

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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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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." - Lk 9:61-62

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Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

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 (a) 8am, 10am, 12pm

> Holy Hour Thursdays @ 7pm

TALLer Tales



Emergency Bypass: No, I'm not talking about anything heartrelated here, but something different.

As part of my never-ending

quest to make my mom's life more complicated, oops, I mean easier, I was doing some work on her iPhone not too long ago. I decided that the four kids should be listed as Emergency Bypass contacts on her phone. The theory was that if my mom's phone were on silent or "do not disturb," our four phones would still ring through no matter what. We tested it a few times, and everything seemed to work well.

Well, a few weeks ago, my mom and I traveled down to St. Joseph's Church in Wyandotte for the funeral of Father Gerry Frawley. Father Gerry was an Irish Pallottine priest who was once stationed up at St. John the Evangelist Church in Allenton. That's the church where some of my family and extended family belong. Father Gerry was an extraordinary priest and was greatly loved by so so many. He probably became a part of many families' lives like he did with our family. You couldn't help but greatly love this biggerthan-life Irish priest ... complete with his Irish accent that was so easy to imitate.

A caravan from Allenton went to the funeral, and they were kind enough to pick my mom up on the way down. Since it was Friday, I drove separately so I could drive my mom back home after the funeral; we could then do our usual Friday routine that afternoon.

My mom and family were in the back section of the church, probably about five pews from the back. I was in the sanctuary as I was concelebrating the funeral. At the end of the funeral, Bishop Battersby was about to give some remarks to a now quieted Church after Communion, and this very distinctive ring tone could be heard LOUD and clear echoing throughout the church. "Oh my," I thought to myself, "that sounds like Mom's phone." I looked out into the congregation, and I could see my mom moving around to find her phone and my family, especially my sister's brother-in-law Don, just smirking from ear to ear. It WAS my mom's phone. I'm surprised Don didn't make an arm motion to point my mom out! As soon as I heard the ringtone and saw my mom squirming

around to find her phone, I knew I was the cause of this snafu because my mom is really good about silencing her phone in church. As always: IT. WAS. MY. FAULT. Surprise, surprise. I just couldn't wait to hear which of the sisters called mom during the funeral.

As soon as we got to the luncheon, Don COULDN'T WAIT to rat out my mom. "Yea, and she even reminded us to silence our phones; and look whose phone went off at the quiestest part of the funeral." My mom was mortified and was so confused about how her phone had gone off. Even worse, she said, was that she had to sit on her phone because there was no way to silence it ... there was no option to reject the call so it kept ringing. She kept assuring Don and others that her phone was truly in silent mode. I don't think Don believed her. I then had to come to her rescue and redirect the blame back to me. I then shared what I did with her phone and how I created the four kids as emergency bypass contacts. People were laughing. After all the "splainin," I had to ask my mom the ultimate question, "So who was it: Jackie, Cindy, or Sandy?" Jackie came out as the winner; I was the loser! This was another MBI: a Mike Backfired Idea. And I have many of them! As I think about it, I need to reprogram her phone before it happens again. Seriously, I really do try to make life easier with all my brainy ideas!

Families of Parishes: This Friday, our parish will formally join Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Lucy, St. Veronica, and St. Basil parishes to form what the Archdiocese is calling "A Family of Parishes." On July 1, rather than being the Pastor of St. Joan, I will become a member of the "in solidum" team serving the parishes mentioned above. Likewise, Father Andrew will no longer technically be the associate pastor of just SJA but will instead be a member of the in solidum team serving the parishes mentioned above.

As I have previously mentioned, and in the simplest of terms, the Code of Canon Law allows parishes to be "governed" by two distinct models. The one model is familiar to all of us: the model with a pastor and possibly an associate pastor or several associate pastors. The other model is for a group of priests to be appointed "in solidum" to provide pastoral care to a parish or a grouping of parishes. Following the extraordinary work of Synod 16, Archbishop Vigneron decided to move the Archdiocese into this other model of

governance for our parishes. In this model, Father Andrew, Father Jim Commyn (currently the pastor of St. Lucy Parish), Monsignor Gary Smetanka (currently the pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish), Father Stan Pachla (currently the pastor of St. Veronica Parish), Father Eric Fedewa (currently the pastor of St. Basil the Great Parish) and I will now form a team of priests who will now be responsible for the pastoral care and governance of the five parishes in our family. Father Jim Commyn was appointed to serve as the Moderator of the in solidum team; he serves as the "First Among Equals" but is the official representative/spokesperson for the team. He also serves as the "tiebreaker" of any discussions we have about our grouping of parishes. While Father Andrew and I will serve primarily at SJA and be mostly responsible for the governance of our parish, we now technically have a responsibility to serve all five parishes.

Moving to this model became a reality because of the decline in the number of priests. It was also set in motion so that our parishes could become more missionoriented and thus utilize the gifts and skills of more priests and leaders to better serve a grouping of parishes.

With this new model of governance, we have six priests today. In the years to come, that number will change based on retirements or other needs. The grouping of parishes will remain the same, but the team providing governance and pastoral care might change, and we might have five priests instead. It will undoubtedly be a learning process. But, to the outsider or the person sitting in the pew for this next year or two, you won't see or feel a difference other than maybe be seeing some different faces celebrating mass at SJA from time to time. We, as a team, are now responsible for the care of these five parishes.

Over the weeks and months ahead, we will continue reporting and sharing news about our Families of Parishes efforts. In the meantime, please keep these efforts in your prayers, especially on Monday and Tuesday, as we priests will gather on retreat as we formally begin our new ministry to our Family of Parishes.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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Grow + Go

June 26

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 | Gal 5:1, 13-18 | Lk 9:51-62



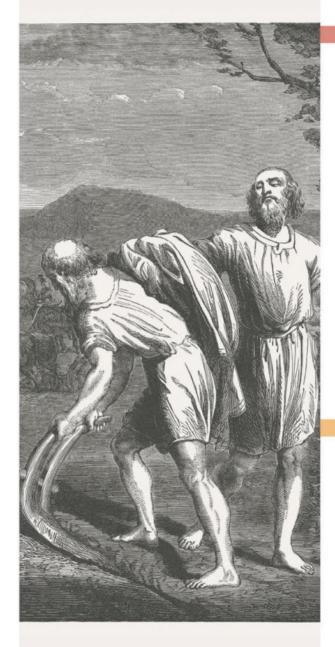
Members of our family joke that saying goodbye after a family gathering needs to begin about an hour before we plan to leave. Goodbyes mean hugs for every family member, and there are many of us! We are aware of how precious our loved ones are to us, and so Jesus' response to the person who asks if he can first say farewell to his family may seem perplexing to us. But in this reading, Luke presents Jesus as "resolutely" headed to Jerusalem because "the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled." Jesus is ready to complete the mission he came for and anyone who wants to follow him can't be distracted by indecision. His matter-of-fact answers are directed at newcomers who seem to hesitate when he invites them to follow him. He wants his disciples to know that being a disciple will have an impact on personal comfort, and that everything one does - for family, loved ones, or whomever - must flow from this discipleship first. It is not about ignoring other responsibilities, but carrying them out in light of who we are and whom we follow. Jesus calls us to make our relationship with him our highest priority. Doing so will bring life to all the relationships we value as we grow to live and love like him.



PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How do we commit to answering God's call without hesitation? Like the first Apostles, the prosperous farmer Elisha in today's first reading willingly responded to the call from Elijah. But he didn't just leave everything and go: He first burned his plow as fuel in order to cook the oxen and leave it for his people to eat. In following the Lord, his first act was to ensure that those for whom he was responsible were not left without. Answering God's call is not often easy. But like Elisha and the Apostles, we are called to listen and respond to the ways God calls us and to trust in his Spirit to guide us. As Paul tells the Galatians, we are to "live by the Spirit." By trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit and turning to him for strength and guidance, we can be Christ's presence wherever he leads us - and doing whatever it entails.

INVITE Ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern who needs the gift of your presence in their life right now. Schedule time with this person, just listening, affirming their gifts, and assuring them of your belief in them and God's love for them.



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Teresa Tomeo

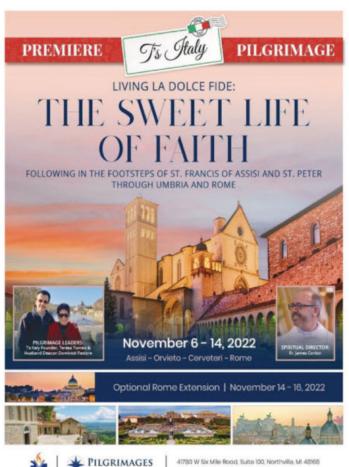
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For T's Italy Premiere Pilgrimage *In the Footsteps of* St. Francis & St Peter November 6-14, 2022

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St. Joan Arc

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 process?

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.

Misc. Announcements

SJA Senior Card Club

The Senior Card Club is trying to determine interest in regular monthly play.

The group will start with monthly games the first Tuesday of the month from 11:30 am –1:30pm.

July's Card Club date is July 5th.

The Club will meet in the St. Peregrine.

If you have questions please call Denise at 248-431-6406.



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Light of the Spirit Prayer Group



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

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

July's Meetings will be on 7/13 and 6/27

We hope that you can join us!

St. Joan of Arc Knitting Group

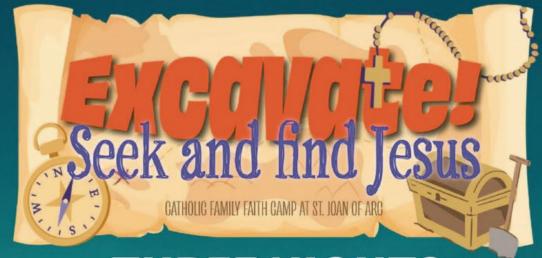
The SJA Knitting Group will begin meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month.

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

July's meetings will be on the 13th and the 27th all knitters are welcome.

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





THREE NIGHTS **JULY 26-28, 5:30-8 PM**



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 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 3 C

Reading One - Is 66:10-14c

Thus says the LORD: Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her; exult, exult with her, all you who were mourning over her! Oh, that you may suck fully of the milk of her comfort, that you may nurse with delight at her abundant breasts! For thus says the LORD: Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort. When you see this, your heart shall rejoice and your bodies flourish like the grass; the LORD's power shall be known to his servants.

Responsorial - Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!" Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me.Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Reading Two - Gal 6:14-18

Brothers and sisters: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Alleluia - Col 3:15a, 16a

Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town."

The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

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Walking With Purpose 6-Week Study is Sept 12-Oct 17.

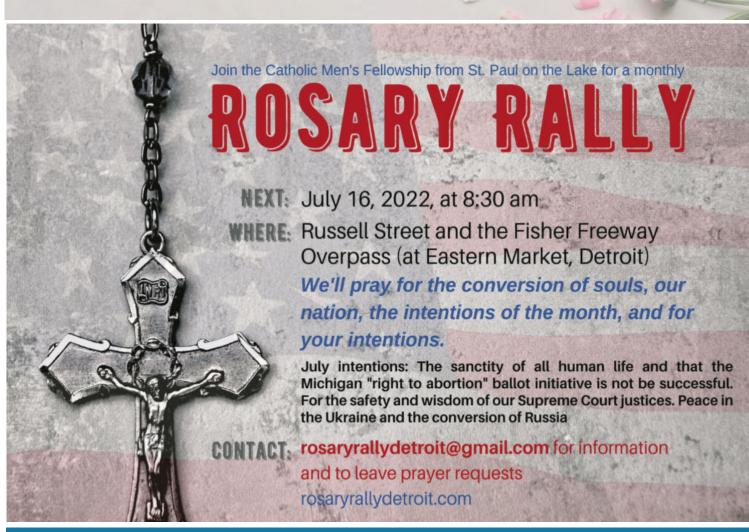
Get acquainted with the beauty of Walking With Purpose Bible studies with this 6-week program: Living in the Father's Love. This group will meet Monday mornings, 10 am to 12 noon in the Emmaus Fellowship Hall.

There is always room at the table for new women to join our morning or evening Walking With Purpose groups, and this short study is a great way to experience the beauty of the program designed especially for today's women.

Register and pay \$20 for the materials at sjascs.org/walking-with-purpose.

Stay tuned for the dates of the 20-week studies starting in October.

If you are interested in an evening group for this six-week study, please contact Kristine Hass at khass@sjascs.org or call 586-772-1282



Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, June 27th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Tuesday, June 28th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, June 29th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, June 30th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 pm Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, July1st

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, July 2nd

10:00 am Funeral for Shirley Monaco

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:30 pm Baptism of Theodore J. Peleman

4:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 pm Sunday Vigil Mass -Live Streamed

Sunday, July 3rd

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 26, 2022 – Gridiron Chaos

Fans of college athletics, especially college football, know the landscape has been changing quickly over the last year or so, and the pace of the change is intensifying.

The Supreme Court ruled last year that college athletes whose name, image or likeness is used for someone's profit have a right to be reimbursed for that usage.

Some agree with the reasoning behind that ruling, some disagree. Regardless, as many anticipated, it has opened the door to all kinds of chaos, as schools, boosters, businesses, players, families, coaches, and others all jockey to position themselves, their stakeholders, their loved ones, etc., for maximum benefit.

One such mini-drama played out a few weeks ago when a well-known football coach from a southern school called out another well-known coach, claiming that the rival's team was essentially bought and paid for under the auspices of the name-image-likeness guidelines.

As might have been expected, that allegation infuriated the coach who had been singled out; he fired back quickly and pointedly with name-calling and allegations of his own. Media and fans – not only those related to the two schools in question, but all over the country – quickly jumped into the fray, and chaos ensued.

College football is fairly unimportant in the big scheme of things. But, as we know, what happens on and around the field of play can often be a metaphor for life in general. And so people of goodwill – including coaches, fans and others – might take a pointed lesson from today's second reading.

"For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters," St. Paul writes to the Galatians. "But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather, serve one another through love ... But if you go on biting and devouring one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another."

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday June 27, 2022 Weekday Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church (Green/White)

Mary & Joe Tobin and Herbert Thelen 7:00 a.m.

Tuesday June 28, 2022 Saint Irenaeus, Bishop &

Martyr (Red)

7:00 a.m. Hugo Calisi and Richard & Virginia Robinette

Wednesday June 29, 2022 Saint Peter and Paul, Apostles (Red)

7:00 a.m. Edward Mack and Kenneth A. Smith

Thursday June 30, 2022 Weekday, The First Martyrs

of the Holy Roman Church (Green/Red)

7:00 a.m. Sue Krolikowski

Friday July 1, 2022 Weekday, Saint Junipero Serra,

Priest (Green/White)

7:00 a.m. Frank Mecha and Anna Marie Wilson

Saturday, July 2, 2022 Weekday BVM (Green/White)

4:00 p.m. Mary J. Rademacher, Jerome & Geraldine

Rogier, the deceased members of the Batche Family, Jerry Bodendistel, Rachel Hollern, Helmut Linden, Bonnie Batche, Joseph Sloan, Joseph Drouin, Josephine Ciaravino, and Special Intentions for the Thomas Family, for the J. Champine Family and Prayerful Appreciation for the work of the Priests and

Staff of St. Joan of Arc

6:00 p.m. Anna Fazi

Sunday July 3, 2022 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time (Green)

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

Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Joseph Paluzzi Jr.

12:00 p.m. Salvatore Ciaravino, Margaret Cardamone,

Doreen Oster, Anna Mae Reinhard

Daily Readings

Monday, June 27 Friday, July 1

Amos 2:6-10, 13-16 Amos 8:4-6 Matthew 9:9-13 Matthew 8:18-22

Saturday, July 2 Tuesday, June 28

Amos 9:11-15 Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12 Matthew 9:14-17 Matthew 8:23-27

Sunday, July 3 Wednesday, June 29

Acts 12:1-11 Matthew 16:13-19

Thursday, June 30

Amos 7:10-17 Matthew 9:1-8

Isaiah 66:10-14c Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



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."

> Marie Haddad Michael Wojno Barbara Voorheis



"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 26, 2022

WATCH

THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

We are celebrating a feast day, consecrated for us by the blood of the apostles. Let us love their faith, their lives, their labours, their sufferings, their confession of faith, their preaching. This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, each of whom spread the Gospel to the nations in the earliest days of the Church. In honor of Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles, enjoy this film the Bible Collection!



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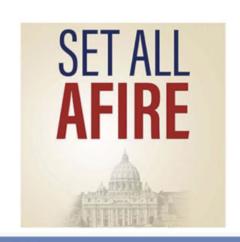
LECTIO: PETER: EPISODE 1: PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP



The character of St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church? Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, and personal insights, Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter in this Lectio series.

LISTEN SET ALL AFIRE

It is no stretch to say that Peter and Paul set the world afire with the Gospel message. In honor of these apostles, enjoy this one-of-a-kind presentation that includes seven segments covering some of the most important topics in the Church today. Taken from many of our most powerful talks, these segments are sure to inspire you to set all afire for Christ and His Church.



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Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



"I do believe, help my unbelief!": I have written previously, probably more than once about my rocky relationship with my Jeep's GPS. It continues...

Recently, without warning or deliberate provocation, Bobbi Jo (my Jeep) took it upon herself to move me to Kroger. She now believes that I have moved in at the new Kroger on Harper and 9 Mile. I don't know if she's making a point that I visit too often, or in fact what her point is, but every time I plug in directions to anywhere, starting from my driveway, she shows me a map and starting directions from that Kroger store rather than from the rectory. I would think this might be an easy fix, regardless of her point, her reasoning or the cause—that I would just have to reprogram my home address to the rectory address.... Except that whenever I return home and hit the "Home" button, she knows to bring me back, not to St. Joan of Arc, but at least to "St. Joan of Arc Festival" (close enough... I don't argue that one with her.)

Well, last week I discovered that she is equally capable of getting confused in other states, not just Michigan. If you've travelled down I-75 past Monroe recently, you'll have encountered the fun, fun, fun of Michigan's Finest Construction Zone. I was headed to Ohio last week and I wasn't aware of the trouble on the freeway until just before leaving my house. Not knowing if the delay on the map was construction or an accident, but just that it was showing 45 minutes delay, I waited a while. It wasn't getting better, so deciding that it was still an hour away, I figured I'd set out and maybe it would have cleared by the time I arrived.

Wrong.

Everything seemed fine until suddenly Bobbi Jo tells me, "Take the next exit to save an hour and 15 minutes." What???!!! An hour and 15 minutes??!! So if I usually debate whether to trust her directions, I wasn't chancing this one. I took the ramp and headed through the streets of Monroe. It wasn't a part of Monroe that I know, so I dutifully followed her further instructions and eventually back onto I-75.... right into the middle of standstill traffic! "Well, that didn't help!" I thought. But Bobbi Jo urged me to be patient and sure enough, it was the front end of the traffic and perhaps just a seven minute delay. So I continued on way for another 4 hours.

I was headed to the Hocking Hills, near the town of Logan. Arriving there (I might add by what I suspected, and later confirmed, to be the most awkward of routes through the smallest of towns, because Bobbi Jo had now lured me into a false sense of trust in her). I moved into the cabin I was staying in. And within minutes, Bobbi Jo had successfully led me, by her extensive knowledge of grocery chain stores, to the Logan Kroger.

The following morning, I figured I would go to the Hocking Hills visitor center and get a map of the trails and park sites. And from there I headed off to Old Man's Cave, an impressive cave and rocky outcrop. The guide at the visitor center assured me that it was 11 miles away and well sign-posted. This is where I would insert a raised eyebrow of suspicion emoji in this article, if I had known at the time. Off I went, expecting an enjoyable walk though the woods to the cave.

Now, the Hocking Hills... beautiful area, but if you've never been, as I had not, what they don't tell you is that every road is specifically designed to make you get into a car crash. Narrow roads and hump-backs that put your stomach in your mouth, one after another, then as you're beginning to acclimate to that, suddenly... blind humpback followed by an immediate 15 mph, 90 degree blind corner to the left. And just for jeopardy, a telephone pole in the field on the outside of the corner. If you make it around the corner, you have about 2 seconds to gather your courage again before the road turns into a blind corner to the right!

After maybe 7 or 8 miles, on route to Old Man's Cave and driving behind another car, Bobbi Jo tells me to take the turn on the left. I've seen none of the supposedly "well sign-posted" indications I had been anticipating so far, but I take the left turn, as does the car in front. If I thought the road had been narrow to that point, I'd seen nothing yet. THIS was a narrow road, a lot like roads back in Yorkshire where I grew up, but Yorkshire roads usually have stone walls at the sides. The road is only as wide as it is wide! This one was deceptive. It was only as wide as the ditch on each side! Maybe a car and half, two in places if you inched past each other. I was just hoping not to find anyone coming the other way. The road was winding through the forest, steeper and steeper all the way. Blind corners, but at least with a car in front, I wouldn't be the first one an oncoming car hit! Eventually, we meet a pick -up truck pulled off to the side of the road, facing downhill. The car in front stops to

talk to the truck driver... and talk... and talk... and talk... Eventually, he sets off and I reach the truck. The truck driver tells me, "Sorry, we are pouring asphalt, you'll have to turn around." I hang my head....275 miles to get there, in the middle of a state forest and I found construction!

There was a small area off the road to turn around and the driver of the car in front stopped to tell me that he was trying to find Old Man's Cave and his GPS had told him to follow that road. "Me too!" We commiserated and parted ways. I turned around and headed down the hill, half expecting the truck driver to tell me they were pouring asphalt at the bottom of the hill now too, so I'd have to turn around and I'd be trapped half way up a hill in a forest in Ohio.

I found my way back to the cabin, avoiding all telephone poles, thankfully, and I pulled out the map. I looked at that map several times over next couple of days and satellite images, and I never found that *mysterious ghost-road* up the hill! "Bobbi Jo! What were you thinking?!" If I had not turned off the road I had been on, at her instruction, I would have arrived at the trail-head and parking lot for Old Man's Cave....!

I never made it to the cave. Instead, what did I visit? What is the sum total of my sight-seeing trip to the Hocking Hills?

Here it is....



The Paul A. Johnson Pencil Sharpener Museum..... The world's "largest" museum of pencil sharpeners. And who knew it was on our doorstep.... Just 275 miles, 15 hump-backs, a dozen telephone pole hazards, 14 chickens (that's a different part of the story), a sight-seeing tour of the back streets of Monroe, a tank of gas, two construction zones, and a Bobbi Jo GPS jokester away. Thanks Ohio. It was fun! Insert raise eye-brow emoji a second time. 3,400 pencil sharpeners, y' know...?! You're wowed... I know, I know. Bobbi Jo, you're grounded!

You are in my prayers this week. Fr. Andrew adawson@sjascs.org

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Bringing Home the Word

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
June 26, 2022

Stay the Course to Jesus

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

One characteristic of Luke's Gospel is that he arranges most of Christ's preaching within a long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. Jesus leaves behind his home in the north and travels south towards Jerusalem where his passion and death await. But Jesus places his steady focus is on his true homeland—heaven. That should be our main goal as well.

A farmer who plows a furrow or tills between rows of crops cannot be looking back at what he has already plowed, or he will inevitably stray off course. He keeps looking forward towards the end of the line. In the same way, we cannot

Sunday Readings

1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

Elisha left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Please, let me kiss my father and mother good-bye, and I will follow you."

Galatians 5:1, 13-18

For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Luke 9:51-62

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." constantly look back at the pleasures, opportunities, and goods we have left behind to follow Our Lord.

Elisha burns his plow in sacrifice and also to express his definitive yes to the call. Like an explorer who burns his ships upon reaching a new land, his acceptance of Elijah's invitation to be God's prophet is total; there is no turning back.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a yes with no ifs, ands, or buts. Contradictory as this may seem, this is true freedom. Freedom isn't doing what we want, when we want. This is actually slavery to our whims and constantly changing passions. We go nowhere and build nothing. Real freedom is having an unbounded capacity to recognize the truth, choose what is good, and live in the beauty of a life directed toward where we've set our hearts and minds. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

God's first call is to life, through which he makes us persons....Then God calls us to faith and to become part of his family as children of God. Lastly, God calls us to a particular state in life. The greatest joy for every believer is to respond to this call he has for each of us....

Angelus, January 17, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS GREATIONS

- With all my imperfections, do I still feel called by God?
- What is holding me back from the good I want to do?

Bringing Home the Word

St. Peter and St. Paul, Pray for Us

By Paige Byrne Shortal

This week we will celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul—two of the greatest saints of our Church. And they couldn't have been more different in how they came to faith in Jesus.

Peter walked with Jesus, talked with him, ate with him, camped out with him. And Peter was...well, slow to faith. He kept backsliding. Even after the mountain experience of the transfiguration where Jesus appears to him "dazzlingly white" and accompanied by Moses and Elijah; even after the calming of the storm and walking on water and the miraculous catch of fish; even after all the healings witnessed and hearing Jesus speak as no one had every spoken before-even after all that, Peter denied him and ran away. Yet it is clear that Jesus chose him, calling him the Rock on which he would build his church.

Paul was a very different personality. Before he came to gospel faith, he was a zealot, dedicated to persecuting the disciples of Jesus, a group he considered a heretical and dangerous sect within the Jewish community. And after his conversion on the road to Damascus, Paul, who was once called Saul, was just as zealous a disciple of Jesus, seldom with any doubts, never wavering, never looking back.

The first great council of the Church



was called because Peter and Paul disagreed. We are here today in churches all throughout the world in part because of the outcome of that council.

The disagreement between Peter and Paul had to do with Peter's treatment of the non-Jewish converts to the message of Jesus.

Remember, no one yet called themselves "Christian." Followers of Jesus were Jews who came to believe that Jesus was the fulfillment of God's promise to the Jews. Peter held the non-Jewish believers in lesser regard and thought they would first have to submit to the law of Moses and be circumcised in order to be disciples of Jesus. Until they did so, Peter considered them "unclean" and refused to eat with them. And eating with them was the foundation of this new faith—what we know as the Eucharist. Peter was held in high regard and the other disciples followed his course.

Paul disagreed and said that while the Jewish people held the honorable position of being the first to know Christ, still Jesus was sent as the Savior of all, Jews and non-Jews. The Council of Jerusalem was called, and after vigorous argument, Peter and the other Jewish disciples came to see that Paul was right. What would have happened had Paul not challenged Peter? Or if the decision had gone the other way?

This story should give us great hope 2,000 years later. These two great saints, one might even say "founding saints" of our Church, disagreed over a matter of supreme importance. When there is conflict within the Church, the Holy Spirit is sure to be present, hovering, guiding, helping the truth to emerge. Saint Peter and St. Paul, pray for us. +

Saints Peter and Paul were two of the greatest saints of our church. And they couldn't have been more different in how they came to faith in Jesus.



Lord, by your cross and resurrection you set us free.
Liberate me from the prison of selfishness and empower me to lovingly serve my brothers and sisters.

From Faithful Meditations for Every Day of Ordinary Time, Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeny

WEEKDAY READINGS

June 27-July 2

Monday, Weekday: Am 2:6–10, 13–16 / Mt 8:18–22 Tuesday, St. Irenaeus: Am 3:1–8; 4:11–12 / Mt 8:23–27 Wednesday, Sts. Peter and Paul: Acts 12:1–11 / 2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18 / Mt 16:13–19 Thursday, Weekday: Am 7:10–17 / Mt 9:1–8 Friday, Weekday: Am 8:4–6, 9–12 / Mt 9:9–13 Saturday, Weekday: Am 9:11–15 / Mt 9:14–17



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