

# 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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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,  
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the  
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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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





## Memory.

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**Memory.** Okay, I admit it: I don't remember a ton of stuff from the first two decades of my life. There might be a few things I

remember, but by and far, my memory recall from my early days is pretty bad. And, oh boy, do I hear about it often. When my dad was alive and he would hear me get chewed out for not remembering things, he would laugh and say, "At least it's not me this time!"

My mom will occasionally ask, "What DO YOU remember." Hmm, well here are a few moments. When my sister Jackie and I were little ones, we lived in an upper flat of a house on Seymour Street (6 Mile and Gratiot area) owned by Mina and Foster Need (okay, I just had to call my mom to get those details). We just called them Auntie and Uncle Need. They were the most delightful couple, and we would visit them often as we grew up and moved around until the time they went home to eternal life. What I remember most about this house is that Jackie and I would "talk" to each other through the air vents in the house. The air vents in this house seemed, at the time, to be as big as us. They had to be eight inches or so square. They were huge compared to today's standards. I would go downstairs to Auntie and Uncle's living room and then talk to Jackie, who was upstairs.

I remember the time I told my mom and dad I wanted to "run away." I was five years old at the time (I just had to call my mom again for that detail). My mom packed my bags. She put a coat on me and led me to the door. She opened the door, walked with me to the end of the porch, let go of my hand, turned around, went back inside, and shut the door behind her. I remember thinking, "I can't believe mom just did that to me." I remember being baffled; I stood there frozen in my little steps and started to cry. Little did I know that my mom had ushered me to the BACKYARD and the gates were all locked; I wasn't going anywhere. We still laugh about that story to this day.

THEN, there was the infamous incident in Traverse City. I was 11 years old (I just had to call my mom for the THIRD time to ask her the details; she answered the phone by saying, "Are you having memory issues AGAIN?"). We were on a family vacation

and we were staying at one of the biggest hotels in Traverse City. My parents had decided to watch some show in the hotel's theater downstairs. That left me to babysit my three sisters. Well, some babysitter I was. My sister Jackie, who was maybe 9 ½ at the time, started telling spooky stories to the group soon after our parents left the room. I remember sitting on the floor of the hotel room in a circle with only one light on. Jackie kept "entertaining" us with one spooky story after another. I got so scared listening to the stories that I eventually picked up the hotel phone, dialed "0," and asked the hotel operator to find our parents in the theater downstairs. My mom and dad recalled with great fondness how there was an usher going up and down the aisles looking for Mr. and Mrs. Bugarin. Imagine the surprise when they got back to the room and found out that their 9 ½ year old scared the 11 year old who then had nightmares that night.

Well, my mom and I were coming back from dinner last Saturday night and passed Harbor Lanes Bowling Center on Jefferson. Out of the blue, my mom asked me, "Do you remember when Aunt Pauline and I would take you, Jackie, and Donna and Tommy (our cousins) bowling on Saturday mornings?" "NOPE," was my response. "You're kidding. You don't remember that." "NOPE!" "You always looked forward to those Saturday morning outings." "I don't recall at all." "We would go to a bowling alley in Hazel Park which was sort of halfway between both houses." "Sorry, I don't have a shred of memory of those outings." There was a moment of silence and then my mom said to me, "There must be a shot to help your issue!" Needless to say, we laughed.

I then took the opportunity to bring up these bowling events on one of our family Zoom calls. Thankfully, Jackie didn't remember anything about them either. As we were bantering back and forth about my memory and lack of recall from the past, I brought up how Mom said there had to be some shot to help me. One of the girls immediately piped up, "Yes, there's medication for stuff like that, it's called Prevacid." Why do I get the feeling I'll be getting some of this stuff for my birthday or for Christmas? Seriously, how can anyone remember all these minuscule details from 40 or 50 years ago? I'm lucky if I remember what I had for breakfast!

**Halfway through Lent:** Believe it or not, folks, but we've passed the halfway point of our Lenten Journey. If the realization that Lent is practically half over

hasn't jolted you, the thought that we've already started Daylight Savings Time should bring it home too.

As we mark this halfway point on our Lenten journey, we need to ask ourselves the question: How are we doing with our Lenten retreat? What about all of those Lenten resolutions? I am sure many of you have faithfully fulfilled those resolutions. Others may be in my camp where you have fallen a little (or a lot). No matter what side you're on, this is the time to start anew if needed.

A simple resolution could be to spend more time in prayer. Prayer is such an essential aspect of the Christian's life. Yet, the busy lives so many of us lead can often pull us away from the good intentions to be people of prayer. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us that "Prayer in the events of each day and each moment is one of the secrets of the kingdom.... It is right and good to pray so that the coming of the kingdom of justice and peace may influence the march of history, but it is just as important to bring the help of prayer into humble, everyday situations; all forms of prayer can be the leaven to which the Lord compares the kingdom (CCC, 2659-2660)."

We need to follow the example of the Lord, who often went off to a deserted place to pray not only before significant decisions in his earthly life but also in the midst of his busy day. If you have 15 minutes, then give those 15 minutes to prayer. If you only have 5 minutes, then give those 5 minutes to prayer. If you have an hour, then, by all means, spend that time in prayer. Your day will be greatly blessed because of your commitment to prayer. Don't let the activities of the day become an excuse for not spending SOME time ... even 10 minutes ... with the Lord!

Your prayer could be silent and just sitting in the presence of the Lord. Your prayer could be time spent reflecting on the readings of the day. Your prayer could be listening to sacred music. Your prayer could be listening to something on Hallow or Formed. Prayer ultimately can take on many forms. It doesn't have to be the same form each time you pray either. It's just important that you pray!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

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# WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

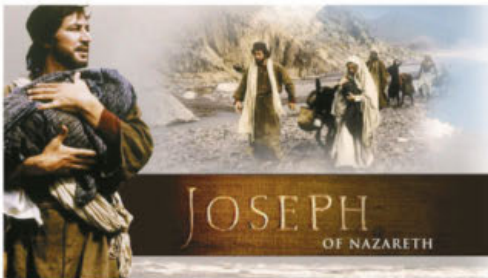
Reconciliation  
from 5–5:50 pm  
Mass at 6 pm

Reconciliation rooms are  
in the Sr. Carol Center.



# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of March 19, 2023



## Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



## The Annunciation Sacred Art

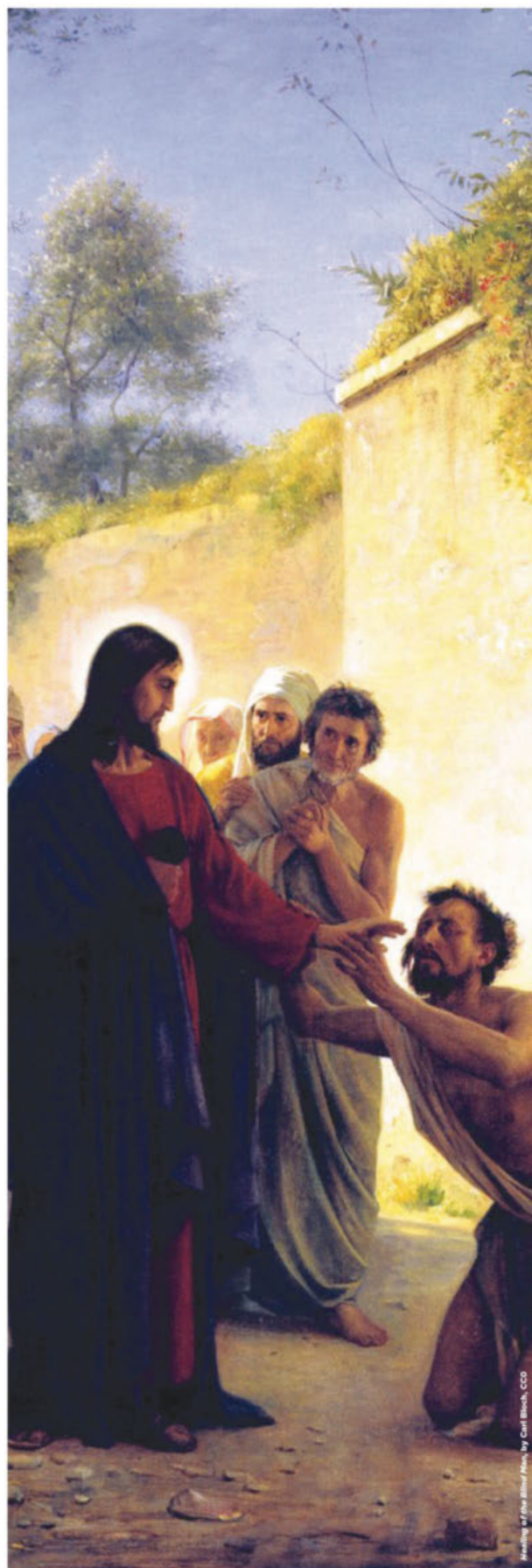
Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.



## St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father

While the Gospel has not preserved any of his words, his actions have resounded through the ages. St. Joseph stands out as the model par excellence of Christian virtue. Encounter St. Joseph in a new way with St. Joseph: Our Spiritual Father.

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March 19, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | Eph 5:8-14 | Jn 9:1-41

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

Five days, five minutes of sunshine: That's how the city where I live greeted 2023. As the month wore on, the gloom seemed unrelenting with only momentary breaks in the clouds. When the sun did return, people posted photos on social media with a combination of joy and relief. That experience hints at the effect Jesus had on St. Paul and the early Christians. As he writes, "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord." Today, just as then, Jesus brings light and healing to the darkness within us and within our world. Unlike the elusive sun, we can see the light of Jesus every day – in the people we love, the kindness of strangers, moments of prayer, unexpected joys. In turn, St. Paul encourages us to "live as children of light" by being the face of Jesus to others.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Even in the midst of Lent as a penitential season, the Sunday readings offer us much hope. Consider today's familiar story of Jesus healing the blind man. He doesn't just tell the man to open his eyes. Instead, Jesus smears clay on the man's eyes and has him wash in the Pool of Siloam; only then does the blind man see. He was transformed through Christ. Through our baptism we, too, have been transformed and "enlightened," becoming sons and daughters of light (CCC 1216). As we continue to observe Lent, perhaps we're working on areas in our life where we have been spiritually blind – or at least not seeing 20/20. Through our baptism and the sacraments, we can be healed and transformed by Jesus, the "light of the world." In turn we can share that light with others, as we continue to grow in the virtues of "goodness and righteousness and truth" of which St. Paul speaks.

**PRAY** Psalm 23 is a favorite of many and for good reason. Read or listen to it this week as encouragement on your Lenten journey:

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.*



## Readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent



### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 26 A

#### Reading One – Ez 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

#### Responsorial – Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

#### Reading Two – Rom 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will

give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

#### Verse Before the Gospel – Jn 11:25a, 26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

#### Gospel – Jn 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this, he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if



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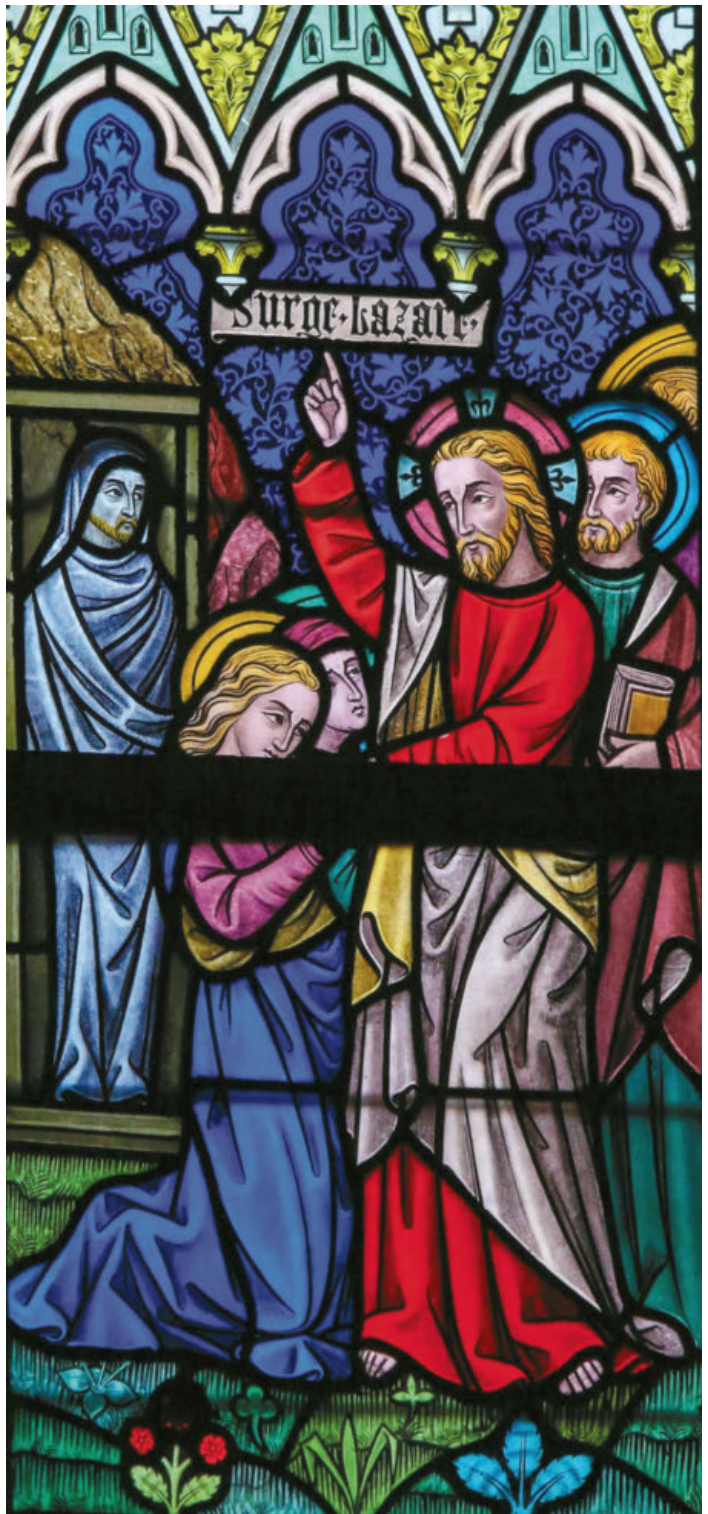
you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

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Stained Glass window (1886) in St Gummarus Church in Lier, Belgium, depicting the Raising of Lazarus.





MUSICAL CONCERT

# BORN FOR THIS

## ST. JOAN OF ARC

SATURDAY, MARCH 25  
6:30 PM (Doors open at 6)

- In the Davidson Center
- Refreshments will be served
- This is a free event
- Reservations are encouraged (but not required)



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**♠ JOIN US FOR**  
**MONTHLY CARDS**

Meeting on  
the first  
Tuesday of  
each  
month!



Coffee, Cookies,  
and Comradre!

**APRIL 4TH AT 11:30AM IN THE  
ST. PEREGRINE ROOM AT THE  
PARISH CENTER**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



# 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!**

## 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.*





## Weekly Calendar of Events

### **Monday, March 20th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed  
1:00 PM Reconciliation  
6:00 PM Confirmation Prep

### **Tuesday, March 21st**

7:00 AM Morning Mass Live Streamed  
6:00 PM Rescue Project - EH/Livestreamed

### **Wednesday, March 22nd**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed  
4:30 PM Baptism of Nico Fuga  
5:00 PM Reconciliation  
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

### **Thursday, March 23rd**

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

### **Friday, March 24th**

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed  
7:00 PM F.F. Living Stations of the Cross -  
Live Streamed

### **Saturday, March 25th**

10:00 AM Funeral for Cecelia Sellers  
11:00 AM Reconciliation  
12:30 PM Baptism of Vivienne M. Schumaker

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

### **Sunday, February 19th**

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

### ***March 19, 2023 – Light in the Darkness***

Several weeks have passed, but the emotions surrounding the horrible shooting tragedy at Michigan State University are, as one might expect, still quite raw. Over the course of just a few hours, we witnessed, to be sure, just how difficult, and just how dark, the path can be for us on this side of heaven.

The events of that evening are quite well known, not only to members of the MSU community, and to their families and neighbors, but to all of us, throughout the state and well beyond. Grief still abounds.

And yet, there is good news amongst all the pain, as well.

Countless acts of support were – and continue to be – demonstrated. Acts by the university itself. Acts by the churches and communities impacted. And acts by others, as well.

Consider the well-documented support shown by the University of Michigan later that same week when the schools' basketball teams took to the floor for their biannual regular season contest. The game, which took place in Ann Arbor, became an opportunity for the U-M community to show its support. There was a large banner recognizing the courage and spirit of the Spartan community, special supportive warmup shirts, a musical salute to MSU by Michigan's pep band and, perhaps most moving of all, special Spartan green lighting in the arena prior to the game.

How fitting that it should be light that played such an important role in the process of reaching out to the suffering.

"Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness but now you are light in the Lord," St. Paul writes in today's second reading to the Ephesians. "Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord."

Love and empathy, both on and off the court. A slam dunk of support.

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## Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 20, 2023 Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)</b>
7:00 a.m.	The deceased members of the Calisi Family who died in the month of March and a Special Intention for Noreen Bidigare
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 21, 2023 Lenten Weekday (Purple)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Mary & Frank Fleming
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 22, 2023 Lenten Weekday (Purple)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Leona Mecha
6:00 p.m.	A Special Intention for Ilona Higgins on her 97th Birthday
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 23, 2023 Lenten Weekday, Saint Turibius of Magrovejo, Bishop (Purple)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Al Rogier
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 24, 2023 Lenten Weekday (Purple)</b>
7:00 a.m.	Loraine Wolanski
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 25, 2023 The Annunciation of the Lord (White)</b>
4:00 p.m.	Bonnie Batche, Teresa Marzolina, the deceased members of the Huvaere & Kerby Families, Helen Blind, Art & Rose Keyes, and a Special Intention for the J. Champine Family, for the Thomas Family, and for the Muer & Thurber Families
6:00 p.m.	Ed Marroso, and a Special Intention for Autumn Delzeit
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 26, 2023 The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Purple)</b>
8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Sylvia Thomas
12:00 p.m.	Joseph Paluzzi Jr., Geraldine Rogier, Jose Silva, Pedro Silva and a Special Intention for Donald Ketelhut

### Daily Readings

#### Monday, March 20

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Roman 4:13, 16-18, 22

#### Tuesday, March 21

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12  
John 5:1-16

#### Wednesday, March 22

Isaiah 49:8-15  
John 5:17-30

#### Thursday, March 23

Exodus 32:7-14  
John 5:31-47

#### Friday, March 24

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22  
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

#### Saturday, March 25

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10  
Hebrews 10:4-10  
Luke 1:26-38

#### Sunday, March 26

Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45



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*Minnie Louise Haskins*



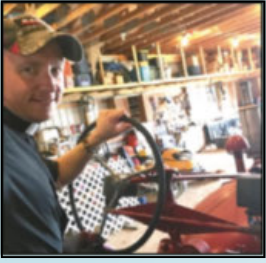
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## Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



**Pasta Disaster:** It's no secret around the office that I'm no cook. I guess it goes without saying—I'm British. But

every now and then, when the whim strikes, I think about cooking something. Yorkshire Puddings a while ago. "Toad in the Hole" a Yorkshire staple that you can google if you feel so inclined.

Dina is kind enough to make lunch every day in the Parish Center, but last Friday she was not working, and since it was snowing steadily, others had already gone home by lunch-time and there were just a couple of us there. Since it was a Friday in Lent, I went to the kitchen to look for the meat-free options and pickings were slim. Since the office was closed, I was making some headway on some work that had been sitting on my desk awaiting my attention, and awaiting a block of solid time. So I didn't want to lose this opportunity and decided lunch should be a grab n' go affair. That was kind of lining-up well with the limited options, anyway, so I resorted to an old favorite standby.... The banana dog!



It's a thing of beauty, isn't it? A strawberry jelly and banana wrap. Just wait, you'll be seeing these at the Tigers games before you know it.

But I digress, this wasn't really a cooking whim. But last week, for some reason, I decided lasagna sounded good. But it had to be dairy-free, so there's no cheese in my lasagna.

Cheese usually seems pretty much an

essential ingredient to lasagna, I will admit, so usually I never eat lasagna. But my mom used to make it for me without cheese. I guess the smart solution would have been to ask her how, but I'm inventive, I thought I could figure this out. Anyway, the whim hit when I was already at the grocery store, so I had to think fast. Minced meat, check. Something not cheese to bind it together....hmmm... I know! Pasta sauce! Check. Chopped tomatoes? Check. Oooh... I could sauté some onions! Chopped onions. Check. Okay, might need some lasagna sheets. Found them. And then my mistake....

I am my father's son. Ever-frugal, a steward of the dollar. I had the box of pasta in my hand. It said "oven-ready" on it. That sounded good.... And I confirmed it *was* good after I googled what oven ready meant! And then I saw the store brand next to it, cheaper of course. So I picked that up, again with oven-ready emblazoned across the box. Excellent, save a dollar.... How different can two pastas be?! And then I caught sight of the store economy brand.... Even better! How different can three pastas be?

So I got home and decided to wait a few days before creating my lasagna-to-end-all-lasagnas. Tomorrow was Friday and I had other things in the fridge to finish first anyway.

A few days later, I cooked my 2lbs of minced turkey (that might not have been the best choice, but I like that it's healthier than some). I stirred in the chopped tomatoes and the sautéed onions. I added them, with some Italian seasoning and herbs. I then randomly decided an egg would help bind it all together too, so mixed that in. Then I added the pasta sauce.

I poured some of the meat into the foil tray and layered it with the pasta sheets. Then another layer of meat, which surprisingly was now all gone. So I guess this was going to be a two-layer lasagna only. I put the second layer of lasagna on top and figured I would pour a few drips of the remaining egg on top.... to brown it???..... I don't know.... I didn't claim to know what I was doing.

So there it was. And having turned to

Google again to figure-out how to cook and how long, I covered it with foil and put it in the oven. I left and came back to look at it and remove the foil after about 30 minutes and returned it to the oven. I started to clean-up, and it was then that my error revealed itself. Nowhere on the third box of pasta, the economy box, the one I actually chose.... after rejecting two perfectly good boxes of pasta that I had held in my hand before that.... nowhere was the word "oven-ready." I wasn't sure of the exact implications of this.... other than it WASN'T READY!! Google then informed me that I was supposed to have cooked the pasta before putting it into the oven. So I peered through the window and sure enough, it looked like no lasagna I had seen before. The pasta sheets were not happily absorbing lasagna juiciness. No, they were looked like warped floorboards, arching high above the rest of this creation, dried and curled. Crunchy, in fact, I would later discover.



I stuck a fork in and it seemed like the lower layer was mostly soft, so I hit upon a quick solution: throw away the top layer and boil-up some more and layer that on top!

It was the perfect solution, other than negating the dollar savings on the next-best pasta box. So there it was, my first lasagna. Not only cheese-free, dairy-free, but also pretty taste-free. I obviously made it a good British lasagna, but not a good Italian lasagna.

After dinner that night, I put the rest in the fridge, and by the next morning, the top layer was curling and drying out. What did I learn from this experience? I'm not Italian. I'm not a cook. I'm not going to do that again and I'm not saving a dollar. But I *am* the creator of the wonderful strawberry banana dog!

You are in my prayers this week

Fr. Andrew      adawson@sjascs.org



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# Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)  
March 19, 2023

## I See

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

**D**o we? Do we really see? Do we understand? There is so much that is simply misunderstood or unnoticed. Little about life is uncomplicated, and even that which is uncomplicated so often slips right by us. This is true about a life lived alone or with others. It is also true about our life with God.

The first reading is an example of this. God will choose one of the sons of Jesse to be king. Will it be the eldest, the rightful heir? If not him, perhaps it will be the brightest one or the most pious. All of these highly valued characteristics would certainly be necessary for one

to be an effective king. However, Jesse and his sons did not see in the same way as God. Their youngest brother, the one tending the sheep, would be God's choice. He was the one God wanted, and so David was anointed in the presence of his family.

The Gospel tells another story about seeing. In it, Jesus restores a man's sight. What began as a story about physical blindness and sight then becomes a lesson about seeing and understanding the mystery of God's power as opposed to refusing to see and understand it. No one in the story could claim that the man had not really been blind. Then why did they refuse to acknowledge that God's power had done something marvelous in their presence? But they did refuse. We can, indeed, choose to be blind. †

## Sunday Readings

**1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

God does not see as a mortal,  
who sees the appearance.  
The LORD looks into the heart.

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

Take no part in the fruitless works  
of darkness; rather expose them.

**John 9:1-41 or**

**John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38**

Jesus said, "I came into this world  
for judgment, so that those who  
do not see might see, and those  
who do see might become blind."



*There is so much that  
is simply misunderstood  
or unnoticed.*

## A Word from Pope Francis

The first Christians...used to say that the community of Christians, that is the Church, is the "mystery of the moon," because it gave light but it was not its own light, it was the light it received from Christ. We too can be "mystery of the moon:" giving light received from the sun, which is Christ, the Lord.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 22, 2020



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS  
REFLECTION

- Do I blame others for their ill-health or misfortune?
- Does bias or prejudice make me blind to the gifts of others?



## Uncontrollable Joy!

By Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Mark Twain is thought to have once quipped: “A German joke is no laughing matter,” which speaks to the untrue notion that Germans aren’t funny.

While our faith is meant to be a serious endeavor, it’s not defined as “no laughing matter.” On the contrary: joyfulness is not a hindrance to holiness, it’s an expression of it! *Laetare* means “to rejoice.” A spirituality that radiates the joy of Easter is every bit as authentic as one that reflects the severity of Lent, and all the more inviting, too! A Redemptorist classmate of mine liked to say, “None of us are baptized in pickle juice.”

According to Karl Rahner, the German Jesuit theologian, “Only the person who has a gift for affection can have a true sense of humor. A good laugh is a sign of love; it may be said to give us a glimpse of, or a first lesson in, the love that God bears for every one of us.” Another theologian, Karl Barth, stated simply: “Laughter is the closest thing to the grace of God.”

Imagine what it’s like to see for the first time after being blind from birth. How could the blind man in John’s Gospel refrain from laughing at the awesome blessing he received when Christ restored his sight? How could his eyes not weep tears of unspeakable joy at his good fortune?

An ancient Greek Orthodox tradition sets aside Easter Monday for jokes and laughter to celebrate Christ’s triumph over death. It may be rooted in St. John Chrysostom’s vivid image of the risen Christ laughing at the devil, who is at his wit’s end. They rejoice! †

*These reflections were excerpted from Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter by Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM, available from Liguori Publications. To learn more and review our complete list of Daybreaks authors, including Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI; Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR; Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA; and others, visit [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org).*



## Abundant Laughter

By Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

In *Between Heaven and Mirth* (HarperOne, 2012), Jesuit Fr. James Martin recounts a story by Margaret Silf of two friends who mourned the death of a mutual friend. At her gravesite, they planted what they thought were daffodil bulbs. Imagine their surprise when they returned in the spring to pay their respects and found a crop of onions! They laughed until they cried—and they felt certain their friend was right in there laughing with them.

At the beginning of Lent—the name is derived from the word *spring*—we solemnly soil our foreheads in remembrance of the Garden of Eden. With ashen faces and grave Lenten disciplines, we till our hardened hearts through purposeful penance, fasting, and almsgiving, and bury the guilt that we won’t let die. Then, when we’re born anew, our tears of sorrow are transplanted into tears of joy and laughter!

According to Dante’s *Divine Comedy*, “In hell there is no hope and no laughter. In purgatory there is no laughter, but there is hope. In heaven, hope is no longer necessary because laughter reigns.” Our faith assures us of a God who takes pleasure in his people and delights in being with us! †



*So that our eyes may be open to your presence everywhere and in everyone, we pray—Lord, let us be like you.*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

March 20–25

**Monday**, St. Joseph: 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Lk 2:41–51a

**Tuesday**, Lenten Weekday: Ez 47:1–9, 12 / Jn 5:1–16

**Wednesday**, Lenten Weekday: Is 49:8–15 / Jn 5:17–30

**Thursday**, Lenten Weekday: Ex 32:7–14 / Jn 5:31–47

**Friday**, Lenten Weekday: Wis 2:1a, 12–22 / Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

**Saturday**, Annunciation of the Lord: Is 7:10–14; 8:10 / Heb 10:4–10 / Lk 1:26–38

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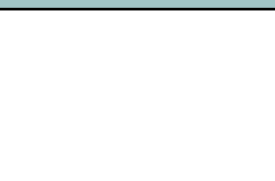
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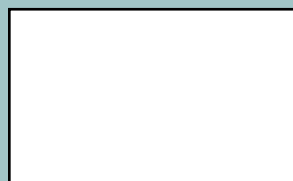
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