

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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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

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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



What was I thinking? You may remember that we had a visiting missionary bishop with us over Labor Day weekend. It was a delight to have

him with us. And it was fascinating to hear his many stories about life in India.

Whenever a missionary visits us, there's always a bit of preparation. You know what it's like when you have a visitor to your house. You want to straighten things up, maybe do some spring cleaning, figure out food will be needed, etc. You always want to make a great impression. And Father Andrew did all this with absolute great precision (Bishop Bhagyaiah stayed at Father Andrew's house). Then in our case with a visiting missionary, you have to worry about schedules, bulletin articles, envelopes for donations, etc. Then, there's at least one "major" dinner over the weekend; it's just what you do with a missionary. People like Bishop Bhagyaiah and other missionaries do so much great work for the Lord with so few resources that we try to go out of our way to ensure their visit is pleasant and that the collections are significant.

As a backdrop to this story, I remember quite a few years ago when Father Gerry and Father Hoang were still at SJA. On the weekend we had the visiting missionary, we decided to go to one of our local on-the-water restaurants for our "major dinner." By the time we lock up the Church on a Saturday evening and get our act together to leave for dinner, it's usually around 7:30 PM. When we got to the restaurant, we got seated close to the door (for which I was thankful, you'll understand why in a bit). As I looked around the restaurant and the people starting to pour in for the evening, I was getting more embarrassed and couldn't wait to get out of there with our guests. Even Saintly Father Hoang and Father Gerry mentioned the restaurant's "atmosphere" when we arrived. It was a hot summer evening, and let's just say clothing was a bit scarce for some people. We then had someone who had a few drinks approach our table and spend some time conversing with us and asking whether we were all Catholic priests. I just wanted to get out of there. When I mentioned what happened to a few parishioners and staff, someone looked at me like I was the most clueless person in the world. They said, "MONSIGNOR! You took them to THE pick-up place on a Saturday evening on

Nautical Mile. What were you thinking? Going there at 5 PM on a Saturday is so much different than going there around 8 PM!" Oh well, live and learn. How was I supposed to know?

Back to Saturday of Labor Day weekend. After the 6 PM mass, Bishop Bhagyaiah returned to Father Andrew's house; we told him Father Andrew would pick him up there and that we would head over to Detroit's Finest Coney Island on Jefferson for dinner. That's where I usually like to go, so I didn't even give it a second thought when people asked where we were going with the Bishop. For me, it was a no-brainer. My mom, my sister Jackie, my brother-in-law Lonnie, and our Business Manager Dina joined us since they were also at the 6 PM mass. As Father Andrew and I walked across the street toward our houses after all was secure at the Church, we started talking about dinner. Father Andrew casually remarked, "I think it's funny we're taking the Bishop to a Coney Island." It made me stop and pause. "Oh my," I thought, "maybe we should have gone somewhere else." I started to feel a little bad, thinking we should have done a nice Italian meal or something. When I got to the restaurant (and I got there before Father Andrew and Bishop Bhagyaiah arrived), I told the group about my conversation with Father Andrew and how I was feeling a bit guilty about bringing the Bishop to a Coney Island for our big dinner with him. As I did so, my mom, followed by my sister, and then Dina all piped up. They all thought it was funny we were going to our usual hang-out on a Saturday night with the Bishop as our "big" dinner with him for the weekend. I was then told this was THE table conversation before I arrived. UGH! What was I thinking? Why didn't someone clue me in?

After Father Andrew and the Bishop arrived, our waitress approached and asked what they both wanted to drink. Then, to add to my "I COMPLETELY FAILED as a host with a visiting Missionary Bishop" feeling, the Bishop asked for a glass of red wine! I gulped and rolled my eyes, thinking I had totally messed this one up. But suddenly I remembered I was in luck. At least I picked a Coney Island that recently started serving beer and wine, so all was not lost! But seriously, in retrospect, what was I thinking? Clearly, I wasn't!

The Spiritual Consequences of Living a Hurried, Busy Life ... Part 4: This is a continuation of my reflection on and quoting from an article written by Frank Powell, a young adult minister, entitled, "7 Spiritual Consequences of Living a Hurried,

Busy Life." The full article can be found at <http://bit.ly/SpiritualConsequences>.

Last week, I reflected on the third of the seven spiritual consequences mentioned in the article: "A hurried life decreases your capacity to love others." The fourth spiritual consequence is: "A hurried life increases the power of temptation."

"Why did Jesus wait until he was 30 to begin his ministry? Why did he immediately go into the wilderness with the Spirit for 40 days after his baptism? Through my American lens, it seems like Jesus wasted most of his life doing nothing. He could have performed miracles long before 30, and his following might have been larger. Who knows, more people might know Jesus today if he started his ministry earlier. That's a no-brainer, God. Why can't you see what I see?

"The 30 years Jesus spent in relative obscurity weren't wasted years. God was developing an important virtue in Jesus ... patience. Through temptation, Satan tries to decrease the time between impulse and action. And, in our instant gratification culture, Satan has masterfully deceived people. So many of my mistakes ... are the result of looking for instant gratification. Could it be that Jesus lived a perfect life largely because he started his ministry with a strong understanding of patience and waiting? These virtues take time to build. When you nurture patience, you trust God," notes Frank Powell.

I like to remind people that Satan takes the most advantage of us when we are (and I like to use the acronym HALT) hungry, angry, lonely or tired. Unfortunately, being tired seems to be an essential ingredient of most people's busy lives today. Yes, folks, Satan exists and will do whatever he can to make us trip and fall. So, we have to take care of ourselves. We must ensure we don't grow hungry, angry, lonely, or tired. As Saint Peter reminds us in 1 Peter 5:8-9: "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent, the devil, is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in faith!"

May we do all that we can NOT to live a hurried, busy life so that we will have the strength and stamina to resist Satan, all of his works, and all of his empty promises!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 2 C

Reading One – Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late. The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.

Responsorial – Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading Two – 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you, to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

Alleluia – 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord remains forever. This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Lk 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded?

So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

*Spend an hour
with me.*

HOLY HOUR SONGS & PRAYERS

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

CALLING ALL SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS!

CONSIDER BECOMING A PART OF OUR
MUSIC MINISTRY AT ST. JOAN OF ARC

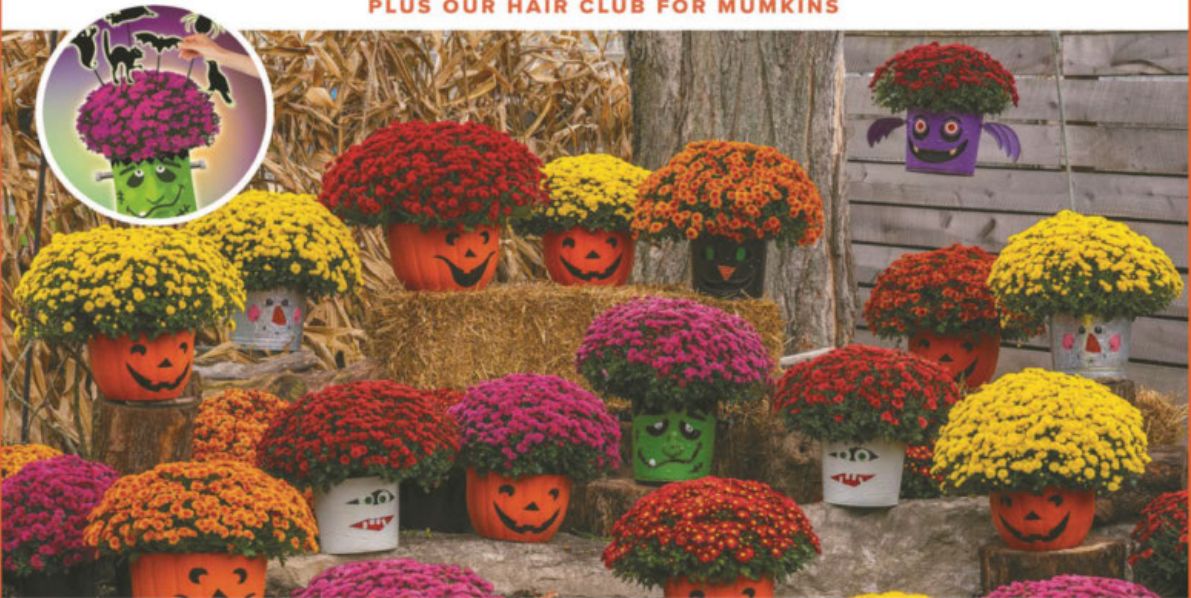
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NO PROPOSAL 3

TOO CONFUSING

It's a mess of confusing wording and legalese, but it's not by accident: the sponsors want to confuse voters to hide how extreme their proposal actually is. Behind innocent-sounding words lies a radical proposal that would wipe out 50 years of laws and regulations about abortion and replace them with one new rule:

ANYTHING GOES.

- Any kind of abortion...including partial birth abortion
- Any time during the pregnancy, including up until the moment before birth
- Any woman at any age, even teenagers getting an abortion without their parents knowing.

TOO EXTREME

All the laws that protect unborn children — and even those protecting women getting an abortion — would be wiped out, including:

- The ban on taxpayer funding of abortions
- The laws requiring parental consent and informed consent
- The law requiring abortion clinics to pass health and safety inspections
- Even the law saying only doctors can perform abortions would be repealed
- And on top of all that, this proposal would permanently put 60 mistakes into our state constitution.
- Currently, our constitution has ZERO typos, grammatical errors, or other glitches. It's a good idea to keep it that way, which means you have 60 more reasons to VOTE NO.

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P.O. Box 901, Grand Rapids, MI 49509-0901

TOO CONFUSING
TOO EXTREME

Gala Contributor Form



celebrating the past...
charging toward
the future!

AUCTION ITEMS

One of the greatest sources of revenue for the Gala event comes from items that are auctioned. These items are donated by local businesses as well as from private individuals, many of whom are families of St. Joan of Arc School. If you would like to donate an auction item, or know of somebody that you can ask... this would go a long way to helping this year's auction be especially successful.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Our grand prize raffle is the backbone of this fundraiser. Only with steady sales of tickets for this raffle over several months can the Gala committee bring you the Gala dinner and auction event. For ticket sales information, check with the Parish and School offices. Help by buying tickets or becoming a ticket agent, selling them to friends, family or coworkers.

DINNER & AUCTION TICKETS

Come to the Gala event on Oct. 15, 2022. Party with your friends and members of the School and Parish community. Enjoy a gourmet dinner, open bar, live entertainment, live and silent auctions, raffles and much more.

The event will be held at the prestigious

Grosse Pointe
Yacht Club



ADVERTISE

Advertise your product or service in our keepsake Gala Auction item catalog.

VOLUNTEER

Join our 100% volunteer committee that plans and works this event.

www.sjaauction.org



St. Joan of Arc
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OCT
15
2022

Auction & Dinner Gala

CONTRIBUTOR FORM

DUE DATE: **SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

Donor: Please print clearly so we may accurately acknowledge your company

Name: _____ Date: _____

Company Name: _____ Phone# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Auction Item/Cash Donation: Please include any restrictions and expiration dates.

Donation Description: _____

Total Donor Value: \$ _____ Gift certificate included _____ Event committee to create _____

Program Ad: Please attach business card or email camera ready ad to gala@stjoan.net

_____ Back Cover Ad in Full Color \$1,000 _____ 1/2 Page Ad (B & W) \$150

_____ Inside Cover Ads in Full Color \$500 _____ Business Card (B & W) \$75

_____ Full Page Ad (B & W) \$250

Event Tickets: \$125.00/ea (Sold online. Available September 2022. Check sjaauction.org for details)

Please make all checks payable to St. Joan of Arc School. Please submit donations and ads no later than September 30, 2022 to ensure recognitions in the Gala program. The Gala committee reserves the right to hold any item received after the deadline for the 2023 Gala.

For any questions regarding donations, tickets or advertising please contact:

- Kathy Kalich at kkalich@stjoan.net

- Parish Center at 586-777-3670 or gala@stjoan.net

- Pam Graskewicz at 313-443-9059

- Emily Radatz at 586-873-3183

GRAND PRIZE
RAFFLE

\$5,000 in prizes: one (1) \$3000,
one (1) \$1000 and two (2) \$500
cash prizes. Tickets are available for
\$20 each or six for \$100.

22415 Overlake Street, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
Office: 586-775-8370 Website: www.sjaauction.org

TAX ID NO: 38-1420316

Gala Program Advertising



Auction & Dinner Gala PROGRAM ADVERTISING

→ DUE DATE: **SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

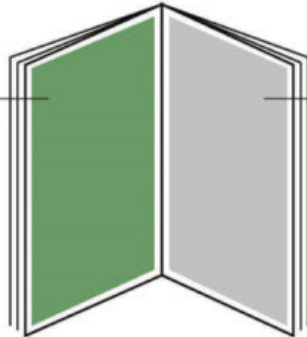
Back Cover Ad
Color: Full Color
Size: 8" x 10.5"
Cost: \$1,000



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Color: Black & White
Size: 8" x 5.125"
Cost: \$150

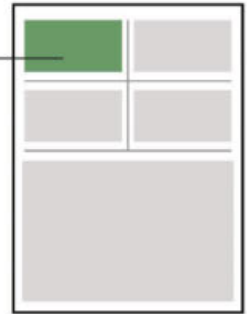


Full Page Color
Color: Full Color
Size: 8" x 10.5"
Cost: \$500



Full Page B&B
Color: Black & White
Size: 8" x 10.5"
Cost: \$250

Business Card Ad
Color: Black & White
Size: 3.5" x 2"
Cost: \$75



Ad Order:

_____ Back Cover Ad in Full Color \$1,000

_____ 1/2 Page Ad (B & W) \$150

_____ Full Page Ad (Color) \$500

_____ Business Card (B & W) \$75

_____ Full Page Ad (B & W) \$250

Name: _____ Date: _____

Company Name: _____ Phone# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Publication Notes:

The program trims to 8.5" x 11". The entire booklet is no-bleed and will carry a 1/4-inch margin throughout.

DUE DATE:
September 30, 2022

Digital camera-ready artwork can be sent via email attachment to gala@stjoan.net

QUESTIONS: Emily Radatz at 586-873-3183, or Parish Center at 586-777-3670 or gala@stjoan.net

Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, September 26th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 PM First Rec/Eucharist Parent Meeting

Tuesday, September 27th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
7:00 PM Extreme Humility -Church/Live Stream

Wednesday, September 28th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
7:00 PM Baptism of Benjamin Borkowski
12:00 PM SJA Knitting Group –Mother of Mary
6:30 PM Light in the Spirit Prayer Group

Thursday, September 29th

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

Friday, September 30th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, October 1st

10:30AM Baptism
11:00AM Reconciliation

12:00PM Blessing of the Pets - Outside Sr. Carol Ctr.

12:30PM Baptism of Makenna J. Miller
1:30 PM Baptism of Olive Kolar & August Kolar

4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed
5:00 PM Medicare Presentation—Emmaus Hall
6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass -Live Streamed

Sunday, October 2nd

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Sunday Mass- Live Streamed
10:00 AM Family Faith Formation
11-1:00 PM OCIA - Mother of Mary Rm.
12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

September 25, 2022 – Life's Lessons

In a world in which there is so much division and animosity, it's difficult sometimes to know where to begin to try and make a difference.

As lay members of the body of Christ, one thing we are called to do is affect change through the work we do, whatever kind of work that happens to be.

If one is a lawyer, he might bring be able to shine a charitable light in an otherwise contentious lawsuit.

If one is a teacher, she might be able to manifest Christ's love in the way she guides a student.

If one is an electrical contractor, he might be able to respond with a particular empathy to the concerns of the apprentice working with him.

And if one is a journalist, she might write a column advocating that we put our own houses in order before lashing out at others.

A columnist for *The Detroit News* wrote a piece a few weeks ago suggesting exactly that.

"The reality is that to make things better, we must first begin with ourselves," she wrote. "It sounds overly simplistic, but that is where true change begins.

"As the new school year begins, it can be a reminder that everything we need to know we should have learned in kindergarten. Those basic things that should be the basis of who we are and all that we do: being kind, thoughtful, patient and helpful to others; saying please and thank you, being considerate and seeing the world beyond our own corner of consideration."

Such simple words, and yet so profound if we take the time to ponder them. Here are a few more from today's second reading from the letter to Timothy:

"But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith."

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	September 26, 2022 Weekday, Saints Cosmas and Damien, Martyrs (Green/Red)
7:00 a.m.	Pierre Zaranek and a Special Intention for Bebe Frahm on her Birthday
Tuesday	September 27, 2022 Saint Vincent DePaul, Priest (White)
7:00 a.m.	Catherine Graebert, Sam & Michael Ciaramitaro
Wednesday	September 28, 2022 Weekday, Saint Wenceslaus Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs (Green/Red/Red)
7:00 a.m.	Hugo Calisi and Earl Pare`
Thursday	September 29, 2022 Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels (White)
7:00 a.m.	Ed Potwardowski
Friday	September 30, 2022 Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church (White)
7:00 a.m.	Giuseppina Ciccone & Carlos Mallare
Saturday	October 1, 2022 Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Vigil of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (White)
4:00 p.m.	Joseph Gielniak, John & Antoinette Salvador, Bonnie Batche, Vicki Toma, Carolyn Casper, Melvin Dries, Donald Strobbe, Alfred Blind, Phil D'Agostino, Mary Ann Fannon, Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, for the Thomas Family, for Larry Seneski and Prayerful appreciation for the work of the Priests and Staff of St. Joan of Arc
6:00 p.m.	Thomas Pillar
Sunday	October 2, 2022 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	C. Pat Walters
12:00 p.m.	Ernie Romanelli, Manny Micallef, Jill DePorter Miller, Sam Ciaramitaro and a Special Intention for Thomas & Loretta Peck on their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

Daily Readings

Monday, September 26	Friday, September 30
Job 1:6-22 Luke 9:46-50	Job 38:1, 12-21 40:3-5 Luke 10:13-16
Tuesday, September 27	Saturday, October 1
Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Luke 9:51-56	Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Luke 10:17-24
Wednesday, September 28	Sunday, October 2
Job 9:1-12, 14-16 Luke 9:57-62	Hebrews 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10
Thursday, September 29	
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 John 1:47-51	



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.”

Geraldine F. Meldrum, Grandmother of Fr. Brian Meldrum
Christopher Saucier, Son of Joanne Saucier
Father Timothy Mock
Deacon Zigmunt “Ziggy” Kucharek



“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.

Blessing of Pets Saturday Oct 1 at 12 noon

If you have men who will exclude
any of God's creatures from the
shelter of compassion and pity,
you will have men who will deal
likewise with their fellow men."

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Pray for Us!



St. Joan of Arc - St. Clair Shores
Bring your pet to the
doors of the Sr. Carol Center

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!

St. Joan of Arc

OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

**A new OCIA
group at SJA is
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coordinator, Patty
Chase, at
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**Are you or anyone you know interested in learning
more about the Catholic Church?**

What is OCIA?

OCIA 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

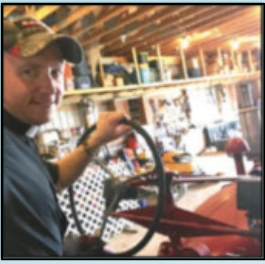
How long does it take?

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 OCIA 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.

Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



Children of God: Yes, I made him cry... The little toddler I saw walking in from the gathering space at communion time as I

headed along the front row of pews in the back section of church last Sunday—I made him cry. He saw me coming, reached-out his hand and said, “I want one!” I walked by and he and his mom kept walking in the opposite direction, back to their pew. After communion I headed back to the sanctuary, down the main aisle and he was there again, in the aisle, having escaped mom’s reach. “I want one!” he said, reaching up his little hand again. I looked in his direction but again walked past. He’d reached his limit of disappointment for the day and behind me I heard his wail. The little boy just wanted Jesus!

Oh, that we all wanted Him that much. I was grinning behind my mask as I walked back onto the sanctuary, thanking God for His attention and enthusiastic efforts to get a host for himself.

It’s been awesome to hear and see over recent months the growing numbers of young children at mass. As I mentioned to someone a few days ago, it’s great that we are praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood every Sunday in this Year for Priestly Vocations, but the success of that effort begins with the vocation of the family. It’s as important that we remember as we pray for all religious vocations, that the seeds of those vocations are planted in the family by parents who model the practice of the faith, who pray with their children, who make the home the domestic church that the Catechism talks about. But the phrase “domestic church” has its roots planted as early as the first century, with the early Church Fathers, who understood that the home and family were fertile ground for discipleship, sanctification, and holiness. As far as Catholics are concerned, babies are not merely tolerated in church. They have a *right* to be in Church. Any other attitude comes from a failure in charity, which is a failure of love for our neighbor. EVERY person BELONGS in church.

I was recently told by someone that they had found themselves very distracted at mass. It was not the crying children that had caused the distraction. It was the person in the pew behind them talking about the lack of respect by those who had brought children to mass. The person then proceeded in undertaking, and vocalizing a head-count of crying children, while continuing to distract their fellow parishioners by talking

through the homily.

As a matter of Catholic social teaching, it is the duty of every Catholic to support the mission of the family in raising godly children. Failure to do so is an offense against both charity and the dignity of the family. It is only the hardened heart that scowls at a crying baby or their parents in Church. I spent a considerable amount of time some years ago as a guest at the home of some friends who had 5 young children. I know how much work and effort goes into getting the whole family fed, watered and dressed and into the car and out of the car with all the supplies that come with travelling with young children. I commend parents for the efforts you go through. And maybe it’s hard for you to feel focused on the Mass yourselves, but know that this is a great act of generosity to God and to your vocation. *This* is the offering you are making to God at this mass—maybe not your undivided attention, but your sacrifice of service.

Facing all that, it’s not hard to see how some parents can feel like they are in the spotlight at Mass and can be reluctant to bring their children to Church. Parents may, at times, be tempted to leave a child at home with mom or dad “until they are old enough.” I would highly encourage you not to do so. Often times the intention is good, concerned about the distraction to others of a crying child, but bring your child! Don’t let that be a worry. We come to Mass to thank God for His immense generosity to us, and what better time, or more appropriate occasion could there be than when you are celebrating a recent addition to your family, to God’s family? Bring that child into God’s presence. This is a time of particular gratitude—a time for real thanksgiving. There may be crying, there may be a tantrum, there may be fussing, there may be the right moment to take a couple of minutes in the gathering space or take a walk to the Marian chapel at the back of Church. But your child is always welcome here, even when hungry or in need of a nap. It’s only by being at Church that your child will develop a love for Christ and have their hunger for Him satisfied.

Your child participates in the celebration to the maximum of his/ her ability and understanding, with the gifts God has given. It’s so beautiful to hear the loud praying of the “Our Father” each weekend by one of our youngest members, participating in maybe the first prayer or the Mass that has become familiar to them, and “by jove” as my mom would say, that child is GOING TO JOIN IN MAKE SURE YOU HEAR! From where Monsignor and I stand, I can assure you that not every adult is participating so resolutely.

The education of children begins unconsciously before it begins consciously. Baby and toddlers are constantly learning from their environment. We understand this from their development at home. A child learns so much about how to interact with their environment before they ever learn to speak or understand spoken language. Children need to be given the opportunity to learn the rhythm, sights, sounds, and smells of the Mass before they are consciously able to engage with the Mass. A child needs the experience of the sensory education of being at Mass, or catechesis is that much harder later on. By the time they are able to understand the Mass, a child who has been attending Mass with their family since birth already understands the building, the community, the sound of an organ playing, the sight of the priest in vestments, the feel of sitting in a pew, the sight of candles burning around the altar. What then needs to be filled-in for them later, the catechesis, is not the *what it is* and *how it is*, but *what it means* and *why it matters*. But already by that point, Mass attendance is normal to them: “This is what my family does on Sundays.”

The Rite of Baptism begins with the words, “*Your family has experienced great joy at the birth of your child, and the Church shares your happiness. Today this joy has brought you to the Church to give thanks to God for the gift of your child and to celebrate a new birth in the waters of Baptism. This community rejoices with you...*”

We must do just that: “*Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.*” (Mark 9:37)

If you see an over-worked parent simply trying to fulfil the promise they made at their child’s baptism to raise them in the faith, offer a kind word of encouragement or a smile, but never a frown. Your charity could help to ensure a family continues to worship together. And maybe one day, from that family will come a faithful child who learns to love their faith and who is attentive to the Lord enough to hear Him call them to a religious vocation. And maybe that young child, who cried through Mass, goes to seminary and is ordained a priest. And maybe that priest is the priest who takes the call to visit and anoint you in your final days, and later celebrates your funeral Mass.

Where will our Church be in 30 years time if we have no crying children at Mass today? Please bring your children to Mass.

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

Join us as we explore the gift of the Eucharist and its impact on our life. Some highlights will include:

- How God Shares His Life & Love With Us Through the Sacraments
- The Power of God's Word
- Our Purification & Fortification
- Sent on Mission

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

7:00 p.m.

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Gospel Reading/Reflection

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presents

Walking Rosary for Life

Friday, September 30,
7:30pm

Rosary Intention: Protect Human Life
from Conception to Natural Death

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 25, 2022

WATCH THÉRÈSE

A pampered child from a middle-class 19th century French family, Therese Martin journeys to Rome to beg Pope Leo XIII for permission to enter the Carmelite monastery at the unheard-of age of 15. Once admitted she experiences the joys and rigors of monastic life, and makes the surprising yet simple discovery that holiness can be achieved by small acts of love and compassion – a spiritual path she calls her “Little Way.”



LEARN ANGELS: BISHOP FULTON SHEEN



In this compilation of three episodes from his classic television program, "Life is Worth Living," Bishop Fulton Sheen delivers his thoughts on various elements of the Catholic Faith with his ever-present humor, animated presentation, and captivating mode of speaking. In the first segment, "Angels," Bishop Sheen explicates the nature of angels and the meaningful role they play in our world.

LISTEN THE CASE FOR JESUS BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Dr. Brant Pitre, Scripture scholar and bestselling author, uses biblical and historical evidence to bolster the "case for Jesus" by exposing the problems with the many false theories that have been introduced over the past hundred years, resulting in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christian Faith. He tackles head-on questions like: Were the four Gospels written anonymously? Did Jesus claim to be God? Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah? and many more.

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September 25, 2022

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
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Am 6:1a, 4-7 | 1 Tm 6:11-16 | Lk 16:19-31

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

Don't let the purple garments and fine linen throw you. We who are fortunate enough to not have to think about our daily needs being met don't have to be dressed in fancy clothing. But it would not hurt to reflect for a moment on the unsettling parable of Lazarus and the rich man. Why? As Amos reminds us in the first reading, complacency isn't an option. Perhaps one of the simplest elements of this teaching of Jesus is the fact that the name Lazarus comes from the Hebrew name Eleazar, which means "God is my helper," or "God will help." Lazarus had no one on earth to help him and so he trusted in God completely. Although this may not be easy for us to do, it is what God asks of us. This coming week, seek to know the Lord better through studying his word and seeking him in prayer more often. Allow him to walk beside you.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Who is "Lazarus" today? He could be the homeless person who smells of cigarettes and hasn't bathed in a while, or the mentally ill woman who shouts at us as we walk by. Today's readings challenge us to move out of complacency and judgment and, instead, see the poor as human beings deserving of dignity and care. Unlike the rich man in today's parable, we still have time to reorder our priorities and find ways to close the "chasm" between rich and poor. As Pope Francis said during the Mass for the World Day of the Poor in 2021, indifference is not an option. The Church "asks us not to turn aside, not to be afraid to take a close look at the suffering of those most vulnerable." Then, act. Today's psalm tells us all we need to know: "Blessed he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry."

ACT If you encounter someone in need on the street, consider giving away socks, a gift card to an area restaurant, or simply offer a nod and a smile. Then perhaps seek volunteer opportunities near you.



Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
September 25, 2022

Aspire to Greatness

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

It's so easy to fall into complacency and not strive for greatness. When we're young, we may idealistically dream of reaching the heights of success, however we define that word. Then with time, maybe a few setbacks, one or two genuine hardships, we gradually settle for less and less. Eventually we're content with just getting by and we no longer embrace the arduous struggle upon the higher road that once attracted us.

The rich man of today's Gospel passage was also complacent. His wealth blinded him to the needs of Lazarus, a poor man he passed by and

stepped over every time he entered his home. Even though he could have helped, he refused to do so. How could one be so blind as to have everything and not be willing to offer leftover food to someone in need?

God opposes complacency and settling for the easy and sensual. In today's first reading, God upbraids the rich for exactly that. They are too comfortable on their expensive, comfortable couches (Amos 6:4). In the second reading we hear Saint Paul challenge the young bishop Timothy to pursue high ideals such as righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, gentleness, and all other virtues. We should strive for them as well. How?

Jesus is the beautiful, timeless ideal of every soul aiming for perfect love. If we keep our eyes on him, we will never settle for anything but true greatness in the eyes of God. +

*How could one be so blind
as to have everything
and not be willing to offer
leftover food to someone
in need?*

A Word from Pope Francis

No one must be excluded. God's plan is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries. Among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking. The Kingdom of God is to be built with them, for without them it would not be the Kingdom that God wants.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- How do I feel when I ponder today's readings: Challenged? Overwhelmed? Inspired?
- What is one thing I can do this week to serve those less fortunate?

Sunday Readings

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Woe to those who are complacent in Zion!...They shall be the first to go into exile.

1 Timothy 6:11-16

You, man of God...pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

Luke 16:19-31

There was a rich man... and lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus.

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

By Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR

His potato crop was failing. The rest of his crops were being seized by British landlords for payment of taxes. So in 1887 my great-grandfather, John Patrick Fitzmaurice, left County Kerry, Ireland, with little more than the clothes on his back and the knowledge that his brother had found work in America in St. Louis.

Although the days of the “coffin ships” were dwindling, the boat he boarded was hardly a luxury liner. Some passengers still died in transit. John felt lucky, though, for he had met Mary Cahilan, the love of his life, and together they would embark on a new life in a new land. But had they tried to immigrate forty years later, they would have been sent packing because from 1924 to 1965, few Catholics were allowed into the United States.

Migrants are not new; people have always been on the move, crossing borders as they run from death or toward survival. The Hebrew children wandered out of the desert and announced to the people of Canaan that God had promised the Canaanites’ land to the Hebrews. The Normans invaded Ireland and informed the Irish that King Henry II had given their homes to the Normans.

It’s easy to understand fear of immigrants who enter a country as a



marching army, but for some reason even poor and powerless immigrants seem to terrify us. Even though almost all of us have an ancestor who came to America from somewhere else, we find it hard to identify with others in the same situation. Immigration is a difficult and emotional topic. Many struggle with the issue of who is “legal” and who isn’t. Some believe that immigrants should stay in “their own” countries and fix “their own” problems.

Yes, there are many concerns and no simple solutions, but the Catholic Church teaches that our preferential

option, like Christ’s, must be for the poor. Their welfare must come before other considerations, even our own. This is simply and plainly the gospel we profess. This must be our starting point.

Today is World Day of Migrants and Refugees, celebrated since 1914 on the last Sunday of September. The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once preached a sermon on the parable sometimes referred to as “A Knock at Midnight” (Luke 11:5–13). He reminded us that there is bread in our house and that we *must* open the door to those who stand and knock. Will we let them in? Will we feed them? Or will we tell them we are already in our beds and cannot get up to look after their needs? +



*Loving and faithful God,
help us to learn the true joy
of living together as brothers
and sisters with all your children.
We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 26—
October 1

Monday, Weekday:

Jb 1:6–22 / Lk 9:46–50

Tuesday, St. Vincent de Paul:

Jb 3:1–3, 11–17, 20–23 / Lk 9:51–56

Wednesday, Weekday:

Jb 9:1–12, 14–16 / Lk 9:57–62

Thursday, Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael:


Dan 7:9–10, 13–14 or Rv 12:7–12a / Jn 1:47–51

Friday, St. Jerome:

Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5 / Lk 10:13–16

Saturday, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus:

Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17 / Lk 10:17–24

Bringing Home
the Word 
September 25, 2022

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