



# 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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## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” - Lk 18:7-8

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## Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

#### Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

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

#### Holy Day Masses

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

#### Reconciliation

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

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

#### Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7am mass

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at [stjoan.church](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 TOTAL Oops Moment:** As you know from reading my little articles each week, technology, especially technology at SJA, has a weird

way of functioning ... or not functioning. You can't imagine how often I hear from vendors or repair techs: "It seems to work perfectly EVERYWHERE but at SJA." I look at it this way, our issues keep the techs on their toes and in business. But then there are times when the issue is a TOTAL "oops moment" on my part.

From the very weekend we had to shut everything down because of COVID in March 2020, we've been steadily expanding and improving live streaming technology. The many notes and cards we get from parishioners and non-parishioners, from the homebound or just those who like to watch our liturgies because they're all done so well, motivate me to keep improving what we have. We've added cameras and new mixers. We put up the two large screens in Church to display the songs and prayers. We've rewired parts of our network infrastructure to accommodate the extra bandwidth required for all the video. And we're about to switch over to a new video mixer that will allow us to utilize more cameras and, more importantly, to incorporate cameras in the Gathering Place and in Emmaus Hall into our live streaming system. I'm pretty excited about all this has to offer and am grateful to two families in particular who have been the primary funders of this project.

We are also blessed to have several volunteers who have courageously come forward to help work the cameras and the screens. When we don't have volunteers to accomplish all of this, when I forget to ask someone, or when I mess up the schedule (yes, that happens, too), I can control the audio system and the cameras from my black iPad. But I'm pretty limited with what I can do on the iPads. For example, I can't do all the fancy fade-ins and fade-outs like you can on the video mixer. I can only control one camera and have to rely on the camera to move to pre-set spots for a broadcast. But there is one major caveat. I can't see what's being broadcast from that iPad; I have to rely on a second device like my phone or another iPad. And then, what I see on those devices is often 30 seconds behind, so if

something is wrong, it will be 30 seconds before I can correct a shot.

Now, not too long ago, we had to remount the primary camera under the organ loft. Unfortunately, remounting the camera necessitated redoing all the pre-sets on the iPads. I thought I had them all fixed!

Now dear Maria, who embroiders all of our baptismal bibs with a child's name and baptism date, decided she would watch this one particular weeknight baptism that popped up on her Facebook feed. She was excited to watch the baptism because she doesn't often see these, nor does she often get to watch a family receive the baptismal bibs. With this particular baptism, it's also essential to know that I didn't have a camera operator, so I handled the live streaming directly from my iPad "down below."

When Maria saw me the following weekend, she wanted to know what was wrong with the baby at the baptism. I was confused. "What do you mean? There wasn't anything wrong with the baby," I said. "Well, everything was going fine until you did the baptism. When you went to pour the water over the child, the camera shot up into the sky, and you could only see the ceiling of the Church at this point. Then, when you were done with the baptism, the camera returned to normal, and I could see again. I assumed something was wrong with the baby and you didn't want to do any close-ups." I paused for a moment and tried to process what she said. Then it dawned on me that the pre-set I touched to do a close-up of the baptismal font probably wasn't changed, which would have caused the camera to focus on something completely random ... like the ceiling of the Church. Then I said, "No Maria, the baby was fine. Monsignor was not. It was his fault. AGAIN! It was another oops moment." I then told her my theory, and we both laughed. I can't wait to see the video.

**The Spiritual Consequences of Living a Hurried, Busy Life ... Part 7:** 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 sixth of the seven spiritual consequences mentioned in the article: "A hurried life increases

narrow-mindedness and legalism." The seventh spiritual consequence is: "A hurried life clouds your purpose and diminishes your passion."

In this portion of the article, Frank Powell continues, "Many college and young adults consider their life's purpose in this season because they're choosing a career. And, in a hurried culture, your life's purpose is determined by what you do. Your career. It's all about what you can see. What you can hold.

"But God's idea of purpose isn't about DOING. It's about BECOMING. So, the ultimate question when considering your purpose isn't, 'What do you DO?' Instead, the question is, 'Who are you BECOMING?'"

"God is concerned about who you're BECOMING, not what you're DOING.

"You can do good things for God. But if those good things don't flow from a relationship with God, discovering your purpose will feel a lot like looking for a two-legged unicorn.

"So, think about these questions. Are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control increasing in your heart? Are you a man or woman of integrity? Are you trustworthy? Do the people who know you most respect you the most?"

"A hurried life looks externally for answers to life's big questions. But a life at God's pace looks internally for these answers."

I think it's important to emphasize that a vast majority of people today identify themselves solely by what they DO. God is concerned about who you are becoming. He wants you to be a saint and He's interested in doing everything possible to help you accomplish this goal. Filling our days with endless activity without any introspection or reflection or deepening one's relationship with God will never give us the time to become the saint God wants us to be! There is a reason the Psalmist says, "BE STILL and KNOW that I am God (Psalm 46:11)." It's in that STILLNESS not the busyness that we learn to know about God.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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## THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 23 C

### Reading One – Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

The LORD is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed. The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint. The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay.

### Responsorial – Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

#### **R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

#### **R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth. When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them.

#### **R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. The LORD redeems the lives of his servants; no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him.

#### **R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

### Reading Two – 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on

that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed, and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be 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 salvation.

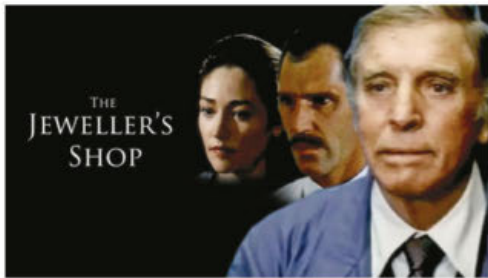
#### **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel – Lk 18:9-14

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -- greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 16, 2022



## The Jeweler's Shop by Pope John Paul II

Based on Pope John Paul II's best-selling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples. A mysterious Jeweler acts as a mystical advisor to the couples, encouraging them to keep love at the center of their lives. John Paul II called it "the best possible film based on my play."



## Luke and the Eucharist

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they dive into the joy of the Eucharist as found in the Gospel of St. Luke the Evangelist.



## Saint John Paul the Great by Jason Evert

Discover the five great loves of Pope Saint John Paul II as Jason Evert, renowned Catholic speaker and author, shares remarkable stories about this saint's life from those who knew him, including bishops, students he taught, and Swiss Guards who interacted with him daily.

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## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13 | 2 Tm 3:14—4:2 | Lk 18:1-8

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

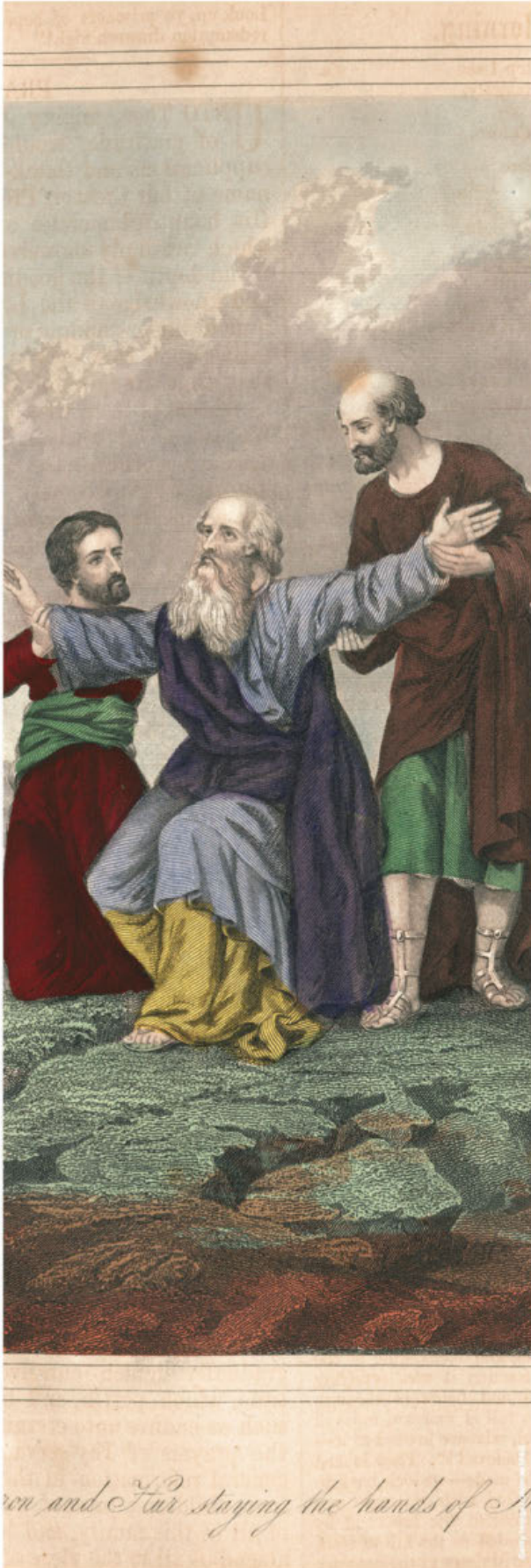
We're all familiar with the refrain to pray without ceasing. It starts with Moses, who keeps his hands raised with the staff of God while war waged against Israel. It carries over to the Apostles, and St. Paul gives Timothy the exhortation to "be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient." Jesus affirms in the parable of the persistent widow how important it is "to pray always without becoming weary." As Christians, we understand the importance of prayer, but to pray always and constantly? Especially in today's world filled with distractions, this seems like an impossible task. Even Moses grew weary! But persistence is the name of the game in prayer. When prayer becomes difficult and no longer flows, we, like Moses receiving support to keep his hands steady until the battle was won, can receive support from the Holy Spirit. We simply must push forward and ask for help because Christ assures us God will "secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night."

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Prayer does not only consist of mental or vocal pleas to God; rather, it includes praise and thanksgiving and petition, all of which can be offered through simply living. We can consecrate our daily actions and offer them up to God as a living prayer: dropping the kids off at school with a special blessing in Christ's name to conquer the day; biting our tongue and inviting the Holy Spirit into a situation when dealing with a difficult person; or sitting at the dinner table filled with thanksgiving for our food and family. Prayer then isn't something we simply *do*, it is something we *live*.

**PRAY** Choose an action that will serve as a trigger to encourage you to pray. Do you hear sirens as you're heading to work? Say a "Hail Mary" for those who may be in harm's way. Are you scrolling through social media and find a friend sharing their struggle? Offer a quick prayer for their need. Train yourself to pray - something as simple as, "Lord Jesus have mercy on (N.)" or "Lord look graciously upon their need" - and you'll find yourself praying without even thinking about it.



# 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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TOO CONFUSING  
TOO EXTREME

# If They Say... You Say...

## A Guide to Talking About the Reproductive Freedom for All Abortion Amendment

**They Say:** This amendment gives people the fundamental right to birth control without interference from the government.

**They Say:** This amendment ensures that women will not be prosecuted for having a miscarriage/abortion.

**They Say:** All individuals should have the right to access reproductive care.

**They Say:** Michigan citizens should have the constitutional right to abortion care and reproductive freedom.

**They Say:** "We believe that it is imperative to enshrine in our constitution that the right to comprehensive reproductive care, including the right to an abortion, remains in the hands of patients and their doctors." (From Michigan Voices Executive Director)

**They Say:** This amendment allows reasonable health regulations and standard of care.

**You Say:** There are no Michigan laws against birth control. There are no plans for future Michigan laws that would interfere with women having access to birth control.

**You Say:** There is no history of women being prosecuted in Michigan for either of those circumstances. The court case *In re Vickers* proves this point. In 1963, the Michigan Supreme Court heard *In re Vickers*, a case involving a woman who received an abortion and the doctor who performed the abortion. The court ruled that one who performs an abortion has committed a felony and the person receiving the abortion is not guilty and cannot be charged with aiding or abetting.

**You Say:** This amendment takes away the rights of the parents who have the responsibility to give consent in any other medical procedure. If abortion is healthcare and it's considered a medical procedure, what makes it different from all other medical procedures that parents are informed on?

**You Say:** All women have the right to reproductive care in the state of Michigan. Women have access to prenatal care, postpartum care, infertility care, and birth control. Pregnancy help centers provide care for women who are not able to see a doctor. Abortion is not reproductive care as it harms women mentally and physically, and it guarantees that out of the two patients involved, one will die.

**You Say:** With this amendment, non-physicians will be able to perform abortions, completely taking doctors out of the small picture they were already in. This new amendment will allow for doctors to not be involved whatsoever. Most abortions happening in the U.S. are done by the abortion pill, or a medical abortion. These pills can be bought online and shipped to your house without any consultation with a doctor to assess for ectopic pregnancies. Abortionists are also encouraged by abortion facilities to not connect with their patients as they are trying to fit as many women in the workday as possible. There have been countless stories of women going in for an abortion and reporting that the doctor didn't even make eye contact with them, ask them how they are feeling, or answer their questions when they had doubts.

**You Say:** The amendment specifically says any health regulation must "not infringe on that individual's autonomous decision-making." In other words, if someone wants to do anything related to abortion, sex, or anything related to pregnancy, they can do it. If a woman wants to have an untrained person provide them an abortion with rusty tools from a cheap abortion business, there's nothing health regulators could do about it—they couldn't even investigate it.

## Proposal Three Resources: If They Say ... You Say ...

**They Say:** This amendment allows for restricting late-term abortions unless there is a health concern.

**They Say:** This amendment stops the government from prosecuting women who experience miscarriages.

**They Say:** This amendment allows the state to restrict/regulate abortion after viability.

**They Say:** This amendment removes restrictions placed on abortion providers that are medically unnecessary and not based on best clinical medicine.

**They Say:** This amendment protects the rights of the LGBTQ community by allowing them to get the care that they need.

**You Say:** The amendment creates broad exceptions to any late-term abortion bans, specifically mental health. Any person could claim not having a late-term abortion would impact their mental health, so no abortion would ever be restricted. In addition, there is no definition for what health means.

**You Say:** Millions of Michigan women had miscarriages when abortion was illegal in the state before *Roe v. Wade*, and they were not investigated for having miscarriages. This amendment is written so poorly that it would forbid even investigating infanticides or situations where babies were left to die following botched abortions.

**You Say:** This amendment changes the definition of fetal viability to no longer mean when the baby can survive outside the womb. The language within the amendment states that viability is when a baby can survive outside of the womb without “extraordinary medical measures.” This means that an infant in the NICU who is only there for a few days could be considered not viable, allowing infanticide at the discretion of the mother and doctor.

**You Say:** Abortion is currently the only “healthcare” procedure that has constitutional protection. People do not have a constitutional right to get knee surgery. Abortion facilities receive one or more additional waivers to safety regulations and were exempt from regulations for years until 2012 when policies changed. The state puts safety regulations and restrictions on all medical facilities and most medical procedures. Physicians are required by the doctrine of informed consent to tell their patients all information relating to the procedure or diagnosis to ensure that the patient can make an informed decision. Michigan requires that abortionists provide written material that lists alternatives to abortion because they relate to pregnancy.

**You Say:** This radical abortion, anti-Michigan amendment harms children along with their parents by allowing unregulated clinics and schools to handout steroids and hormones to minors without consent from parents. These hormone treatments have permanent consequences that the parents should know about—including sterilization. This amendment eliminates parent’s fundamental rights to care for the safety and wellbeing of their children.



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## Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### **Monday, October 17th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Tuesday, October 18th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Wednesday, October 19th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Thursday, October 20th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

#### **Friday, October 21st**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Saturday, October 22nd**

10:00AM Funeral Mass for Francesco Mancuso

11:00AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Patrick Agie Psenski

1:30 PM Baptism of Emilia Grace Neveux

All Masses - Boy Scout Popcorn Sale

4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass -Live Streamed

#### **Sunday, October 23rd**

All Masses - Boy Scout Popcorn Sale

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00AM Sunday Mass- Live Streamed

12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

### Words on the Word

#### ***October 16, 2022 – Standing Strong***

Only a few weeks are left until Election Day, and the campaigns and initiative battles are reaching a feverish intensity.

Of particular interest in Michigan to almost everyone is Proposal 3, the ballot initiative that would significantly expand abortion rights. The information campaigns and get-out-the-vote efforts on both sides have been considerable. For the most part, one might argue, they have proceeded the way such debates, contentious as they are, should proceed in a democracy.

That being said, of course, there have also been angry clashes in the public square and, as always, on social media, where so many important issues these days are “debated.”

The vitriol is considerable, the accusations of intolerance and disrespect are at an increasingly combative pitch.

People of goodwill who attempt to testify to the truth, even though they hopefully make every attempt to do so lovingly, still are frequently finding themselves in the crosshairs of anger, finger-pointing, animosity, and bullying.

All of it, of course, is exacerbated by politicians and, all too often, by the mainstream media. The answer to this, as always, can be found in God’s word.

“I charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word,” we hear in today’s second reading from St. Paul’s second letter to Timothy. “Be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.”

What gives us the strength to do this, one might ask, especially if the conversations are difficult and adversarial? Simply look to God.

“I lift my eyes toward the mountains; when shall help come to me?” we pray in today’s Psalm response. “My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

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## Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

**Monday October 17, 2022 Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr (Red)**

7:00 a.m. Mary Ann Mecha

**Tuesday October 18, 2022 Saint Luke, Evangelist (Red)**

7:00 a.m. Ron Infantino

**Wednesday October 19, 2022 Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Joques, Priests, Companions and Martyrs (Red)**

7:00 a.m. Barbara Gaines and Casey Zaranek

**Thursday October 20, 2022 Weekday, Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest (Green/White)**

7:00 a.m. Michael Gray

**Friday October 21, 2022 Weekday (Green)**

7:00 a.m. Mary & Virgil Medley, Crescenzo Fazi

**Saturday, October 22, 2022 Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Saint John Paul II, Pope BVM (Green/White/White).**

4:00 p.m. Gerald Ellar, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Siegel, Patrick Urso, Courtney Jurek, Bonnie Batche, Melvin Dries, Donald Strobbe, Phil D'Agostino, the deceased members of the Gore Family, Frank Nagy, Gary Foley, Wayne Morgan, Mary Stolarski, Alfred Blind, and Special Intentions for the Thomas Family, for the J. Champine Family, and for Richard Bosler

6:00 p.m. The Intentions of the Presbyterate and Deaconate of the Archdiocese of Detroit

**Sunday October 23, 2022 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)**

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

10:00 a.m. A Special Intention for the Family of Joyce Daenzer

12:00 p.m. Sr. Jane Maison, CSJ, Ron and Joanne Ryber and a Special Intention for Dolores Acosta

### Daily Readings

**Monday, October 17**

Ephesians 2:1-10  
Luke 12:13-21

**Friday, October 21**

Ephesians 4:1-6  
Luke 12:54-59

**Tuesday, October 18**

2 Timothy 4:10-17b  
Luke 10:1-9

**Saturday, October 22**

Ephesians 4:7-16  
Luke 13:1-9

**Wednesday, October 19**

Ephesians 3:2-12  
Luke 11:23-28

**Sunday, October 23**

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

**Thursday, October 20**

Ephesians 3:14-21  
Luke 12:49-53



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*Minnie Louise Haskins*



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# OCIA

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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

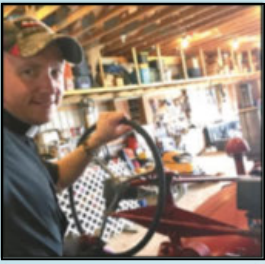
### **How long does it take?**

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



**Sent-out:** On Tuesday the Church will celebrate the Feast day of St. Luke. We are in Year C of the Sunday cycle of

readings, so we have been hearing from St. Luke since the Church year began with the season of Advent. St. Luke, along with his fellow gospel writers, carries the title of “Evangelist”. His name means “giving light.” His gospel is rich in Luke’s ability to tell the story of Christ. It was Luke, a Greek gentile who experienced a personal conversion; Luke who recorded Jesus’ words of the cross of true discipleship (Lk 14); Luke who speaks of the mercy of the Father toward those who repent of sin (The Prodigal Son – Lk 15); Luke whose gospel reminds us of the importance of faith over worldly possessions (The Rich Man and Lazarus – Lk 16); Luke whose gospel focuses so much on the mission of Jesus to bring salvation to “outsiders” (today’s gospel - the thankfulness of the Samaritan leper – Lk 17); Luke who recorded the Acts of the Apostles; Luke who committed his life to the point of martyrdom for the Kingdom of God, because nothing else mattered more.

The gospel on St. Luke’s feast day reads: The Lord Jesus appointed seventy-two disciples whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.”

We are called to this task together, priests and laity – to discern the direction the Holy Spirit is sending our Church, our parish, our school. *“The unleashing of the Gospel is not something we do individually but a common task, a work of the whole mystical body of Christ to which we belong. If we are living as a band of joyful missionary disciples, our communal life is itself a radiant witness to the power of the Gospel.”* (Unleash the Gospel, pg. 41).

Families are at the very heart of this movement to unleash the gospel, because it’s the first place we’re called to evangelize and live as disciples. How can you help as the Church and our parish moves forward in the coming months and years? Begin at home. Make sure you are spending time every day to pray together.

Look after each other’s soul and your own salvation – get to confession and allow God’s mercy to drench you. Make sure Sunday Mass is an unquestionable priority, the anchor of your week that everything else is fixed to. It is the light by which everything else in your week is made visible.

**Showing-up:** I was talking with someone recently who recognized me from the livestream. Realizing who I was prompted her to say, “Yeah, I need to get my butt back to Mass, but I like watching from my couch.” It’s very disappointing to hear that kind of admission because it shows how this person, who is no doubt not alone, has not understood why we come to Mass.

There is a legitimate place for taking advantage of livestream Masses. It is a wonderful tool for those who are prevented by age or health from participating in the communal celebration of the Mass. Throughout Covid and even still, it has allowed many of the homebound to stay connected to their home parish and that is a great blessing. But when the only reason is “I like watching from my couch” that strays into the category of serious sin when Sunday Mass attendance is being replaced digitally. It is choosing comfort over effort. It is choosing self over the community. It is putting yourself before God, which could always be a definition of sin.

Livestreamed Mass is not an “alternative option” to fulfil your Sunday Mass obligation. It’s meant for when it is your ONLY reasonable way to participate, for a serious reason. *(Daily mass is not an obligation, so livestream is an option).*

We have parishioners who watch mass daily online. Some attend family parties, some come to have their pets blessed, others I run into at Kroger or the hardware store. But in my two years at St. Joan, there are some parishioners I have never met because they’re not coming to pray with us. It’s the job of the community to reach-out and invite them back if they could, and should, be here. And more than invite, to let them know that we *need* them to come and pray with us. And it’s the job of all of us to care about the souls of our brothers and sisters enough to make that invitation.

If you struggle to make it to Mass every weekend, perhaps it’s time to take your calendar to prayer and ask God to review it with you, and then avail yourself of His mercy in the Sacrament of Confession for any times you missed. This community

misses you. This community needs you.


Mass is a communal action. We do this together and without each other the Body of Christ is weaker. I have no doubt that every week there are people in our pews who this week lost a loved one and it was a struggle to show up this Sunday. We show up to pray with and for you. I have no doubt that there are people in the pews struggling with anxiety or depression and even getting out of bed was difficult—but you did. We are here to pray with and for you. I have no doubt that there are people in the pews today who are in a marriage that has run aground and in danger of breaking-up in the storm. We come to pray with and for you. It doesn’t matter whether or not we know the details of what you’re struggling with. Everyone one comes to mass with something on their heart, something going on in their lives, something they are asking God’s help with, something they want to thank Him for. You know the details, God knows the details and we show-up and join our prayer to yours.

Never underestimate what it means to each person at Mass that there are other people praying for them. That’s why “I don’t get anything out of coming to mass,” is such an irrelevant reason for someone not coming to Mass. As we say together at the beginning of Mass, “...I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.” Then we make a communal offering of our prayers and the gifts God has given and place them on the altar as a sacrifice to Him, that He will turn them into something holy and offer them back to us imbued with His grace. Then we are sent out into the community to take the grace and the presence of God to others, to be His presence in the world. But when I didn’t receive Him in the Eucharist, I didn’t receive that grace to take to anyone, and the community is weaker because of that.

We receive the prayers and support of others and we have a duty to do the same *for* each other. When we want to support someone we care about, we show-up. We show-up to a birthday party, we show-up to their wedding, we show-up to the soccer game, we show-up to the hospital, we show-up at the funeral home..... We show-up to Mass. At this time in our world, we NEED each other.

You are in my prayers this week.

Fr. Andrew                      adawson@sjascs.org



*Spend an hour  
with me.*

# HOLY HOUR SONGS & PRAYERS

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## Prayers Needed

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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-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

October 16, 2022

## Prayer: A Powerful Battle

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Water cuts through rock, not because of its power, but because of its persistence. As believing Christians, persistence is one of the key virtues to our life of prayer. We will penetrate the solid rock of our faith, which is Christ, only through regular and relentless prayer. Saint Luke makes this clear when he reveals Jesus' intention in telling this parable "about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary" (Luke 18:1). Jesus wants us to keep at it in prayer. The *Catechism of the*

*Catholic Church* has an entire section devoted to prayer with the intriguing title "The Battle of Prayer." After 2,000 years of experience, the Church sums up the theme of prayer as a battle! Moses might have said the same thing, for his perseverance in prayer was reflected in the battle with Amalek.

The truth is, God doesn't entrust the treasures of his friendship to just anyone who says to him, "Lord, Lord." He knows the fickleness of the human heart but also knows that fidelity over time is the evidence of sincere love. He longs for the hearts of his children to seek him, but he also knows that for them to reach full maturity in him, growth in prayer must be steady. God is not at all like the unscrupulous judge of the Gospel. That is exactly Jesus' point. If God is literally dying to reconcile with us, then so much more will he respond to us if we are persistent in praying to him. +

*As believing Christians, persistence is one of the key virtues to our life of prayer.*

## Sunday Readings

### Exodus 17:8–13

Moses' hands, however, grew tired; so....Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other.

### 2 Timothy 3:14–4:2

Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it.

### Luke 18:1–8

[Jesus] told them a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary.

## A Word from Pope Francis

Do not forget the prayer that asks "why?". It is the prayer of children when they begin not to understand things,... because the child asks his father, "Daddy, why? Daddy, why? Daddy, why?" But let us be careful: the child does not listen to his father's answer. The father starts to reply, but the child interrupts with another "why?"

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,  
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## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Am I as persistent in prayer as I am in pursuing other life goals?
- What would help my prayer life?

# Pray Always

By Paige Byrne Shortal

**P**ray always. That's the message of today's Gospel and the first reading from the Book of Exodus. When you think about it, it's kind of an amazing teaching. Prayer is where our little and limited selves meet the all-knowing, the all-powerful, the anything-but-little-and-limited Creator of all things, the Force behind all that is.

I would think the message would be more like, "What do you know? Hush up and let God be in charge!" But that's not what the Scriptures say. We are to pray *persistently*. Moses is to stand with his arms raised in prayer and if he falters, the Israelites begin to lose the battle. The community, in the form of Moses' brother, Aaron, and their friend, Hur, help Moses persist by holding his hands aloft. In the Gospel, Jesus says we should pray like the woman who won't stop nagging until she gets what she wants. (My children claim she is my patron saint.)

But how realistic is "pray always"? Consider that most of us have an inner prayer going on all the time, but too often it's more like an inner whine: "I want this. I want that. Give me. Help me. Please, please, please."

What would happen if we consciously directed our inner whine to God and called it prayer? We might become aware of all the prayers



directed to God from people all over the world who are sick or suffering or in danger, who are afraid of dying, who simply love their children and want what's best for them. Then we might realize that we are not alone. We might learn to attend to today's task and not borrow trouble for tomorrow. We might trust that for every loss, there is a gain; for every death, a resurrection. We might come to know how often our desire for something else is preventing us from noticing and relishing the good presented to us each and every moment.

Directing that inner whine to God

may help us identify our deepest desires. It is in these desires that we come to know our true self. And we may come to know the good God in whose image that true self—and the true self of every human being—was created. If, like Moses, we get tired, then we can lean on the community, as he leaned on Aaron and Hur. We can rely on our community of faith to stand beside us and lift us up in prayer.

Let us pray! +

*What would happen  
if we consciously directed  
our inner whine to God  
and called it prayer?*

**PRAYER**

*Faithful God, forgive us  
our lack of constancy and  
inspire us in our prayer  
that we may come to know  
and love you and your people.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

October 17–22

**Monday**, St. Ignatius of Antioch:  
Eph 2:1–10 / Lk 12:13–21

**Tuesday**, St. Luke:  
2 Tm 4:10–17b / Lk 10:1–9

**Wednesday**, Sts. John de Brébeuf  
and Isaac Jogues and Companions:  
Eph 3:2–12 / Lk 12:39–48

**Thursday**, Weekday:  
Eph 3:14–21 / Lk 12:49–53

**Friday**, Weekday:  
Eph 4:1–6 / Lk 12:54–59

**Saturday**, Weekday:  
Eph 4:7–16 / Lk 13:1–9

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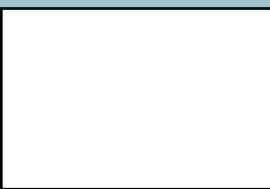
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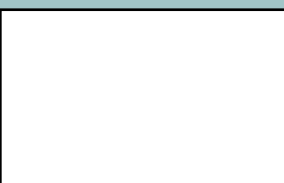
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