

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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23rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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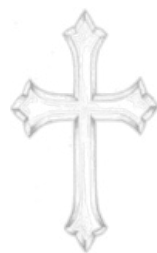
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LITURGY SCHEDULE

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 @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



It's Not Me: A couple of weeks ago, my mom and a good friend of hers, Carolyn, decided they would drive down to Saint Clair Shores to see me, and then

we would go out to lunch. They weren't necessarily coming to see me but rather wanted me to drive them around in my mom's new vehicle (more on that in another bulletin article). The goal was for us to drive along Lakeshore and end up at one of the waterfront restaurants along Nautical Mile. It was a beautiful summer day, so driving along Lakeshore and having lunch at a waterfront restaurant was the perfect thing to do.

After the tour along Lakeshore Drive, I looked at my watch and realized I didn't have enough time to sit through a whole lunch. And knowing these two, it wouldn't be your typical lunch because they love to talk. So I announced we would go back to SJA first so I could get my car and drive myself over to the restaurant; this way, I could join them for an iced tea and some appetizers before leaving to get back to the Parish Center for my next meeting.

Then the tour began. We first started at Watermark Grille. I figured the deck would have been full simply because it was such a spectacular day. But, even if the deck was full, we could still have a table inside with a lovely view of the canal. Either way, I would have been content. When we got inside, we were told there was a 35-minute wait and that they were only seating guests on the deck; they were not sitting anyone inside this particular day. So, we returned to our cars and headed over to Brownie's. After winding our way down the long path to Brownie's, things didn't look right; there were no cars in the lot. Of course, they were closed. So I took our little caravan, made the small little loop in Brownie's driveway, and then headed back toward Jefferson. Once at the stop sign, I pulled out my phone and tried to come up with something for lunch on the water. Unfortunately, I was coming up short. My all-time favorite dinner hangout is Detroit's Finest Coney Island on Jefferson, but since time was running short, I decided to go to someplace closer to SJA. So, I took my little caravan over to Shore's Inn.

When we arrived at Shore's Inn, I found two open parking spots next to each other,

so I headed immediately over to those spots. I parked, got out of my car, and proceeded to help my mom and Carolyn out of my mom's car. As I shut the driver's side door of my mom's car, I heard an engine running. I thought to myself, "OH. Good. Heavens. Mom's car is still running. How embarrassing." I figured they were yapping away, and my mom simply forgot to turn off her engine. Then with eyes rolling, I said, "MOM!!! Your car is STILL running!" She stopped her conversation with Carolyn and said, "My car isn't running! I turned it off." I'm sure she rolled her eyes too! She then returned to her conversation with Carolyn as if I had never interrupted her. Because I still heard an engine running, I didn't necessarily believe her. So I peeked inside on the dashboard, expecting to see things still lit up, but everything was off. Now I was stumped because I STILL heard an engine running; it was loud and distinct. After closing her driver's side door, I gulped. "WHAT. A. NINCOMPOOP," I thought to myself. At this point, I could have given myself a facepalm. It was MY car that was still running! As we walked past my car, I quickly opened my door and pushed the switch to turn off my engine. I did all this hoping no one would notice I was the fool who got out of his car without turning off the engine. I think I accomplished the task because my mom never said another word about it even after we got seated in the restaurant. Poor mom; she was right ... again! I can't wait to see what she says when she finishes reading this article!

The Spiritual Consequences of Living a Hurried, Busy Life (Part TWO): Last week, I began sharing some quotes and insights from an excellent article by Frank Powell several years ago entitled, "7 Spiritual Consequences of Living a Hurried, Busy Life." The article was spot on regarding what happens to us when we live such busy lives. You will not be too surprised by his list.

1) *A hurried life destroys your relationship with God.* It's no secret that building a relationship with God requires stillness, attentiveness, and what I consider to be the key to all prayer: silence. "Jesus frequently removed himself from the world. He spent time alone in prayer and solitude. And in these moments, Jesus received the strength to fulfill his mission, the confidence to continue his mission, and the wisdom to discern the ways of God from the ways of the world. Unless you spend extended periods of time alone with God through prayer, solitude and Sabbath,

the speed of the world will skew your understanding of God. Anxiety, unrest and discontentment will hover over your life like a dark storm cloud. As Psalm 46:10 says, 'Be still, and know that I am God.'"

Yes, when you look at the life of Jesus, no matter how busy he was, he ALWAYS took time for prayer and to build his relationship with the Father. Not only did he take time regularly to pray, but he also went off by himself to pray during all the critical times and actions in his life. We see examples of this from the very start of his public ministry. Following his baptism by John, Jesus went off into the desert to fast and pray and thus prepare himself for the temptations that the Evil one would start throwing at him. When he heard of the death of John the Baptist, he "withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself (Matt. 14:13)." After feeding the thousands, he dismissed them, sent the apostles off by boat, and then went up on the mountain by himself to pray. Saint Mark tells us (Mark 1:35), "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed."

Yes, prayer was an essential part of Jesus' daily life. We need to follow his example. No matter how busy we are, how much is on our plate, or how many people are looking for us or have expectations for us, we need time to be still and sit in the quiet presence of God ... even if it means rising very early before dawn and before the busyness of the day. It's in that quietness that GOD speaks to US! Do you take time to be still with God? Do you take time to be in the presence of God in silence? Do you let God talk to you?

Labor Day Mass: How did Labor Day Weekend already sneak up on us? But here it is! Regarding Labor Day itself, we will still have our usual 7 AM Mass on Monday. However, you also can attend Mass at St. Lucy Parish at 9 AM with other parishioners from our parish, St. Lucy, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Basil, and St. Veronica Parishes. Please join us as we pray that the labor we undertake "may bring progress in this life and by [God's] favor, advance the spread of the Kingdom of Christ (Collect, Mass for the Sanctification of Human Labor)."

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers. Happy Labor Day!

In Christ,

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 11 C

Reading One – Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, for they have become depraved. They have soon turned aside from the way I pointed out to them, making for themselves a molten calf and worshipping it, sacrificing to it and crying out, 'This is your God, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt!' "I see how stiff-necked this people is," continued the LORD to Moses. "Let me alone, then, that my wrath may blaze up against them to consume them. Then I will make of you a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD, his God, saying, "Why, O LORD, should your wrath blaze up against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with such great power and with so strong a hand? Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and how you swore to them by your own self, saying, 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky; and all this land that I promised, I will give your descendants as their perpetual heritage.'" So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.

Responsorial – Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

R. I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

R. I will rise and go to my father.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. I will rise and go to my father.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.

R. I will rise and go to my father.

Reading Two – 1 Tm 1:12-17

Beloved: I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry. I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have

been mercifully treated because I acted out of ignorance in my unbelief. Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost. But for that reason I was mercifully treated, so that in me, as the foremost, Christ Jesus might display all his patience as an example for those who would come to believe in him for everlasting life. To the king of ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia – 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia.

God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Lk 15:1-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them he addressed this parable. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.

"Or what woman having ten coins and losing one would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.' In just the same way, I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Then he said, "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to

be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns, who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

 **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

**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.

Save your can tabs!

Spread the word! We're collecting can tabs again.

Let others know that those little pop and food can tabs make a big difference for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Drop off donations in the buckets in the church or at the Parish Center during business hours.

Help our 8th Grade with Your Returnables

The Class of 2023 is holding an ongoing can and bottle drive. This important fundraiser helps defray the cost of the class's graduation events.

Bring your returnables in bags to the WEST SIDE DOOR of the Parish Center (near Father Andrew's House).

Just place them in the large plastic bin with a lid. Or if you need to arrange a pick-up, call or text Erin at 586-321-0667.

Light of the Spirit Prayer Group

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at St. Joan of Arc from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Sr. Carol Center.

Join us!

Give Thanks - Give Blood



St. Joan of Arc will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive Sunday, September 11th from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. If you are a regular donor, we thank you and hope to see you there. If you've never given before, it takes a little over an hour to donate and can save many lives.

The American Red Cross **will not** be taking walk-ins and **you must have an appointment**.

To make an appointment, log onto Red-CrossBlood.org (sponsor code: stj JoanBloodDrive) or call John Staperfenne at 248-789-8274.

Please help save a life and become a Red Cross Blood Donor!

*Spend an hour
with me.*

HOLY HOUR SONGS & PRAYERS

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

September 4, 2022

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b | Phmn 9-10, 12-17 | Lk 14:25-33

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Often, before writing these reflections, I take a minute to pray. I decided to add a minute of mindfulness using my new Apple Watch, which conveniently provides a meditation prompt. Today's happened to be: "Bring to mind a close relationship that can be challenging, and think about what it can teach you." Like those paper messages in fortune cookies, even this auto-generated prompt carried a grain of truth. Our thoughts may turn to our spouse, a prickly co-worker, or a moody teen. However, given today's readings, it struck me that this description can also fit our relationship with Jesus. Yes, we know that Jesus loves us, shepherds us, forgives us ... but he also challenges us! He reminds us today that being a disciple requires that we go all in, prepared to place our relationship with Jesus above all else. Easier said than done. But we can start, one minute at a time, with our prayers, priorities, and actions. We can also follow the example of saints such as Paul, imprisoned for preaching the Gospel, and the saints among us who teach us by example.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I bet we all know people we would consider saints, or at least well on their way: A compassionate friend, a priest or lay minister at our parish, a generous neighbor, that person who has not let suffering and loss shake their faith. Then there are the saints we Catholics celebrate each day: Francis, who threw off the cloak of privilege to live for Christ; Mother Teresa, who served others day in and day out even as she faced a spiritual drought; Paul, the one-time persecutor who built up the early Church and whose letters continue to inspire Christians. Each of them took Jesus' words at face value and laid down their lives for him. Learning how to be a disciple of Christ from studying the lives of the saints can be an ongoing pursuit throughout our lives. But perhaps we can also learn from a "living saint," if the opportunity presents itself, and ask, in so many words, "what's your secret?" It may be praying first thing in the morning, or something practical that we had not considered, such as managing their time in such a way that allows them to volunteer regularly or to be a continuous presence in the life of someone who needs them. If other priorities have gotten in the way of our relationship with Jesus, perhaps we can challenge ourselves to develop new habits. Even an incremental change – such as spending less time or money on nonessentials or reading an inspirational book – can help us reignite our faith and free up our time to focus on someone or something other than ourselves.

STUDY Take time to read about the lives of a few saints. What habits did they create to lead holy lives? What vices did they give up for Christ's sake to truly become his disciple?





HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS YEAR'S GALA

- The Gala is our largest fundraiser to benefit the school! This year we are excited to host it at the **Grosse Pointe Yacht Club** on **Saturday, October 15, 2022**. Doors open at **6:00pm concluding at 11:00pm**.
- 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 1st!
 - **Buy Raffle Tickets!** Raffle tickets will be available after September 1st 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.

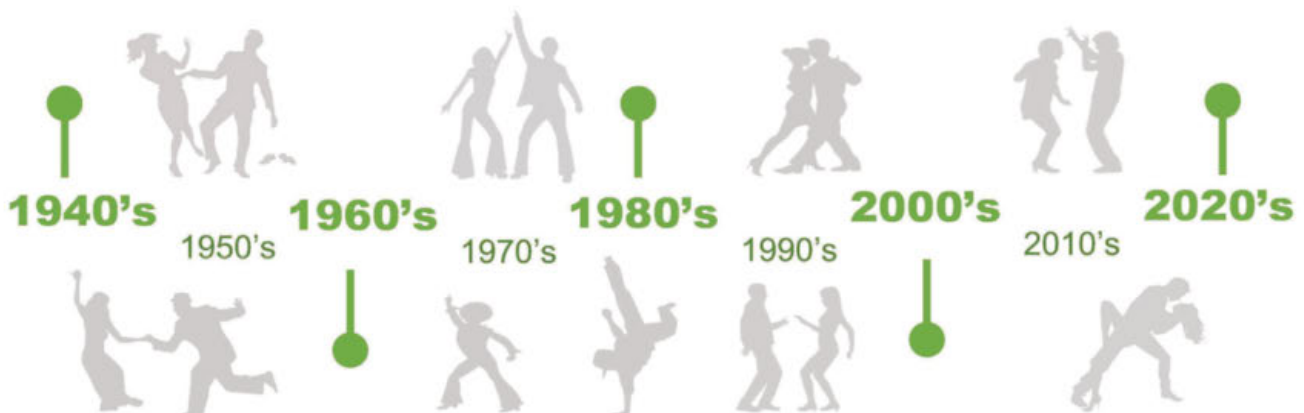
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Mark your calendar for a great time...

OCTOBER 15, 2022 @ GROSSE POINTE YACHT CLUB

celebrating the past ... **charging toward the future!**



Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, September 5th (Labor Day)

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
9:00 AM Morning Mass at St. Lucy's

Tuesday, September 6th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, September 7th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, September 8th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, September 9th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
10:00AM Funeral for Thomas Kniaz

Saturday, September 10th

10:00AM Funeral for Ruth Guarino
11:00 AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Stella A. Martz
1:30 PM Baptism of Holden C. Chwalek

4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass -Live Streamed

Sunday, September 11th

8-2:00 PM American Red Cross Blood Drive
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

September 4, 2022 – The Right Road

It's one of the hazards, in a sense, of living so close to an international border.

One minute you're traveling through downtown Detroit on I-75, and the next you find yourself on an exit ramp heading onto the Ambassador Bridge.

Next stop: Canada.

The sign at the exit warns motorists that there is no re-entry to the United States, a warning that can be somewhat panic inducing.

It's such a disconcerting feeling that the *Detroit Free Press* did a story a few weeks ago, using as the starting point another journalist's recent Twitter post relaying the discomfort around the entire experience. The story noted that hundreds of people then posted variations of the same mistake.

When all is said and done, alas, it does not cause an international incident.

"Once it is clear that outbound travel was not intended, and the vehicle is determined to be clear of contraband, motorists are escorted from the area and free to resume travel..." a Customs official told the *Free Press*.

Nevertheless, the story is a great reminder of the importance of making a careful travel plan and paying close attention along the way. And that, to be sure, is a good metaphor for our approach to the spiritual life, as well.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?" Jesus asks in today's gospel passage from St. Luke. "Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.'"

The lesson is clear: Plan for and pay attention to every detail on the journey of life, lest one find himself on the wrong road.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	September 5, 2022 Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m.	Mark Brys and Joseph & Florence Semany
Tuesday	September 6, 2022 Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m.	Violet Pare and a Special Intention for the Mordovanakis Family
Wednesday	September 7, 2022 Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m.	John and Mary Lee George
Thursday	September 8, 2022 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)
7:00 a.m.	Josephine Zogby
Friday	September 9, 2022 Saint Peter Claver, Priest (White)
7:00 a.m.	Barbara Michalik and Catherine Reeb
Saturday	September 10, 2022 Weekday, BVM; Vigil of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green/White)
4:00 p.m.	Salvatore & Cindy Urso, Bonnie Batche, Gabriel Nehro, Souraya Nehro-Moses, the deceased members of the Gore Family, Frank Nagy, Richard M. Barno, Dee Allor, Doreen Oster, Charles Weidenbach, Robert Schick, Anne & Anthony Zynel, Joseph Coughlin, Sam Caruso, Mark Grosfield, Mary Ryntz, Edwin & Delphine Staniszewski, the deceased members of the Huvaere & Kerby Families, and Special Intentions for the Pacini Family, for the J. Champine Family, for the Thomas Family
6:00 p.m.	Jesse F. Champine
Sunday	September 11, 2022 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Thomas & Gladys Langlois
12:00 p.m.	Martha Gray, Louisa Sarra, Robert Barnwell and Sam Ciaramitaro

Daily Readings

Monday, September 5

1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 6

1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 7

1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 8

Romans 8:28-30
Luke 6:20-26

Friday, September 9

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27
Luke 6:39-42

Saturday, September 10

1 Corinthians 10:14-22
Luke 6:43-49

Sunday, September 11

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32



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

Thomas Kniaz
Theresa Kohn



“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



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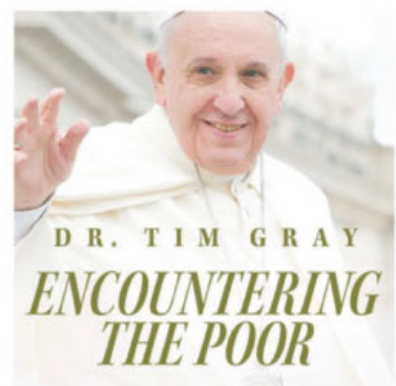


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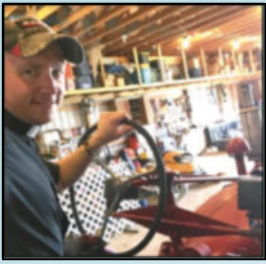
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Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



Waste Not, Want Not: In the waning days of summer I've been determined to spend time outdoors to enjoy the sun

and do something practical. I like to build and create and use my hands. Garbage day is a big temptation—I see people throwing out furniture and I don't need furniture, but I see it and think, "That's made of wood!" And with the price of lumber these days, free wood is a bonus and a potential project and an excuse to build something.

Recently, I joined a Facebook group called "Building with Pallets." It's amazing what people have built just using pallet wood, which is usually pretty much junk wood. There are examples of entire buildings made from either whole pallets or cut-up pallets, some beautiful furniture and even entire kitchens. Some of the projects maintain the rustic look of the wood, complete with old nails and nail holes, and others put the boards through a planer and stain them to make them look amazing.

So this got me thinking—I could do that! I'm not going to build a building and I don't have the tools to build beautiful furniture, but just to make something rustic-looking with old pallets... I could do that. Vern was kind enough to find me two pallets. And I made a discovery right away.... Pallets are like snowflakes—no two are alike apparently!

The difficulty is in removing the boards without splitting them since it's such cheap wood, often already split when they're made. The second pallet came apart in about an hour (after a YouTube video taught me a helpful technique), but the first one was a doozy! I didn't count, but I'm guessing it took more than 3 hours over the course of two days! The nails on this pallet were pounded through the boards and half of each nail was then bent 90 degrees—there was no way I was prying the boards apart. So I turned to my Dremmel and put on a circular saw blade and started cutting the nails so I could pull them straight out. The burn marks on the wood only add to the character. But after a few minutes, I looked at the end of the Dremmel tool and there was no blade. I have a quick-release fitting that makes it easy to attach the saw blade and remove it, but at some point, unknown to me, the blade had taken advantage of that feature all on its own and departed the tool at 35,000 rpm! So fast I never saw it come off. I scoured the lawn

and driveway. I decided it was either embedded in the wall of the parish center or it had made it through the fence and was stuck in a tree somewhere around Hazel Park. Anyway if you live west of the Church and you find it in your house wall, I'm sorry!



Pallets in pieces, I also now had an idea of what I was going to build, but not before the next deconstruction project—15 conference room chairs from the Parish Center that had been replaced. Again, I saw the chance for free wood! But salvaging this oak in a useable way was another 6 hours of labor! Building was for another day.

What I ended-up creating were some planter boxes for my backyard. The best thing about building with rough pallet wood is that it's never going to be precise, unless you finish the wood. Going rustic gives you the wiggle-room that means nothing has to be straight, nothing needs to match, nail holes make it better, color means nothing, cracks are okay, stamping marks on the wood are a bonus, and you can just make it up as you go along. That's my kind of building! I hold-up one piece of wood in one hand and another in my other hand, put them together and imagine what might work. Then after building that piece, I figure out how to get it to fit the next part.

After all the deconstruction, I now had a bunch of different length and width pallet boards and a couple of 2x4s and about 60



straight pieces of oak chair arms and legs. And this was the end result:



Happy with what I had, I knew I needed more, but that was for another day. I was going to put in four small trees. But I would need more pallet wood, and as I thought about how much taking those apart had hurt my hands, I was mulling over just buying a couple more planters.

On Friday we had some new lunch tables arrive at school, late in the afternoon, so those of us on staff who were around helped move them into the lower hall. And then I heard the words... "Fr Andrew will take that pallet." Thanks Dina! I hung my head. I thought I was done, but they just keep appearing!



I guess I'm committed to making more planters now. Then Emily texted me and asked if I would make more for the School Gala. I hung my head again.

I guess in light of today's Gospel, people are trying to keep me out of trouble:

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.'"

I was just trying to enjoy the remaining summer weather. And THIS.... THIS is why we need more summer!

You are in my prayers this week.

Fr. Andrew adawson@sjascs.org

Extreme Humility: God Establishes Holy Communion

Date:

Tuesday, September 27 and Tuesday, October 11

Time:

7-8:15 pm presentation followed by Q & A

Where:

In the church and online at stjoan.church

Presenter: David J. Conrad, M.A. Theology

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- How God Shares His Life & Love With Us Through the Sacraments
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Bringing Home the Word

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A Love of First Preference

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Jesus is radical and absolute when speaking about his first preference for love. When Jesus says his disciples should “hate,” he means only that we should place God first in our hearts. And when God is first, we will actually love everyone else more and better. Saint Gregory comments on this passage: “In this world let us love everyone, even though he be our enemy; but let us hate him who opposes us on our way to God, though he be our relative. We should, then, love our neighbor; we should have charity towards all—towards relatives

and towards strangers—but without separating ourselves from the love of God out of love for them” (*Evangelia homiliae*, 37, 3).

Jesus’ words mean we cannot be halfhearted in our love for God or neighbors—even if our neighbor is an enemy. The very nature of love is to put others first. The first “other” is God himself.

Religious brothers and sisters living by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—as monks, hermits, or other forms of consecrated life—testify to the world that this radical, loving God is first above all things. They deserve our support and our imitation.

There are many ways to love God and neighbor. And everyone, regardless of job or title, vocation or station in life, can love. This Labor Day weekend, consider thinking about how you can better love those with whom you spend your workday: employees or supervisors, colleagues and customers, those who serve you and those you serve. +

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A Word from Pope Francis

Every injustice inflicted on a person who works tramples on human dignity and the dignity of the one who does this injustice.... Today, join with many men and women...who fight for justice in the world of work, for those...who manage their businesses fairly, even if they themselves lose as a result.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 1, 2020



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- While at work, do I live out my vocation as a disciple of Jesus?
- Am I living and working as I had hoped I would?

Sunday Readings

Wisdom 9:13–18b

Scarcely can we guess the things on earth, and only with difficulty grasp what is at hand; but things in heaven, who can search them out?

Philemon 9–10, 12–17

So if you regard me (Saint Paul) as a partner, welcome (Onesimus) as you would me.

Luke 14:25–33

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Good Housekeeping

By Fr. Stephen Rehrauer, CSsR

We seek the good. But not all “goods” are equal. Some are more important than others. People are more important and have greater value, and thus are “higher goods,” than, for example, furniture. A starving human being’s life is of greater value than private property. Learning to correctly distinguish between goods of higher and lower value is one part of forming our conscience.

Classical moral theory distinguishes between “true” or “authentic” goods and those that are merely “instrumental.” True goods are those that have value in and of themselves. They are worth seeking and realizing for their own sake: a dignified human life, love, fidelity to our relationships, truth, beauty, integrity, justice, friendship, wisdom, knowledge of God, and happiness. Instrumental goods are useful only as a means for attaining true goods.

Money is an instrumental good. As a medium of exchange, its only moral value lies in what we do with it. It can be sought and attained through good or evil means, and it can be used as a means for good or evil. It should only be used to pursue and attain authentic goods.

Although folk wisdom reminds us that money can’t buy happiness, many people find a kind of pseudo-happiness in attaining and amassing money based on the fantasy of what they can do with it—even if all they do with it is make more money. In being satisfied only



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with possessing and accumulating more money, as if this were a good in itself, they cheat themselves of the opportunity to use their wealth for that which really and authentically satisfies.

Power is also an instrumental good. The pope, the president of the United States, and the father and mother of a family all have power and authority over others. That authority is an instrument that can be used to serve the authentic common good of others...or not. When

power itself is treated as an authentic good, holding onto power becomes a supreme value. This can breed corruption and despotism, disfiguring the moral life of the one who has power and harming those subjected to its use.

It is easy to confuse instrumental and authentic goods. We can treat money, power, and fame as if they were true goods and treat people as if they were instrumental goods. The Christian should never sacrifice authentic goods in the pursuit of lower goods. We should not trade our relationships with people for wealth or power; we should not sacrifice our personal integrity in the pursuit of comfort; we should not endanger the common good in the realization of our own personal desires. Christian moral life is a matter of having our priorities correctly ordered. +



***Good and gracious God,
encourage us in our work,
calm us in our rest, and
inspire us in our prayer. We
pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.***

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 5–10

Monday, Weekday:
1 Cor 5:1–8 / Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday, Weekday:
1 Cor 6:1–11 / Lk 5:12–19

Wednesday, Weekday:
1 Cor 7:25–31 / Lk 6:20–26

Thursday, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
Mi 5:1–4a or Rom 8:28–30 / Mt 1:1–16, 18–23 or Mt 1:18–23

Friday, St. Peter Claver:
1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27 / Lk 6:39–42

Saturday, Weekday: 1 Cor 10:14–22 / Lk 6:43–49


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