

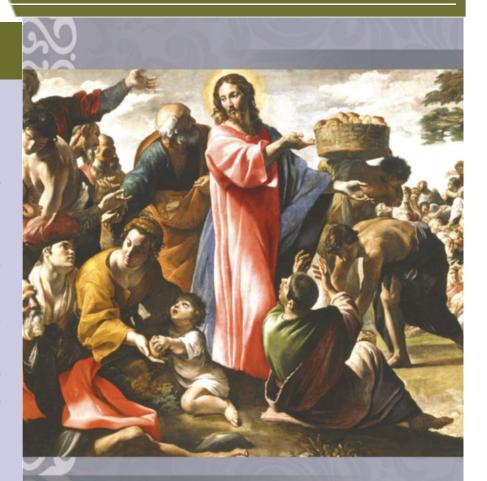
## SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. - Lk 9:16

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Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm In the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am mass

#### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm Friday from 8:30-4pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

**Baptisms:** Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

**Marriages:** Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

**Registration:** It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

**RCIA:** Please call the Parish Center: **586-777-3670** 

#### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

#### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

> Weekday Masses Monday thru Friday @7am

**Weekend Masses** Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

> Holy Hour Thursdays @ 7pm

#### **TALLer Tales**



Details, Details, Details: Have you ever noticed that you are moving so fast in the midst of your day that you sometimes don't pay attention to the minuscular

details involved with a task. But sometimes, those little details can make it or break it with a task!

Last Friday, my nephew Adam had his white coat ceremony at the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School. At this ceremony, the aspiring dentists receive their white coats as they enter the clinical stage of their education. There were some 150 "dentists to be" who were part of the White Coat Ceremony and some 25 graduating dental hygienists. Not only do the aspiring dentists and graduating dental hygienists receive their white coats, but they also recite an oath to maintain their profession's highest moral and ethical standards. It was a great event and indeed a milestone in their educational career. Congrats, Adam (and SJA Class of 2013 Alumnus Jordin Valenti, who is in the same class).

Given that each "dentist to be" could only invite four people to the ceremony, we planned a little party back at the Parish Center immediately after the events at UDM for the rest of the family. Knowing we wouldn't gather until maybe 7:30 PM or later that night, we opted for simple finger foods rather than a full meal. My mom and I decided we would get the bulk of our supplies from Costco. My plan was to pick up my mom earlier in the day and then make the trek to Costco, load up on things, and then drop everything off at the Parish Center before we trekked off to the main campus at UDM for the festivities. And, God bless my sister Jackie and nieces McKenzie and Kerry. They got "stuck" setting up and prepping for "Uncle Mike's" party for his Godson! It was technically "my" party, but they did all the work .. isn't that what older brothers and uncles do?

As my mom and I arrived at Costco, she asked me what I thought of the wooden carved relief of the Blessed Mother and Child Jesus she bought for her neighbors Paul and Ruth, who live across from her. Paul and Ruth kept an eye on the condo during the renovations and often retrieved packages, and even had to deal once with a

door that blew open and set off our alarm. They also had to deal with the unsightly dumpster that was often parked in my mom's driveway. So my mom bought them a beautiful wooden carved relief she got from an artist down in South America.

As my mom and I were discussing this wood carving, I told her I hadn't seen any pictures of it yet. "Yes, I sent you a picture of it yesterday," she told me. I paused, then made the dreaded mistake of saying first without thinking, "NO, you didn't." "Yes, I did. And you even responded, "WOW. It's very beautiful." I was baffled and even more confused because I supposedly responded. Now I get tons of emails and texts, and depending on how many are hitting me at any given moment, I may take a glance at them and move on with my day with the hopes I will return to them later and respond (UNFORTUNATELY, the "return to them later and respond" doesn't always happen ... SORRY). My quick glances are often to make sure there isn't an emergency that needs my immediate attention.

Once we parked at Costco, I quickly pulled out my phone and looked through the texts my mom had sent me over the last few days. I was sweating bullets, truly hoping the picture wasn't there. As I scrolled through my mom's text, I showed her I didn't get any pictures from her of the carving. Now she was baffled and went straight to her phone because she was certain she had sent it to me. She found the text and showed me, "See, here it is; I sent it to you yesterday. And here is your response." As she started showing me her phone, she sighed loudly and said, "WAIT A MINUTE ... did I send it to the wrong Mike?" Sure, enough, she sent it to the wrong Mike. She then started laughing and wondered what else she had sent him. As she quickly scrolled through her phone, she found a text from a couple of weeks ago which was a screenshot of an email that was actually a scam. She sent the screenshot with the question, "What should I do?" Supposedly I texted back in all caps, "DON'T DO IT." So my mom dutifully followed her "son's" advice! As we investigated further, the Mike receiving and kindly responding to these random texts from my mom wasn't me after all but her salesperson Mike at Dorian Ford (her lease is up, and she is in the process of leasing a new vehicle). "Dorian Ford: Going Beyond Normal Customer Service" could be their new tagline. We were howling with laughter as we were walking into Costco. She was now curious how

many other random texts she sent him, thinking she was sending them to me. She realized she hit "MIKE" rather than "ICE-MIKE" (ME – ICE standing for In Case of Emergency Mike). Details, details, details. But when sending a text, you have to be careful who gets them! I'm just glad Dorian Ford Mike was quick and right with his responses! I wonder how many other random texts poor Mike gets from his senior customers!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! At their national convention years ago, the Knights of Columbus launched a great website on fatherhood that I encourage all dads to visit. Located at fathersforgood.org, the site offers men of all ages invaluable information and insight to assist them in excelling in their vocation of fatherhood. As the authors of the site state, "Whether you are a seasoned dad, a new dad, a dad to be, or a single guy wanting to know more about fatherhood, this Web site is for you."

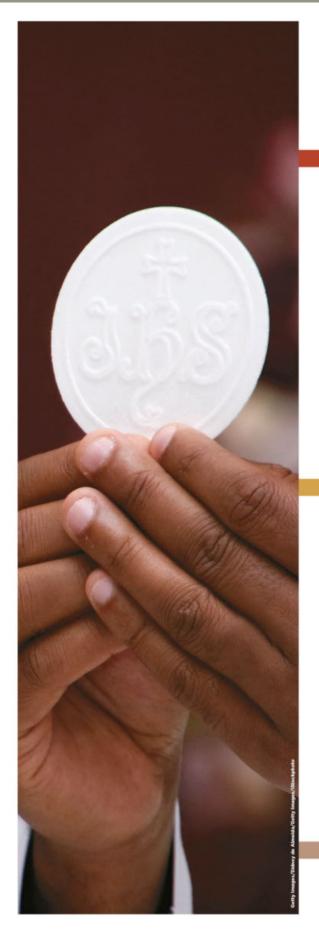
The authors of the site remind us that a Father is: 1) a work in progress, 2) called by God the Father, and 3) "an ordinary man who is called and equipped to do extraordinary things from day to day — work, provide, protect, pray, get involved with his family and be there as an example for his children and to be faithful to his wife."

Located on the site's homepage is a featured article by the site's editor Brian Caulfield called "Household Holiness." The quick-read article is a good reminder that fathers are called to daily acts of selfgiving sacrifice with their loved ones. The article concludes with this paragraph which is an excellent reminder for all dads: "This is good news for us fathers, who seem to struggle just to get through the day and provide for our families in reasonable comfort. Our mission is not to save the world or convert those in far-off lands. Our field is at home, our place of work, the upbringing of our children, the devotion to our wife. Day by day, yes by yes, we can build a life of holiness and happiness, in the small acts of sacrifice born of love, as we lead and serve the ones whom God has given into our care."

Happy Father's Day. Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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June 19

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

## The Solemnity of the Most DIS Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Gn 14:18-20 | 1 Cor 11:23-26 | Lk 9:11b-17

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today begins the National Eucharistic Revival, a grassroots effort launched by the U.S. bishops to reignite "devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist." What better day to begin than on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, when we as Catholics reflect on the source and summit of our faith. "For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself ..." (catechism, 1324) Our readings today remind us that the Eucharist is more than a powerful symbol; as Catholics, we believe we receive Christ himself - body, blood, soul, and divinity - in the form of the consecrated bread and wine. As Pope Francis said in a homily on this solemnity in 2019: "If we receive it into our hearts, this bread will release in us the power of love. We will feel blessed and loved, and we will want to bless and love in turn." That is what the early disciples did, whether feeding the 5,000 or nurturing the early Church. The Eucharistic Revival gives each of us an opportunity to give thanks for the gift of the Eucharist and share it with others.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

On today's solemnity, also known as the feast of Corpus Christi, some parishes have a eucharistic procession. This is when a consecrated host - that is, the real and substantial presence of Jesus Christ, body, blood, soul and divinity - is placed within a monstrance, which is then lifted and carried by a priest who leads the faithful in procession beginning at one holy place and ending at another. Some parishes or religious communities may extend hours for eucharistic adoration. Both of these are excellent opportunities to spend time with Jesus and reflect on Christ's gift of himself in the Eucharist. What should be our response to this gift? As Pope Francis has said, it is a call "to go out and bring Jesus to others." Just as Jesus challenged the disciples when they didn't think they had enough bread and fish to serve the 5,000, we may feel we "don't have enough" to give. Nourished by the Eucharist, however, and by our devotion to the real presence of God in that Eucharist, we have all we need to go out and witness to the love of Jesus. Go forth and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

**ACTION** Spend time in eucharistic adoration this week, even for a few minutes. Share what the experience was like with others or invite a friend to join you.

#### Misc. Announcements

Join EWTN & Ave Maria Radio Host

## Teresa Tomeo

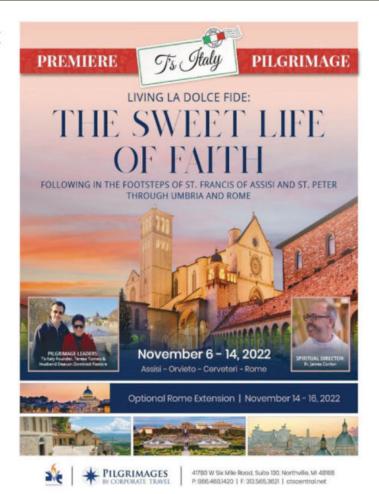
Deacon Dom Pastore & Fr. James Conlon

For T's Italy Premiere Pilgrimage In the Footsteps of St. Francis & St Peter November 6-14, 2022

Don't Miss the Optional Rome Extension!

Exciting News! Italy has recently dropped all vaccine & testing mandates for American Travelers!

For Details Visit
TravelItalyExpert.com/upcoming-trips/
or Call 866.468.1420





June 1, 2022

Regina High School congratulates students from your parish community, that graduated from Regina on May 26, 2022. We wish them success and commend the parents of our graduates for their commitment to a Catholic education for their daughters.

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
Regina High School Class of 2022
Faith Taylor Chomicz, Cum Laude
Moira Colleen Philbrick, Summa Cum Laude
Molly Jean Upton, Magna Cum Laude

#### Misc. Announcements



## A new RCIA group at SJA is starting soon!

Call Patty Chase at the Parish Center at (586) 777-3670 for more information.

#### Are you or anyone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?

#### What is RCIA?

RCIA is the process through which a person becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Faith. It's for

- Adults and children of catechetical age (over 7 years) who have not been baptized
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination who want to become Catholic
- Those who were baptized as infants in the Catholic Church but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist and/or Confirmation) and who have had no faith formation

#### How long does it take?

Each person is on a personal journey in his/her relationship with God. Time varies depending on the individual. We walk with you in this process.

## Do I have to commit to becoming Catholic if I enter the RCIA

No, the RCIA process is marked by opportunities for discernment along the way, and ultimately it is about one's readiness and desire to be received into the Church.

#### Light of the Spirit Prayer Group



2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month St. Joan of Arc

> The meeting will now be from 6:30pm—8:30pm

June Meetings will be on 6/8 and 6/22

We hope that you can join us!

#### St. Joan of Arc Knitting Group

The SJA Knitting Group will begin meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

The group will meet from 12pm - 3pm in the Mother of Mary Conference room in Church.

June's meetings will be on the 8th and the 22nd all knitters are welcome.

If you are interested in joining or have questions please call: Marie Byrski @ 586-943-0240.



# St. Joan Arc FAMILY FAITH CAMP









## JOIN US FOR OUR NEW SUMMER FAMILY FAITH ADVENTURE!

The whole family is invited to a new awesome faith event. Each exciting night begins with a family dinner and moves into fun activities, games, and faith-building experiences that will help your family make memories and supercharge your domestic church. Thursday night concludes with a campfire.

\$15 per person – includes a T-shirt, meals, and materials. (Children under the age of 5 are free). Children must be accompanied by at least one adult.

Learn more and register online at sjascs.org/faith-camp



#### Readings for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 26 C

#### Reading One - 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21

The LORD said to Elijah: You shall anoint Elisha, son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah, as prophet to succeed you."

Elijah set out and came upon Elisha, son of Shaphat, as he was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen; he was following the twelfth. Elijah went over to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Please, let me kiss my father and mother goodbye, and I will follow you." Elijah answered, "Go back! Have I done anything to you?" Elisha left him, and taking the yoke of oxen, slaughtered them; he used the plowing equipment for fuel to boil their flesh, and gave it to his people to eat. Then Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant.

#### Responsorial - Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

#### R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you. O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot."

#### R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

#### R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

#### R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

#### Reading Two - Gal 5:1, 13-18

Brothers and sisters: For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. But if you go on

biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another.

I say, then: live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desire of the flesh. For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you may not do what you want. But if you are guided by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

#### Alleluia – 1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68c

Alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Gospel - Lk 9:51-62

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. On the way they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his reception there, but they would not welcome him because the destination of his journey was Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?" Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they journeyed to another village.

As they were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."

And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

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## **ALL Class Reunion**

Sunday, September 25, 2022 • 1-5pm

Fern Hill Golf Club • 17600 Clinton River Rd • Clinton Twp, MI

\$35/person - includes dinner (cash bar)

Music by A+ Entertainment

Gift basket raffle

50/50 drawing (proceeds to Gianna House in Eastpointe)

\*\*Get your tickets before hall capacity is reached\*\*

SEATING PREFERENCES (tables of 10): Email Kathy: tarantokv@comcast.net QUESTIONS: Email Lou Anne: loujudd@comcast.net

#### Payment MUST be received by SEPTEMBER 6

PREFERRED METHODS: VENMO @Mary-Crummey PAYPAL @mmcrummey Make checks out and mail to:

Mary Crummey (Mary Guzzardo) • 14123 Timberwyck Dr, Shelby Twp. MI 48315

#### Have photos/memorabilia to share?

Label and bring to the reunion - there will be display tables set up by class year

Register at is.gd/stangela to provide your contact info and graduation year

#### Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

#### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### Monday, June 20th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Parish Center Closed**

#### Tuesday, June 21st

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### Wednesday, June 22nd

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### Thursday, June 23rd

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 pm Holy Hour - Live Streamed

#### Friday, June 24th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 am Funeral for Susan Hinsby

#### Saturday, June 25th

10:00 am Funeral for Shirley Monaco

11:00 am Reconciliation

1:00 pm Shannon Dusaj / James Chapman Wedding

3:00 pm Baptism of Benjamin Michael Dmitruk

4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass -Live Streamed

#### Sunday, June 26th

8:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 am Sunday Mass- Live Streamed

12:00 pm Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

#### Words on the Word

#### June 19, 2022 – Formula for Prayer

Maslow's hierarchy of needs shows that, unless our basic requirements for food and water are satisfied, we can't even begin to concentrate on and work toward increasingly important and profound things.

It's a reality that Jesus clearly understood in his ministry. He ate often with his disciples and other followers, as we know. And when he came to the end of a long day of preaching, and the crowd was hungry, he likewise had a plan.

"He said to them, 'Give them some food yourselves," we hear in today's gospel passage from St. Luke. "They replied, 'Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people."

Jesus then proceeded to multiply the loaves and fishes so that the 5,000 people assembled to hear him had their physical hunger sated, the better to attend to their spiritual hunger.

And while we continue, 2,000 years later, to share in the eucharistic feast Jesus would later initiate, there are times when people nevertheless still go hungry physically.

At the time of this writing the nation was facing a shortage of baby formula, causing the most vulnerable among us to acutely feel the pangs of hunger.

There were larger strategies being put into place to address the issue, but, in the meantime, people of goodwill were finding ways to help.

One story on a national media website reported on a Texas restauranteur who had a supply of more than 300 cans of baby formula that he shared with mothers and fathers in his area desperately seeking sustenance for their infants.

A small gesture, perhaps, but one that certainly answered, in its own way, Jesus' call to "give them some food yourselves."

We are called to do the same.

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## Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

#### Mass Intentions

June 20, 2022 Weekday (Green) Monday

Sister Silveria Conte and Sam & Grace Valenti 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday June 21, 2022 Saint Aloysius Gonzaga,

Religious (White)

7:00 a.m. Giovanni Ciccone and a Special Intention for

the Family of Tina Calisi

Wednesday June 22, 2022 Weekday Saint Paulinas of

Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs (Green/White/Red)

Charles Miller and Phyllis DeMars 7:00 a.m.

Thursday June 23, 2022 The Nativity of Saint John the

**Baptist (White)** 

7:00 a.m. A Special Intention for Rachel and Joseph

Allemon on what would have been their

Wedding Anniversary

June 24, 2022 The Most Sacred Heart of Friday

Jesus (White)

George and Lucille Bugarin and Katarina Marie 7:00 a.m.

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Saturday, June 25, 2022 Vigil for the Thirteenth

**Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)** 

Salvatore (Sam) Ciaramitaro, Bonnie Batche, 4:00 p.m.

> for the deceased members of the Batche Family, Sam & Grace Valenti, Nick & Ann Marie Cantrell, Pio & Josephine Alberti, Joseph Snyder, Allen Laturno, Dan & Pat Wyllie, and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, for the Thomas Family, for Monsignor Mike and for Mr. & Mrs. James Belloli on their 59th

Wedding Anniversary

6:00 p.m. Joan Weber & dr. Lori Karol

June 26, 2022 Thirteenth Sunday in Sunday

**Ordinary Time (Green)** 

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc

**Parishioners** 

10:00 a.m. Joseph Paluzzi Jr.

12:00 p.m. Peter & Louisa Sarra, Anna Mae Reinhard,

Andy Ferguson and Special Intentions for the Loupe Family, for the Family of John Korich, for the Niemi family, for the Berglund Family,

#### Daily Readings

Monday, June 20

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18

Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 21

2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-

35a, 36

Matthew 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 22

2 Kings 22:8-13, 23:1-3 Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday, June 23

Isaiah 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26

Luke 1:57-66, 80

Friday, June 24

Ezekiel 34:11-16 Romans 5:5b-11

Luke 15:3-7

Saturday, June 25

Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19

Luke 2:41-51

Sunday, June 26

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21 Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Luke 9:51-62

#### I Am The Resurrection & The Life

"Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families."

#### Gerald F. Dancev



"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

Minnie Louise Haskins



#### Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse. Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

# **FORMED**®

## PICK OF THE WEEK

JUNE 19, 2022

## WATCH

#### BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT & FIRE

As we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist this week, we remember his words: "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Mt 3:11). Jesus came to baptize us in the Holy Spirit, and the power and grace that comes from baptism in the Holy Spirit changes lives. Explore the meaning of this sacrament in this episode of The Wild Goose!



## LEARN

#### TRUE REFORMERS: EPISODE 1 - ST. THOMAS MORE

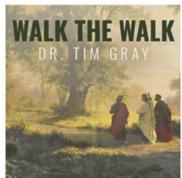


St. Thomas More was one of the greatest humanists of his age but also a man devoted to the spiritual life. His lifetime of learning, charity, and service to the public good of England enabled him to stand a patient and holy witness—and one of the greatest of modern martyrs.

## LISTEN

## WALK THE WALK: FOLLOWING CHRIST AS HIS DISCIPLE BY DR. TIM GRAY

Being a disciple of Jesus has always been synonymous with being a Christian. From the Scriptures and from his own experience, Dr. Tim Gray explains how Christian discipleship calls us to follow in the footsteps of Christ as engaged participants in God's plan. In doing so, we bear witness to the Lord in our families,



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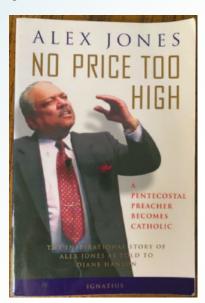
#### Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



No Price Too High: The Eucharist was my biggest stumbling block to accepting the Catholic faith. God knew that, of course, and He used it to make it

the powerful focus of my conversion. This being Corpus Christi Sunday, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, I thought it would be good to share the story of someone who inspired me in my conversion, although I never met him in person until some time later.

Alex Jones was an "on-fire" Pentecostal Evangelical minister in Detroit who was a dedicated shepherd of his church in Detroit. He greatly loved his people and they loved him. In seeking to give his congregation the most genuine experience of the early Church prayer and worship services, Alex had asked his congregation if they were interested in finding out what early Christian prayer looked like so perhaps he could introduce them to a more authentic form of worship on Sundays. He didn't know what that might look like, but his people agreed that they were interested in knowing more, so he set about researching.



He carefully read Scripture, the early Church Fathers and writings of the early saints. He researched and began to add elements of early worship to his Sunday services. The more he read, the more Alex came to the startling conclusion that the present-day Catholic Church - and the Holy Mass - is the same "worship service" from the very earliest Church.

Nothing could have been further from his Pentecostal upbringing. In fact, at first, even as he added some of the elements he read about, he wasn't making the connection to the Catholic Church for himself. He'd been taught that Catholics were "the most wicked people on the face of the earth," he recalls in his book "No Price Too High" (which I highly recommend).

Alex began to share his findings with his church. Some of them did see Catholic tradition in what was being given to them and they confronted Alex about this. He denied any Catholic intentions, but he continued to research. Some of his congregation and even his own family began to have concerns for his mental health. But ultimately, the evidence became overwhelming and Alex could no longer hide from what he had uncovered. He knew he had discovered the authentic Christian faith as Jesus had intended it. He knew he could no longer continue to pastor his evangelical community and he resigned his position, losing his income and many friends along the way. But he could no longer live and teach a faith he knew to be short of the truth.

After a lot of personal and financial difficulties related to his resignation and conversion, he, and over 50 of his church members and family, joined the Catholic Church at Easter in 2001. Alex then went on to study at Sacred Heart Major Seminary and was ordained a permanent deacon, preaching the Catholic faith with the same passion he'd always had.

Sadly, he passed away suddenly in January 2017, at the age of 70. I heard Dcn. Alex preaching at the Detroit Men's Conference, in the midst of my conversion and I was captivated by his passion and honesty. He was a Catholic deacon but had maintained his fiery Pentecostal preaching-style. Ultimately, his words and his story were very influential in my vocation to the priesthood.

The first Catholic Mass Dcn Alex attended was in 1998, actually in Farmington Hills, at the parish that I would first be assigned to, a few months after his death. In his book, he writes, "I walked in and thought, 'Wow, this is how it is done.' I was transfixed. I could see all the elements I that had learned about – and were millennia old – in operation. It was awe-some!"

What Alex was acknowledging was what the entire Christian world had accepted for the first 1,500 years after Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper. There was nothing symbolic about the Eucharist. When Jesus said, "This is my Body; this is my blood," it was understood that the bread and wine that passed through His hands at that Passover meal changed into His very body and blood. And when He told his Apostles, "Do this in memory of me," He was giving authority and power to the Apostles to continue to consecrate these same elements in His name, making it a memorial celebration making a past event, His sacrificial offering, present every time they celebrated the mass.

The second reading today from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians pre-dates even John's gospel teaching on the Eucharist. Paul is reporting what he knows to be true, little more than 20 years after Jesus celebrated the Last Supper in the Upper Room with His disciples, and even before the Apostle John has recorded it in his gospel.

Alex's research and his experiences attending masses, led him to begin to make changes in his own church's worship services. "What finally drove [my elders] away was the Eucharist," he wrote, "saying it was the Body and Blood of Jesus.... I said 'It's in the Bible. It is in Church teaching.'

Some of Jesus disciples walked-away at a difficult teaching; some do today, but that changes nothing of the truth, or the teaching. We receive Jesus' Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist. Wow!! If we walk away it's because we really do not understand what is happening here. If we receive Him, how could we ever do this casually or unthinkingly? The Servant of God, Fr. John Harden commented that "faith in the Holy Eucharist is THE TEST of whether a person is a Catholic or not. And no one cheats here because God knows whether a person believes or not." We may not fully understand - we will never fully understand, but faith bridges that gap where our senses fail. What a gift we have been given.

Thank Jesus today.

You are in my prayers this week.

Fr. Andrew adawson@sjascs.org

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# Bringing Home the Word

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (C)
June 19, 2022

## The Miracle of the Eucharist

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

One of the most interesting representations of the Last Supper is a depiction from the Master of Fossa. This scene typically is illustrated much like da Vinci's *The Last Supper*—all the apostles sitting on one side of the table. In this rare interpretation, Jesus directly distributes the host to his apostles, reminding us of how we receive Communion today.

This rendering could be a nod to the feast of Corpus Christi, solemnly approved some thirty years earlier by Pope Clement V in 1311 in response to a eucharistic miracle in an Umbrian

### **Sunday Readings**

Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine. He was a priest of God Most High.

#### 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

#### Luke 9:11b-17

[Jesus] said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have." town. A German priest, struggling with his belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, was celebrating Mass in Orvieto. After the consecration, the host turned to flesh and began to bleed. He wrapped up the Eucharist and brought it to the bishop in a nearby town. After confirming its authenticity, a miracle was declared.

Hundreds of documented eucharistic miracles help confirm our faith in the Eucharist. Should you question the belief that Christ's Body and Blood are really present in the Eucharist, perhaps reading about these miracles would help.

In this image, the Master of Fossa's scene of the Last Supper is placed directly beneath the painting of the crucifixion, in this way reminding us that the Mass and Eucharist make present to us today the power of Jesus' death. By receiving Communion, we unite ourselves with Christ and the events of the passion, death, and resurrection. For this reason, many Catholics silently repeat before receiving him, "My Lord and my God." +

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#### A Word from Pope Francis

Humans all over the word today need nourishment. And this nourishment is not just to satisfy physical hunger. There are other hungers—for love, ...for life, for affection, ...for forgiveness, for mercy. This hunger can be satiated only by the bread that comes from above.

National Eucharistic Congress of India, November 12, 2015



## REFLECTIONS QUESTIONS GREATIONS

- When I receive the Eucharist am I mindful of the privilege of this great gift?
- Does Communion give me the strength to serve others?

## Simple Yet Profound

By Fr. Donald Willard, CSsR

W e're all aware of the need to nourish our bodies. The right nourishment comes from eating the right foods in the right quantities at the right times. For example, a person can eat an entire chocolate cake right before he goes to bed. It may satisfy his hunger, but it will do little to nourish his body. A person who continues this practice for several weeks may start having difficulties with his physical health.

The same principle applies to spiritual nourishment. The key to proper spiritual nourishment is that we receive the right nourishment in the right quantities at the right time. For example, the living Word of God as found in Scripture offers nourishment, but if I try to read the entire Bible in one afternoon I probably won't retain much information or gain proper understanding. I may actually damage my spiritual well-being because of personal biases, misunderstanding, and poor interpretation.

So, what is the best balance of spiritual nourishment for the most effective and healthy spiritual life? I can think of no better example than the one we experience at Mass. In this celebration we find two tables, the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. The living Word of God is proclaimed, and we receive instruction in its meaning. We don't need a lot of Scripture in one setting; we need just enough to lead us to a spiritual insight for the day. The homily inspires and



teaches us how the Word of God can transform our lives. Then we offer prayers and petitions, putting that Word into practice.

As we move to the table of the Eucharist, we bring forth gifts that symbolize our hopes, dreams, fears, thanksgivings, and memories. We give our lives to God, who through the power of the Holy Spirit transforms our gifts into the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. A divine exchange has taken place.

Our life is given to God, and God gives us back the life of his son, Jesus Christ. We find our daily bread—spiritual nourishment in him. We are filled with divine life that transforms us into the fullness of who God wants us to

be. Here we find the source of strength to witness in faith, hope, and charity and to nourish the world with the love of God.

Each time we approach the eucharistic celebration, we are renewed, strengthened, enlightened, empowered, and transformed. It is spiritual nourishment from true spiritual food. The meal is simple and profound, but then again, that is how God always speaks to our hearts. +

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One Lord of all, we give thanks and praise for the gift of yourself in the meal of the Eucharist.

Though many, we are made one in your life. You are our one bread, our one body, our one Lord of all in this one world.

Thank you. Amen.

—From Celebrating the Gospels: A Guide for Parents and Teachers, by Gaynell Cronin

#### WEEKDAY READINGS

June 20-25

Monday, Weekday: 2 Kgs 17:5–8, 13–15a, 18 / Mt 7:1–5

**Tuesday,** St. Aloysius Gonzaga: 2 Kgs 19:9b–11, 14–21, 31–35a, 36 / Mt 7:6, 12–14

Wednesday, Weekday: 2 Kgs 22:8–13; 23:1–3 / Mt 7:15–20 **Thursday,** Nativity of St. John the Baptist: Is 49:1–6 / Acts 13:22–26 / Lk 1:57–66, 80

**Friday,** Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: Ez 34:11–16 / Rom 5:5b–11 / Lk 15:3–7

Saturday, Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Lam 2:2, 10–14, 18–19 / Lk 2:41–51



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