Setmeyer; Christina Shedrick; Fred & Polly Shell; David Shelton; Elizabeth Simmons; Dr. David Sommers; Fr. Greg Spencer (Friend of Fr. Tom); Maison Steffe; Tony and Cecilia Strigari; The Thornburg Family; Kay Timper; Jeanetta Torence; Nancy Turner; Joe Wainscott; Chris Webb; Carole Williams; Jane Williams; Karen Williams; Steve Winchester; Luba Winship; Mick Wisniewski; Valorie Woods; Haighlee Zeh.



We pray for the repose of the soul of David Cornelius, SJOA alum and brother of parishioner John. May he rest in peace and may God comfort his family during this difficult time.

Please keep our parishioners who are currently in the military in your prayers: Sgt. Dylan Barnett; P.O. 1st Class Matthew Collier; PFC Ben Cotton; LCDR Matt Deitchle; P.O. 2nd Class James Fisher, LCDR Kurt E. Davis; Col. Rocknee Gardner; P.O. 2nd Class Eileen Grosvenor-Jarp; Sgt. Jonah Hollis; Sgt. Josiah Hollis; PFC Jonas Hollis; Marine Jonathan Price, Maj. Kevin Zander.



Monarch Message from Principal Kmiecik

Happy Memorial Day weekend from the school! We have challenged our students to try something new over the summer and share with us in August.



And even though our classrooms are quiet we will have people working in the school office. If you or someone you know is looking for a private education with a small classroom feel, please contact our school office for a tour. You can experience firsthand the spirit that makes our school community so special. Please contact us at 317-283-1518 or email us at apierce@sjoa.org.

Donations for the Annual Fund are still open and will help expand after-school programs, fund our new K–8 math curriculum, and allow all teachers to attend the 2027 NCEA Convention in Indianapolis. Every gift matters. Thank you for your continued support of our school.



Donate to our school!



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 26
Wednesday, May 27
Thursday, May 28
Friday, May 29
Saturday, May 23
Sunday, May 24
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

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Financial Corner

Regular Offertory

Scan here to donate to the regular offertory or text "give" to 833-726-6484. Thank you for your generosity.



A Note About Envelopes

As a financially responsible measure, we are discontinuing mailing out contribution envelopes to parishioners who give via our electronic contribution system, PushPay. If your family gives through PushPay and would prefer to continue receiving the contribution envelopes, please reach out to the parish office, and we will get them reinstated. Parishioners who are not utilizing electronic giving (PushPay) will continue to receive the contribution envelopes by mail.

Easter Flowers

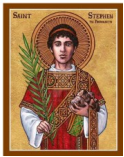
Thank you to everyone who made a donation for our beautiful Easter flowers. If you would still like to donate, scan here.



Faith



Are you searching for a Church home? Search no more! Contact Melinda at 317-283-5508 or mrivelli@sjoa.org to learn about our welcome process.



Are you or is someone you know being called to be a Deacon? The last of the "Come and See" events is scheduled for this Tuesday. Contact Deacon John Jacobi at jjacobi@archindy.org for more information.



Everyone is invited to a Holy Hour offered for the Priestly Ordination of Deacon Timothy Khuishing, Deacon Sam Hansen, and Deacon Khaing Thu next Friday, June 5 at 7 p.m. at St. Barnabas. Their ordinations will take place the next morning at Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral.



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Children & Youth



Our high school youth are invited to join us this Tuesday at 6 p.m. at TopGolf for free appetizers and golf (of course)! Scan here to RSVP.



Middle school students are invited to our Summer youth nights beginning next Sunday. We will start with some kickball & cornhole and conclude with 10 - 15 minutes of Adoration. Current 5th graders who will be in 6th grade next year are welcome to start attending.



Totus Tuus, our VBS with a Twist, will be here before we know it! A team of dynamic college students will lead our children and youth in grades 1-12 in a fun and formative experience July 19-24. The older students meet at night Sunday-Thursday, while the younger children meet during the day Monday-Friday. Kids and teens of all ages have a blast while growing in faith! Scan here to register today!



Teens and tweens, mark your calendar for the annual North Deanery Kings Island Trip on Wednesday, July 29. Stay tuned for more info.

Community



Men are invited to a breakfast event at Liter House in Broad Ripple at 6:30 a.m. this Friday. Get ready for a turbo-charged conversation with Mark Erdosy. Don't miss his full-throttle take on The Race and Dads who hunger and thirst for righteousness. RSVP to mbridenstine@marian.edu.



The North Deanery Sizzling Summer Saints Movie Series is back! Here's the line-up: June 13 - *David*, July 11 - *For Greater Glory*, August 8 - *Song of Bernadette*.

We'll cover the seats! You cover the treats!. Scan here to secure tickets.



Seniors, join us for an ice cream social on Friday, June 19 and/or Friday, July 17 at 2 p.m. in the lower level of the parish office. Games, prizes, and good times will top things off! RSVP to Adele Kirk at 317-283-5508, ext. 1112 or akirk@sjoa.org.

Service



Middle school and high school students, are you looking for service hours? If so, please reach out to Mr. LaCoursiere at chaselacoursiere@tutanota.com. Help is needed at our Community Luncheon next Saturday.



It's spring cleaning time! Have you been busy cleaning out your closets, cupboards, and garage? St. Vincent de Paul is in dire need of material donations – clothing, household goods, linens, furniture, etc. They also need bicycles, helmets, locks and backpacks for our unsheltered neighbors. The SVdP truck will be parked in the St. Monica's parking lot located at 6131 Michigan Rd. on Saturday, June 13 from 9-11 a.m. Don't have time to pull your stuff together by next weekend? Stay tuned for other Stuff-a-Truck events throughout the summer!

Please join us!

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