



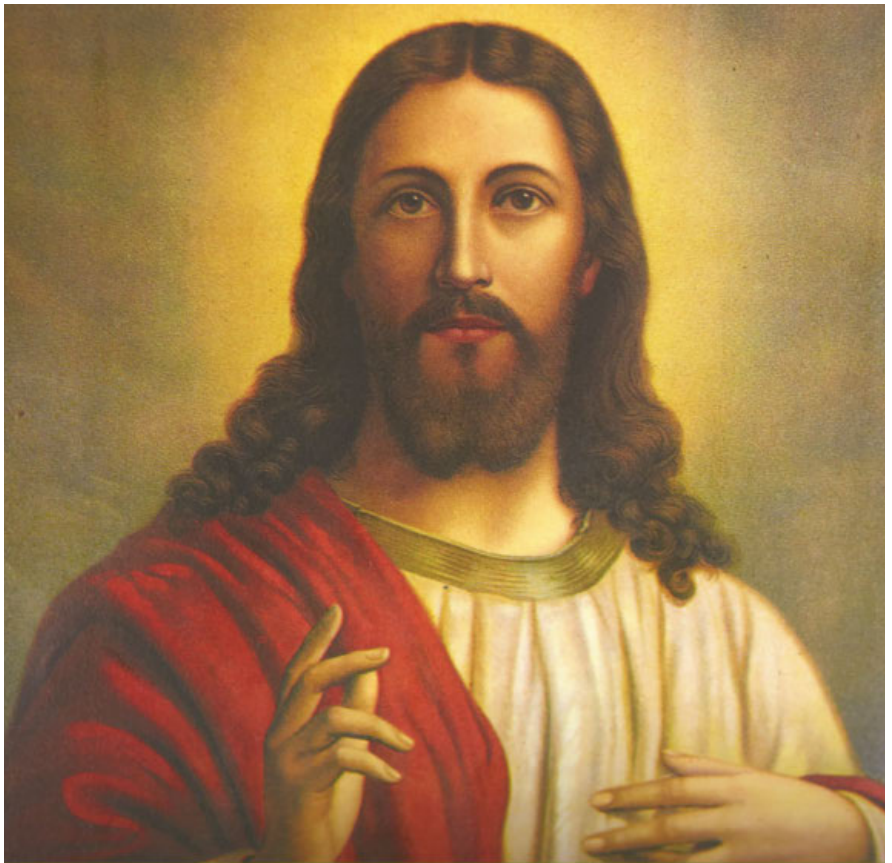
# SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

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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## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” - Lk 13:29-30

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# Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

## ST. JOAN OF ARC DIRECTORY

### Parish Center

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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](http://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](http://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





## A Griswold Family Trip:

For as long as I can remember, members of our family would make an annual trek to Birch Run and Frankenmuth in August. The

“rituals” of the day haven’t changed in the years we’ve been making this northern late-summer day trip.

The usual plan of the day is to spend time at Birch Run, eat at Z Chef’s Café (the café located downstairs the infamous Zender’s Restaurant), and then spend time at Bronner’s. We usually don’t deviate much from that plan. We started eating downstairs at Z Chef’s Café many years ago and have always found the experience and food exceptional. What I like most about eating downstairs at Z Chef’s Café is that you can still get what you want, but you control the portions. Plus, since it’s a café, it doesn’t take as long to eat a meal as it does upstairs in the main restaurant. I know you’ll say it’s all about the experience. But let’s be honest, the longer it takes to eat, the less time you have to shop! Now, my dad and brother-in-law never minded the longer meal times because it meant less time sitting outside on the benches watching the crowd as they waited for the shoppers to do their thing!

This year, it was only my mom, Jackie, and me (when it’s a small crowd like that, it usually means another trip up there as the others will want to make the annual journey before Christmas). Unfortunately, we got a very late start (because of me, surprise, surprise), and as a result, we didn’t get to Birch Run until maybe 2:00 PM. After hitting our favorite stores at Birch Run (for me, it was a short shopping run because many of my favorite stores, like the tool store, Bose, etc., don’t exist anymore), we made our way to Zender’s. We had our usual lunch downstairs at Z Chef’s Café and then went to Bronner’s.

Once inside Bronner’s, I usually get lost wandering around. I like to look for the latest in Christmas technology and what’s new in the big Christmas displays (just in case I find something that might look good for around the parish). As typical, all three of us were buying Christmas gifts for others as well as an ornament or two for our own trees. We didn’t get to Bronner’s until about 5:00 PM and stayed there until near their closing time of 8:00 PM. We typically hit the clearance sections first and

then wander around the rest of the store. One of my standard Christmas gifts to others is an ornament, so I’m always on the hunt for religious or unique ornaments. Since I wasn’t finding anything that hit me, I kept looking. Toward the end of the shopping experience, my mom and sister commented that I hadn’t picked up anything yet to buy. They thought that was pretty odd because I ALWAYS walk out of Bronner’s with more bags than anyone else. So, feeling a little guilty and like the annual pilgrimage to Bronner’s would have been a complete bust, I retraced my steps to the religious and Jim Shore sections and just started picking up ornaments for my Christmas giveaways. Within five minutes, I had a small basket filled with “things.”

Once we got to the checkout, my sister Jackie was first in line. The two young guys at the counter dutifully scanned and then wrapped all her things. When the one guy announced the final cost as \$230, Jackie jumped and said, “WHAT?” Both my mom and I laughed. Then Jackie started to banter with the guy behind the counter. “Wait a minute. Are you sure? I bought a lot of clearance items. There’s no way all that stuff cost \$230. They’re all small items. Are you really sure? Are you SURE you gave me the clearance prices?” The guy behind the counter didn’t flinch or have any comebacks for Jackie. She forked over her credit card, and I said with a chuckle, “Wait ‘til Lonnie hears this one.” My mom and I were next. She went to the register next to me, so we were checking out simultaneously. I then got to gulp. Mine was more than Jackie’s. I got hit with \$245. “No way. Let me see that receipt.” When my mom finished checking out, she came out with more than us!

As we left the store, I scanned the receipts, still believing there was some error. But then we started talking, and they started laughing at me! Ten minutes before checking out, I was empty-handed, which would have been a first for me shopping at Bronner’s. My credit card would have been proud of me. I went back and power-shopped because I felt guilty walking out of there empty-handed. In five minutes, I did \$245 of damage to my credit card. UGH! Oh, well, most of what I bought were Christmas gifts! But this is why power-shopping isn’t always a good thing ... even worse when you shop with two professional shoppers!

**Last Chance Getaways and Vacations:** As we enter these final weeks

of August, many people will try to get in one last vacation or getaway before the fall. We must look at this needed break as an opportunity to enjoy the sun, the beach, and our water sports. It’s a time to recharge. It’s also an opportunity to get in some spiritual reading or quiet moments with the Lord. If you’re headed up north, take a moment to stop by The Cross in the Woods. Use the time to read or pray. Listen to the “holier” music on your phone. Take a walk and pray the rosary. Sit along the shore and read sacred scripture. Just take the time to be with God!

If you can’t sneak in that last chance getaway, do yourself a favor and enjoy some of the beauty in the area. We don’t have to go far to enjoy the beauty of God’s creation. Consider strolling down Lakeshore or visiting one of the nearby parks. Whether you travel far away or stay close to home, taking that extra quiet time or downtime will make a difference in your life!

Believe me, I’m writing to myself as much as I’m writing to you. We need to take some downtime because the pace of life will inevitably increase once September hits and all the fall activities begin. You would be doing yourself a great disservice if you allow the month of September to arrive and you feel exhausted at the same time. And then, when we feel exhausted or tired, we naturally can get crabby or can be less than charitable with others. And, it’s not rocket science to realize that the busier we get, the less most of us accomplish because we never give our bodies and minds the rest and downtime they need. Busyness isn’t a virtue or a sign of a successful person. As I’ve often said, busyness is really the work of the Devil because all that activity can keep our mind off God and doing what He wants us to accomplish.

May each of us find the time we need to recharge and thus return home somewhat transformed and ready to begin anew. Yes, fall is almost here! So, take the time, make the time, to enjoy some of God’s beauty around us! Before you know it, we’ll be wearing sweaters, and soon after that, we’ll be complaining about the snow while at the same time yearning for the beautiful summer days we currently have in our midst!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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## THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 28 C

### Reading One – Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.

### Responsorial – Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

The just rejoice and exult before God; they are glad and rejoice. Sing to God, chant praise to his name; whose name is the LORD.

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance; you restored the land when it languished; your flock settled in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy.

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

### Reading Two – Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a

Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

### Alleluia – Mt 11:29ab

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel – Lk 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you, he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."





## *Walking With Purpose 6-Week Studies Sept 12-Oct 17.*

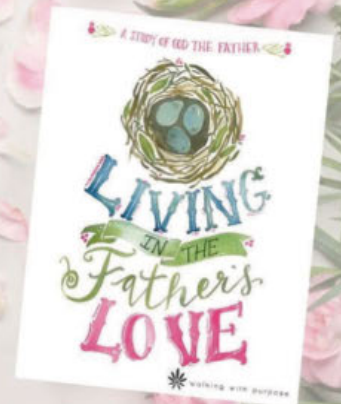
Get acquainted with the beauty of **Walking With Purpose** Bible studies with this 6-week program: **Living in the Father's Love**. There are two groups; one meets Mondays from 10 am-12 noon and the other from 7-9 pm.

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

Register and pay \$21 for materials at [sjascs.org/walking-with-purpose](http://sjascs.org/walking-with-purpose).

There is also registration and payment info about the 20-week studies that begin on Oct 24 (no meetings on Oct 31). 10 am: Discovering Your Dignity | 7 pm: Touching the Divine.

*Questions? See the website for group leaders and contact information or reach out to Kristine Hass at [khass@sjascs.org](mailto:khass@sjascs.org) or call 586-772-1282.*



## **St. Joan of Arc** **RCIA** RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

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

Fill out the contact  
form for our RCIA  
coordinator, Patty  
Chase, at  
[sjascs.org/rcia](http://sjascs.org/rcia)

**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.



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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

August's Meetings will be on  
8/10 and 8/24

We hope that you can join us!

*Are you called  
to help our  
parish families  
grow in Faith?*

*The best way to learn is to  
teach! If you want to grow  
in faith while helping youth  
grow in theirs - consider  
joining our Faith Formation  
team at St. Joan of Arc.*



We need adult helpers, those  
interested in becoming catechists,  
family mentors and small group  
leaders for our Confirmation classes.

Contact our Office of Faith  
and Family Formation to  
learn more. 586-772-1282  
or [khasse@jascs.org](mailto:khasse@jascs.org)

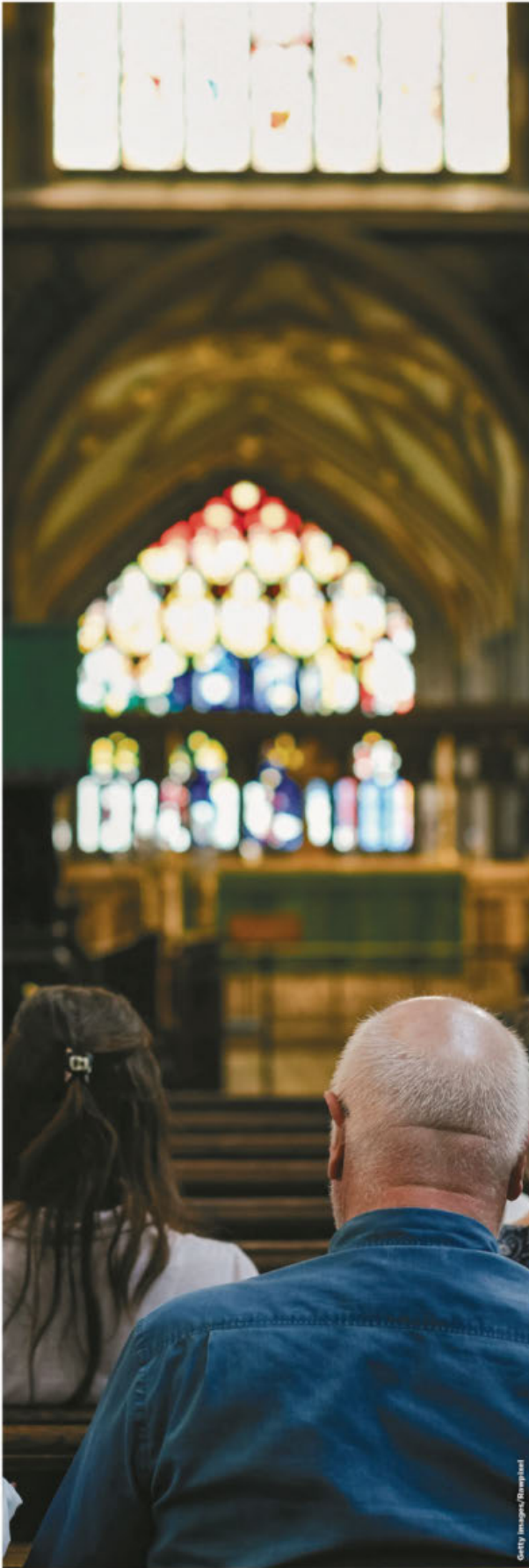




*Spend an hour  
with me.*

HOLY  
HOUR  
SONGS &  
PRAYERS

Join us for Eucharistic  
Adoration with music at  
7 pm every Thursday  
in the church.



August 21, 2022

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21 | Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 | Lk 13:22-30

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

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

We all have things that come easily to us and things that seem hard. I can bake a delicious pie, but I cannot flip a fried egg. I can resurrect your dead iPhone, but I can't keep a houseplant alive. The list goes on for each of us. Fortunately, neither our natural talents nor foibles will get us into or keep us out of heaven. "Strive to enter through the narrow gate," Jesus tells us. When I first read that passage, I said to myself, "What's the narrow gate?" But I think the key word here might be *strive*, a verb meaning "to devote serious effort or energy." Getting to heaven, then, requires more than knowing who Jesus is or even going to Mass each week. It takes energy, effort, and persistence. It means establishing a relationship with Jesus - through prayer and following his commandment to love one another - such that he will "know where [we] are from" when we knock on the door. In doing so, we can hope to be among the people who recline at the table of the Lord in the kingdom of God.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When Jesus was asked how many people will be saved and spoke of the narrow gate, he went on to say, "Many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Where do we find the strength we will need to pass through this gate that will lead to eternal life? By following Christ with all our being and not taking the easier, mainstream path when it conflicts with our Christian values. By recognizing that our salvation is a gift from our Savior, who willingly took on our human form and died for us. By understanding that Christ's sacrifice on the cross requires a response from us. God invites; we must respond. *Jesus* is our strength, and he is the only way to get through that narrow gate. Let us *strive* to do so, and in turn help the others whom God has put in our lives, accompanying them on this journey.

**PRAY** Make a list of the people in your life who have helped you grow closer to Jesus. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for each of them.



Registration is now open for

# Faith Formation

**JOIN US FOR A MONTHLY FAITH  
ADVENTURE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.**

**Visit [sjascs.org/Faith-Formation](https://sjascs.org/Faith-Formation) for all the details  
including dates, sacrament preparation  
and materials fees.**

**Our Family Formation Sunday School starts  
October 2. Register by Aug 31.**

**Our monthly Sunday School is for all  
parish families with children in grades  
K-6. See the website for the schedule of  
Monday night classes for students  
preparing for Confirmation.**



 **St. Joan<sup>of</sup> Arc**  
FAITH & FAMILY FORMATION



**Questions?**

Contact Kristine Hass  
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## Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### **Monday, August 22nd**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Tuesday, August 23rd**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Wednesday, August 24th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Thursday, August 25th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

#### **Friday, August 26th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Saturday, August 27th**

11:00 AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Brantley Michael Pranger

4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass -Live Streamed

#### **Sunday, August 28th**

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

#### ***August 21, 2022 – Boom and Bust***

A website that aggregates headlines put two stories adjacent to each other recently with the tags “boom” and “bust.”

On the “boom” side was a story from *The Wall Street Journal* that explored how strong the casino business currently is in Las Vegas, a marked contrast from a couple years ago in which the town and its bellwether industry took a hit due to the pandemic. The rebound owes to a number of factors, the story noted, including pent-up demand and increased international travel.

“There are not enough strong words to convey how well it’s going in Vegas for us,” a casino executive was quoted as saying.

Meanwhile, on the “bust” side was a story from another national website with the headline, “More Americans Are Going Hungry, and It Costs More to Feed Them.”

That piece explored how rampant inflation is hitting formerly comfortable middle-class people, making it harder for them to afford even the basic necessities of food and gasoline. And because there is always a domino effect in such circumstances, it also noted that food pantries are finding it more difficult to maintain supplies due to higher costs and fewer donations.

America is and always will be a country in which there is a wide disparity among those with the most resources and those with the fewest, and everything in between.

Seeing the contrast in such side-by-side, stark contrast, though, is a good reminder for all of us not to take what we have for granted. And to always be mindful of the importance of keeping our priorities straight with God.

Circumstances can change. And so we must be watchful.

“For behold, some are last who will be first,” Jesus says in today’s gospel passage from St. Luke, “and some are first who will be last.”

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# Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

## Mass Intentions

- Monday August 22, 2022 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)**  
7:00 a.m. Thomas Gillette
- Tuesday August 23, 2022 Weekday, Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin (Green/White)**  
7:00 a.m. Antonietta Mazzella and Roland Doak
- Wednesday August 24, 2022 Saint Bartholomew, Apostle (Red)**  
7:00 a.m. Ruth Ohmart and Felice DiBerardino
- Thursday August 25, 2022 Weekday, Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest (Green/White/White)**  
7:00 a.m. Richard & Phyllis Zanotti
- Friday August 26, 2022 Weekday (Green)**  
7:00 a.m. Deacon Robert Busch, Marie Rogier and Elsie Czarnecki
- Saturday, August 27, 2022 Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Saint Monica (White)**  
4:00 p.m. Paul T. Daudlin, Mr. & Mrs. Casimir Wojcik, Bonnie Batche, Antoinette Jump, Albert Czekaj, Joan Gimpert, Richard & Joan Collins, Anne & Anthony Zynel and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, for the Thomas Family and for Sara Curcuru and Family.  
6:00 p.m. Michael and James Forrester
- Sunday August 28, 2022 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)**  
8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners  
10:00 a.m. Giovanni Ciccone  
12:00 p.m. Hugo Calisi, Peter Sarra, Florence Semany, Manny Micallef, Marguerite Joseph, David Pochmara, David Henry Peacock, Jill DePorter Miller and Robert Schick.

## Daily Readings

### Monday, August 22

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12  
Matthew 23:13-22

### Tuesday, August 23

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17  
Matthew 23:23-26

### Wednesday, August 24

Revelation 21:9b-14  
John 1:45-51

### Thursday, August 25

1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
Matthew 24:42-51

### Friday, August 26

1 Corinthians 1:17-25  
Matthew 25:1-13

### Saturday, August 27

1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Matthew 25:14-30

### Sunday, August 28

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29  
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a  
Luke 14:1, 7-14



## 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.”

**Mary K. Schultz**  
**Rita Davis**  
**Deacon Jerome (Jerry) Campnerl**



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*Minnie Louise Haskins*



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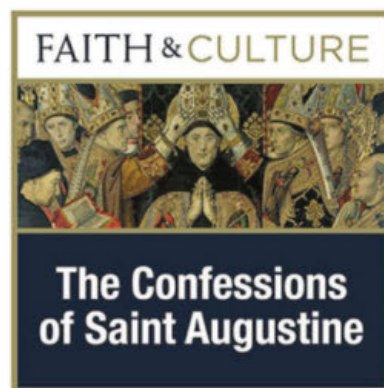
Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son.

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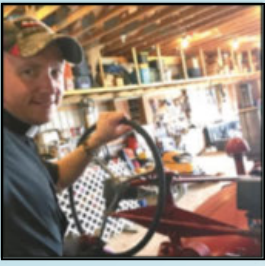


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## Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



**Special Visitors:** Look who stopped by the parish center last week. Leeland Helzer and his mom paid us a visit. Many of

you were generous to donate to Leeland's appeal so we could help out his family install a wheelchair ramp at their home and also assist them with some of their medical bills and ongoing care.



Leeland has had some real medical challenges in the past 2 or 3 months that his mom admitted had her pretty scared and Leeland and his family still needs our continued prayers.



Leeland is doing better right now and is continuing to attend a special school, which is also giving his mom a new network of support from other parents dealing with similar challenges. Leeland and his family need our continued prayers. Gratitude to all who have helped to raise them up.



The wheelchair ramp at the Helzer home that your donations built.

**More Visitors:** Those of you at the 10am Mass last Sunday got to witness what may have looked like an obscure form of martial arts at the altar during the Offertory hymn. I can assure you it was not. It's astounding how just placing a chalice of wine on the altar seems to trigger an alarm somewhere in Fruit Fly HQ, wherever that it (does anyone know where they emerge from... or where they go when there is no fruit?). It's a pretty common occurrence in the summer around the altar. You may see the priest cover the chalice with a purificator, or see him try to swat the flies away. But we have to be careful—one wayward swat and the chalice is all over the altar and it doesn't look too reverent. But nobody wants to consume the Precious Blood and a couple of fruit flies. These flies show-up all over the place, on the altar, on the chalice, on the Missal, on the lectionary, on your face.... all the awkward places you don't want them, and pretty distracting, especially because you usually realize that all the weird gestures and attempts you make to get rid of them look ridiculous to anyone in the pews, who can't see the flies.

Sunday's Fruit Fly did not want to give-up his prey. And I wasn't going to give-up my pray(ing). So after a few half-hearted swipes, that I know some of you noticed, it was a stand-off. He sat on the chalice, I covered it. He sat on the purificator. I wafted him away. He sat on the altar and stared at me. I couldn't reach him and it's tough to swat a fly from the hands extended orans position of prayer. I think I won the battle on that occasion, but he sent reinforcements during the week, so the war is not yet over.

It's clear that nature has stepped-up it's game around the parish lately, speaking of not wanting to give-up the prey. Some of you may have seen pictures and videos I posted online recently (others I know saw it in person) but we had another visitor to the campus recently. He was going after

the squirrels, and quite successfully. I was driving past the church on my way to a meeting late one afternoon and I saw the back-end of what I thought was one of the geese that frequent the campus in the Spring. I thought that was odd, so late in the season, but as I looked in my rear-view mirror, I realized it was a hawk. Last year I found a hawk sitting on top of my garbage can, but this one was clearly eating something. I stopped my Jeep literally in the middle of the street and jumped-out to take video. I was shocked that the hawk let me get within 4 feet before flying across the street with its dinner. Later, I found the abandoned kill under a tree by the parking lot and I moved it out of plain pedestrian sight to the trees behind my house. But the hawk stayed around the campus until 9pm.

The following afternoon, I happened to walk out of the parish center and glimpsed something moving through the tree tops behind my garage. I walked around the garage, video already on and found this beautiful Red-Tailed Hawk on the lawn, having retrieved his left-overs. This time he struggled to fly away with it, but would not give it up, even though I was this time only 3 feet away. I followed him around the lawn behind the PC for 5 minutes before leaving him be.

I will spare the squeamish among you—no squirrel in these photos...



You are in my prayers this week.

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- There are many ways we need your support for this event!
  - **Donations! Donations! Donations!** Opportunities to donate through our *Give Back Boards* in Church in September. Feel free to contact the School or Parish Center offices to learn how to donate Auction items!
  - **Attend the Gala!** It'll be a blast celebrating the past! Tickets will go on sale September 1<sup>st</sup>!
  - **Buy Raffle Tickets!** Raffle tickets will be available after September 1<sup>st</sup> for \$20ea or 6/\$100 in the Parish and School Offices.
  - **There's a Spot for Volunteers!** Consider volunteering the night of the Gala. For more information, please contact Pam Graskewicz.

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Mark Beaupre	Ben Fazio	Catherine Konen	Victoria Rydholm	Eileen Wallace
Gilbert Bousho	Susan Federoff	Concetta Leone	Doreen Saur	Joseph Whalen
Lori Cardosi	Taylor Fisher	Dorothy (Dotty)	Lily Saith	Marilyn Wicker
Patricia Clare	Jeanne Gainer	Lubinski	Dianne Schelosky	Adrienne Weidenbach
Ed Cole	James Gutowski	Ingrid Manalo	Ann Simmonds	Joyce Wiekrykas
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**Pray for the Sick List:** Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at [info@sjascs.org](mailto:info@sjascs.org).

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# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
August 21, 2022

## Just Come In the Side Door

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

A fragment from a church ceiling fresco crumbled and fell to the ground. It was eventually added to the Vatican collection. A piece of rubble that is now a priceless object of art depicts an apostle as he gazes upwards towards Christ's divine glory.

We too are striving to attain that heavenly vision, and in today's Gospel, Jesus advises us on how to realize it. We should strive to enter the smaller gate, the narrow door. It's not the grand main entrance that everyone sees and knows about. The narrow door is a less-traveled

side entrance that only those who are close to the owner and his family know. Christ invites us to be so familiar with him that we know the side door.

Many pass the Master's house, know where it is, but have lost the practice of stopping inside. They know about God, even pray occasionally, and don't hurt anyone. No doubt not hurting others is admirable, but there is so much more for someone baptized into Christ. We're not called to merely avoid hurting others, but to have a deep, transforming experience of healing love that we then share with others.

Jesus' warning seems to be that when there is a mad rush to enter the front gate, those well-intentioned but out-of-practice souls who "don't know him" might find themselves struggling to squeeze in.

Jesus and the Church don't want that to happen to anyone. He invites us to get familiar, stop in often. He might say, "When you get here, just come in the side door!"

*The narrow door is a less-traveled side entrance that only those who are close to the owner and his family know.*

### A Word from Pope Francis

[Faith] means that you show the revelation, so that the Holy Spirit might work in people through witness.... If I say that I am a Christian, but I live like a pagan, that doesn't work, that doesn't convince anyone. If I say that I am a Christian, and I live like a Christian, this attracts.

Homily, Rome, April 25, 2020



## Sunday Readings

### Isaiah 66:18-21

[Thus says the Lord,] "I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; they shall come and see my glory."

### Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reprovved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.

### Luke 13:22-30

[Jesus said,] "Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- Do I prioritize getting to know our Lord in prayer?
- Do I live the words I hear and speak at Mass?



# Walk the Talk

By Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR

Every week, Catholics recite a common creed that binds us in one faith. I've been thinking about personal creeds. What creed do I live? What creed do others infer from my actions, words, and deeds? What if God will judge us not on what we recite at weekly Mass, but on what we do the rest of the week? What if we will be convicted by our convictions?



- If I believe sacred Scripture is the inspired Word of God, and yet I don't read and study the Bible, then I refuse to hear God.
- If I believe in plentiful redemption, and yet I fail to forgive myself, then I deny that God is all-loving.
- If I believe God created the heavens and the earth, and yet I fail to care for the environment, then I am abusing the offspring of God.

- If I believe God is the creator of all life, and yet I believe an unborn child is a choice, then I make my God an inconvenience.
- If I believe humankind was created in God's image, and yet act as if any race or gender is superior to another, then I proclaim God to be fickle and imperfect.
- If I believe in the primacy of conscience, and yet I fail to learn the teachings of the Church, then I'm a rudderless ship adrift in a sea of troubles.

- If I believe Christ will judge the living and the dead, and yet I spend my days judging the faults of others, then I have surely usurped the throne of my King.
- If I believe the Holy Spirit is part of the Trinity, and yet I spend all my days stifling the Spirit, then I have muzzled my God.
- If I believe in the Real Presence, and yet I am not transformed by holy Communion, then I deny Christ's admittance to the world.
- If I believe we are all sisters and brothers in Christ, and yet I fail to share my time, talent, and treasure, then I surely deny that Christ is my brother.

At Mass we profess the faith we believe. What faith are we professing by our actions?

## PRAYER

*Faithful God, grant me the grace to believe the truth, to speak what I believe, and to live what I speak. I pray in in Jesus' name. Amen.*

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### WEEKDAY READINGS

August 22–27

**Monday,** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary:  
2 Thes 1:1–5, 11–12 / Mt 23:13–22

**Tuesday,** Weekday:  
2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17/ Mt 23:23–26

**Wednesday,** St. Bartholomew:  
Rev 21:9b–14 / Jn 1:45–51

**Thursday,** Weekday:  
1 Cor 1:1–9 / Mt 24:42–51

**Friday,** Weekday:  
1 Cor 1:17–25 / Mt 25:1–13

**Saturday,** St. Monica:  
1 Cor 1:26–31 / Mt 25:14–30



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