



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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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am
Wednesday: 6:00 pm

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

Wednesdays: 5:00 pm
Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
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 (July Schedule):
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 4:00pm
Friday: Closed

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.

OCIA: 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
Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



The Great Thermostat

Debate: Okay, I'm being polite. It's more like the Great Thermostat War! Some like it hot. Some like it cold. And the summer months

seem to bring out the best in the thermostat wars ... especially at SJA!

I realize this isn't an isolated problem. But try being the pastor or lead priest at a parish during the summer months. I've always been convinced that if I installed fake thermostats in each pew, people would "think" they were controlling the temperature and would feel quite content.

Our office environment is another reality. My office seems to be at the least amount of heat in the wintertime and an excessive amount of cold in the summertime zone. It gets so cold in my office during the summer that I have to cover up all of my vents and sometimes use a heater to stay warm when most others CLAIM they are roasting. I'll hear things like, "Go put on a sweater" or "Go get your winter coat!" My solution, I log onto our Nest Thermostat account and change the temperature. I'll be good for a few hours until someone realizes someone touched the thermostat and cranks it down again.

Most in the office were ecstatic years ago because Fr. John liked it really really really cold ... but this is from a man who could sweat in the dead of winter. Fr. Andrew was more of the middle-of-the-road type of guy, and I felt vindicated because he would occasionally open his office window in the summer because the temperature was set so low in our hall. Now enter Fr. Adam, who likes it cold, so most of the office feels vindicated that he is on their side. It was so cold the other day that a particular staff member who resides at my end of the "office sphere" texted me, "They are plotting something about the air conditioning. HELP ME!" My replies, "Interesting. We will get our own air conditioning and heat system. Haha."

Then, I get this friendly letter from a sweet and caring parishioner who likes to write little notes to me. Let's say her name is Rebecca, and she might be the wife of one of our lectors. I opened her letter thinking there would be some uplifting

note or spiritual tidbit. But NO! It was about the church's temperature!

"Dear Monsignor. YES, we 'kneed' you ... as 'your sheep' miss your voice that calms and guides us. I have a request. Is there any 'slight hope' that you would allow our church building to be COOLER during Mass? I think you are one of those 'fortunate' people who do not get hot very easily. Might you wear some warmer garments? That would keep you comfortable while allowing us 'sheep' with our little tongues hanging out a place of comfort during Mass? Remember Father John Bettin's travails? Anyway, we love you and keep your healing in our prayers. MJM, BAAAAA, Rebecca."

The office staff was ecstatic when they saw this note that I freely but reluctantly shared. "SEE, we're not alone!" UGH! Maybe I'm the one who needs the fake thermostat or my winter coat! But thank God I have the master password and code for the Nest accounts. At least I think I have "some" control around here!

Ten Ways to Live your Faith at Work:

A couple of years ago, I paraphrased in this space an article by Kevin Lowry that I saw in the Our Sunday Visitor. The article was entitled "10 Ways to Live Your Faith at Work." I thought it was opportune to reprint his advice again. For whatever reason, many people are reluctant to take their faith to work. Granted, the culture and climate in which we live make some feel squeamish about bringing faith to work but doing so is certainly part of the new evangelization efforts that we often speak about. Think about how much time people spend at work and interacting with co-workers. Witnessing to the power of Christ at work may help a co-worker on their own faith journey. You may never know the fruit of your efforts, but it will make a difference! Even if you only touched one person's heart, it will certainly be worth it.

Here are the ten simple ways to live your faith at work, as listed in the Our Sunday Visitor article by Kevin Lowry: 1) Be Joyful! We all know that joy is contagious. "Joy transcends emotions; it's rooted in the hope we have in Christ and the knowledge that his faithfulness is constant and enduring. Within this context, we are able to better live in the present moment and dispense with the anxieties that come from focusing too much on either the past or the future." So, be joyful at work and brighten other people's days! 2) Strive for Excellence:

In everything we do, we should strive for excellence as if we were doing all for the Lord. As such, we should do our very best at everything, even the most menial of tasks. 3) Support Others: We never really know all the difficulties people are going through. We may think we know our co-workers well, but we often have no clue as to the number of crosses a co-worker may be carrying. We can be sources of support and encouragement in a quiet and unobtrusive way to our co-workers. All it takes is a smile, an encouraging word, or a listening ear. 4) Be an Ally: We all need allies for mutual support and encouragement. Be an ally to someone, especially those who are marginalized or often forgotten at work! 5) Forgive: "Forgiveness is frequently necessary in the workplace, and as Catholics we need to ask for it and receive it. The words, 'I'm sorry' are among the most powerful we can use, and when it's our turn to forgive, we're called to do it from the heart." 6) Embrace Failure: "There's no better impetus to success than failure." Embracing failure means looking through such realities as "teaching moments." Turn the failure into a teaching moment and move on. 7) Be a Friend: Given the fierce competition often seen in the workplace and the difficult relationships many face at work, it can often be most difficult to see the face of Christ in others. Yet, if we accept this challenge and treat all people with respect and dignity, and see Christ in the face of everyone at work, broken relationships can be healed. 8) Be Grateful: Show people in the workplace how grateful you are for even the smallest thing. Go out of your way to say thanks! 9) Be humble: "There are no limits to the benefits of humility in the workplace. In fact, if we want strong teams, we need to play off the strengths of others rather than their weaknesses." 10) Pray: "Perhaps the best thing we can do is pray for others we encounter in our work." Imagine a workplace where people prayed for each other often, where people prayed for the success of their individual and collective tasks. There is great power in prayer!

"Let's resolve together to approach our daily work as a means of loving God, our neighbor or co-worker, and effectively serving our employer."

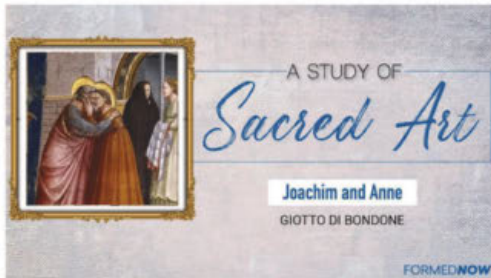
Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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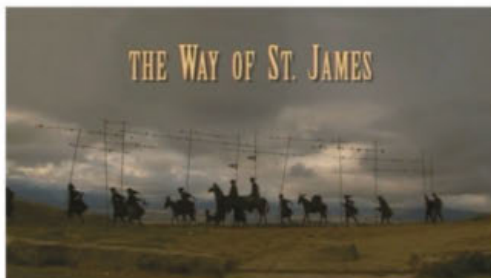
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of July 23, 2023



Sts. Joachim and Anne | Sacred Art

In this episode on FORMED Now, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp discuss the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this famous painting "Joachim and Anne Meeting at the Golden Gate."



The Way of Saint James

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.



Catholic Parenting Tips w/ Catholic Sprouts | FORMED Now

Join Taylor Kemp and Nancy Bandzuch, who founded Catholic Sprouts alongside her husband Bill, for tips for raising Catholic children!

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Along the Way



In 2013 just before entering seminary I had the opportunity to go on a discernment pilgrimage through the Office of Priestly Vocations. The pilgrimage was walking the Camino de Santiago to the Cathedral of St. James

in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. The Camino is also called “The Way of St. James” or more simply, “The Way.” The Camino is a 1,000-year-old pilgrimage to the cathedral where the remains of St. James the Apostle are said to be enshrined.



James was the elder brother of St. John and they were the sons of Zebedee. Legend suggests he had a fiery temper and a direct, impulsive nature—which possibly led to his execution by sword, ordered by King Herod, in about 44 AD. He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament (Acts 12:2).

Tradition has it that after the Resurrection, James had evangelized the people of Galicia, modern-day northwestern Spain. Legend has it that after his martyrdom by decapitation in Jerusalem, his headless body was brought back to Galicia and buried in a field, under the stars. Nine hundred years later a shepherd found the grave under the stars (hence campo – field, stela – star). The local bishop proclaimed them to be the remains of St. James the Apostle (aka, St. James the Greater).

This pilgrimage usually takes about a month and covers 500 miles of ground. While our group didn’t walk the entire Camino, walking the last 62 miles gave us an idea of what the experience is like. It is not easy, but it is beautifully transformative.

In speaking of the Camino, Pope Benedict XVI said, “It is a way sown with so many

demonstrations of fervor, repentance, hospitality, art and culture which speak to us eloquently of the spiritual roots of the Old Continent.” People walk the Camino for many reasons – to grow closer to God, for a challenge, to lose weight, to find themselves, to process grief, etc.. But no matter the reasoning, one cannot leave the Camino unaffected. Myself and three other men from our pilgrimage are now priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit (Fathers Zaid Chabaan, Derik Peterman, and Ryan Walters).



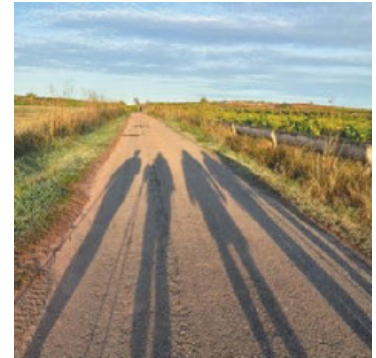
One particular memory I have from the Camino come from when we finally reached Santiago de Compostela and were able to attend the pilgrims Mass at the Cathedral. They have a giant thurible for incense, which they call a botafumeiro. (The name comes from the Galician language, where botar means “to throw” and the Latin fume, meaning “smoke”.) The botafumeiro is about 5.5 feet tall and swings from the ceiling; the original purpose was to mask the smell from all the pilgrims that had just walked 500 miles to be there. Now they don’t use it every Mass, but since we had Bishop Hanchon with us and he was presiding over the Mass, we knew they would bring it out. You are told throughout the Cathedral and during Mass not to take any pictures. However, right before Mass Bp. Hanchon handed me his phone and said, “I don’t care what they say. Take pictures and videos.” I was obedient (of course!) and I never even got yelled at! It is an amazing sight to see though – it takes 4-6 men to pull the rope as it flies through the air.

So why do I write all this? It’s not just because St. James is one of my favorite saints and I have a special devotion to him since I share his name as my middle name, or just because his feast day is celebrated on July 25.

For centuries Christians have viewed the faith life as a pilgrimage. In fact, in the early Church, Christianity was sometimes referred to as “The Way,” (see Acts 9:2;

19:9,23; 24:14). It is possible that they adopted this phrase from Isaiah 40:3, “prepare the way of the Lord.” Hence why I have named my bulletin articles, “Along the Way” – recognizing that we are all on this journey of life together. And our goal along the way is always the same – deeper relationship with Jesus in this life and eternal life with Him in heaven. A “way” is a traveled road, a journey, a pilgrimage, a manner of thinking. It is also a place of encounter. Often Jesus would take His disciples aside and spoke to them about something personal “on the way” (see Matthew 20:17).

When I think of “the way,” Jesus’ words to His disciples in John 14:6 come to mind: “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” He is our Way. As we journey together on this pilgrimage of life, I look forward to seeing and experiencing how together we will encounter the Lord along the way.



O God, be for us our companion on the walk,
Our guide at the crossroads,
Our breath in our weariness,
Our protection in danger,
Our refuge on the Way,
Our shade in the heat,
Our light in the darkness,
Our consolation in our discouragements,
And our strength in our intentions.

So that with your guidance we may arrive
safe and sound
at the end of the Road
and enriched with grace and virtue
we return safely to our eternal home filled
with joy.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

St. James the Greater, pray for us. Amen.

Blessings—Fr. Adam
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July 23, 2023

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Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19 | Rom 8:26-27 | Mt 13:24-43

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

The parables were always my favorite Gospel readings when I was growing up. One we just heard, regarding the wheat and the weeds, was particularly comforting to me as a child. It was simple to understand, I thought: Those of us in God's Church were obviously the wheat and, of course, destined for salvation. We just needed to endure living among "the weeds" while we are in this world. As an adult, however, I realize that Jesus' message is much more challenging – much more convicting regarding my own failures and sins: I could be a weed! And while I certainly don't like that thought, I also don't like considering that anyone would be thrown into the "fiery furnace." After all, we are supposed to love one another and desire that they become part of the body of Christ and have eternal life. The reality of this world, however, is that temptation and sin surround us. Fortunately, Jesus gives us himself as the Bread of Life in the Eucharist, and we have the gift of mercy in the sacrament of reconciliation. These sacraments, as well as prayer, give us the "nutrients" we need to ensure that we remain the wheat God has sown in his field, and that we can help others be that too.

GO EVANGELIZE**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

While the sacraments can fortify our faith, what about our neighbors, friends or family who are not Catholic or who have fallen away from the Church? This is where evangelization comes in – inviting someone to join you at Mass or suggesting a religious book they might enjoy reading. If you don't think such a simple act could make much difference in the life of another, take heart in the parables contained in the long form of today's Gospel. In those, Jesus reminds us that it doesn't take much to spread the Good News of the kingdom of heaven. The smallest of seeds can turn into the largest of plants and a small amount of yeast can leaven much flour. And if we have moments where we lack courage or feel in need of assistance, St. Paul reminds us that "the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness." Never underestimate the power of the Advocate: he can help us pray, can intercede for us, and provide what we need to be good seed in the world.

PRAY Let us pray this week for the strength to live out our baptismal promise to reject evil, and to gain courage so as to be a witness to God, and to work toward building his kingdom on earth wherever and whenever we can.



Readings for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JULY 30 A

Reading One – 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

Responsorial – Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Reading Two – Rom 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

Alleluia – Cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mt 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."



HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS YEAR'S GALA

- Once again, the gala is at the **GROSSE POINTE YACHT CLUB** in **Grosse Pointe Shores!**
- The Gala is our largest fundraiser to benefit the school. **Attend or buy raffle tickets** to support this event.
- **We need your donations.** Contact the School or Parish Center to learn how to donate Silent and Live Auction items.
- **There's a spot for you.** Join the Gala Planning Committee or volunteer to help the night of the Gala.

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We ENCOURAGE everyone to dress in the red and white in honor of our SJA Chargers for this year's Gala!

Mark your calendar for a great time...

OCTOBER 21, 2023 @ GROSSE POINTE YACHT CLUB



SJA's Target:
\$208,946

Pledged to Date:
\$159,617
(76% of Goal)

Total Pledges:
414

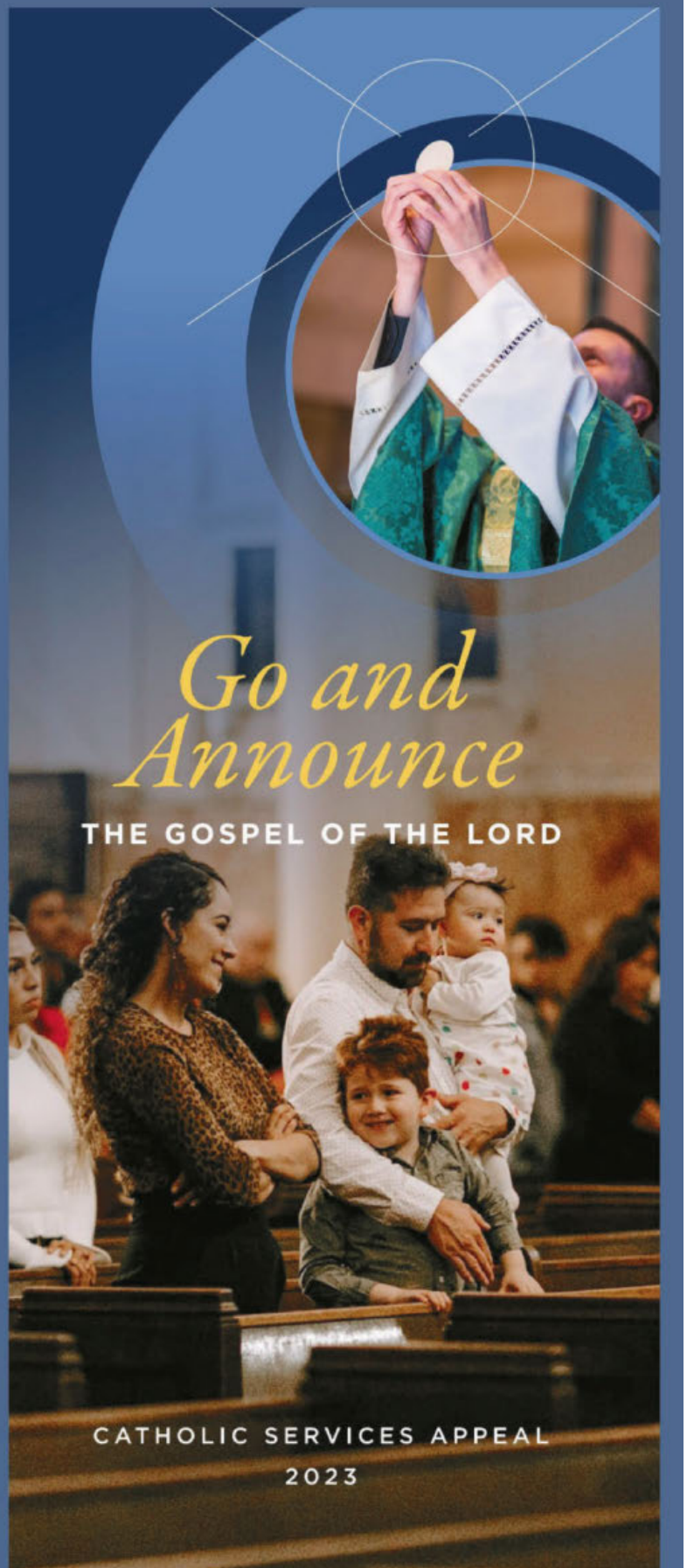
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Registration is now open for

Faith Formation

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

**Visit sjascs.org/Faith-Formation for all the details
including dates, sacrament preparation
and materials fees.**

**Our Family Formation Sunday School starts
October 1. Register by Sept. 5 for early
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**Our monthly Sunday School is for all
parish families with children in grades
K-6. See the website for the schedule of
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preparing for Confirmation.**



 **St. Joan^{of} Arc**
FAITH & FAMILY FORMATION



Questions?

Contact Kristine Hass
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Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, July 24th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Tuesday, July 25th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Funeral for Georgiann Kaptur

Wednesday, July 26th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

9:00 AM Story Hour in the Emmaus Hall

5:00 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, July 27th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, July 28th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Parish Center Closed—Summer Hours

Saturday, July 29th

11:00 AM Reconciliation

4:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed

Sunday, July 30th

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

July 23, 2023 – Sowing Seeds

We've reached the time of year where eyes start looking down toward the ground, and prayers reach upward to heaven.

The health of our nation's crops is a topic that isn't typically top of mind for city dwellers, but the fact of the matter is that it impacts all of us to some extent, even if it's "only" in terms of the price we pay for groceries.

According to a recent story in *The Detroit News*, the drought conditions much of the country have been dealing with so far this year, at least at the time of this writing, were the worst they've been in more than a decade.

"Nearly half of Kansas is in either extreme or exceptional drought condition – the highest drought designation," the story reported. "More than a quarter of Nebraska is in extreme drought, and 13% is in exceptional drought. Arid conditions permeate Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Missouri and Kentucky."

As a result, the story said, corn, wheat and soybean crops are under particular stress.

Jesus, of course, knew the impact on people of healthy – or unhealthy – crops. In today's gospel passage from St. Matthew, for example, he uses the metaphor of fields, seeds, and weeds to make a spiritual point.

"He who sows good seed is the Son of Man," Jesus explains. "The field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age."

May we use the current agricultural situation then, to call attention to whatever droughts may exist in our own hearts.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	July 24, 2023 Weekday, Saint Sharbel Makhlu, Priest (Green/White)
7:00 a.m.	Pedro Silva
Tuesday	July 25, 2023 Saint James, Apostle (Red)
7:00 a.m.	William R. Richer
Wednesday	July 26, 2023 Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)
7:00 a.m.	A Special Intention for Eric Ketelhut
6:00 p.m.	A Special Intention for the Priests and Staff of St. Joan of Arc
Thursday	July 27, 2023 Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m.	Ann Stanglewicz
Friday	July 28, 2023 Weekday (Green)
7:00 a.m.	Hugo Calisi
Saturday	July 29, 2023 Vigil of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus (White)
4:00 p.m.	Lisa Miller, Bonnie Batche, Greg Pepper, Eileen Kelly and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, and for Pam Haisenleder.
6:00 p.m.	Ricky Sanders
Sunday	July 30, 2023 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 a.m.	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Frank J. Adamcik
12:00 p.m.	Joan Hardy, Felician King, Joseph DiTrapani, Michael Artley, William McGraw; Special Intentions for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, for Jose' and Alodia Valencia on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Daily Readings

Monday, July 24

Exodus 14:5-18
Matthew 12:38-42

Friday, July 28

Exodus 20:1-17
Matthew 13:18-23

Tuesday, July 25

2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Matthew 20:20-28

Saturday, July 29

Exodus 24:3-8
John 11:19-27

Wednesday, July 26

Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15
Matthew 13:1-9

Sunday, July 30

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Thursday, July 27

Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b
Matthew 13:10-17



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

July 23, 2023

God Gets to Judge, Not Us

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The Gospel reading consists of parables, one of which Jesus explains. The two that seem easy to understand compare the kingdom with a mustard seed that begins small and then grows large enough to welcome all manner of birds for nesting, and of a bit of yeast that completely transforms the entire batch of dough. The parable about the weeds in the field of wheat needed explanation. Any farmer would have recognized the situation described. We don't always know where they come from, but weeds seem to crop up everywhere. What should one do? Lest wheat be inadvertently pulled up,

let both wheat and weeds grow till the harvest. That is the time of separation.

So, what's the meaning of these parables? Like the mustard seed, the kingdom—the new way of living that Jesus came to inaugurate—consists of small acts of unselfishness and genuine love. But it grows and grows until it is opened to all manner of people. Like the yeast, as insignificant as it might appear, this kingdom can transform all of society.

The parable of the wheat and the weeds is about the last judgment. But it also insists that the field, society, even the Church, is made up of both good and bad. It is very dangerous to try to get rid of what might be considered bad seeds, bad citizens, or bad members. One might pull up the wrong ones. There will be a time of judgment, and it will be in God's time, and in God's hands. †

Sunday Readings

Wisdom 12:13, 16–19

As you are righteous, you govern all things righteously.

Romans 8:26–27

The Spirit...comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought.

Matthew 13:24–43 or 13:24–30

[Jesus said,] "At harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

*The kingdom is open
to all kinds of people,
even the ones who
seem like bad seeds.*



A Word from Pope Francis

All too often, those most in need of our help, everywhere, are unable to be heard. You are their voice, and many of you... have faithfully made their cry heard. In this witness, which frequently encounters powerful resistance, you remind American democracy of the ideals for which it was founded, and that society is weakened whenever and wherever injustice prevails.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- How do you interact with people you think are living wrongly?
- Do you find it hard to let God be the judge?

Gun Control and Self-Control

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

Michael couldn't wait to tell his second-grade friend what had happened to him. "A policeman pointed a gun at my head this morning!" Michael's friend was scared, so he told the teacher, who told the principal, who called Michael's parents. His parents explained that their home had been raided at 6 AM by federal agents, guns drawn. One had pointed a gun at Michael. An uncle living with the family had been arrested and charged with illegal sale of semiautomatic weapons.

In 1978, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops called for gun control in their document *Community and Crime: A Statement of the Committee on Social Development and World Peace*. Their 2000 document *Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice* reiterated their support for legislative efforts to protect society from the violence associated with easy access to deadly weapons. And again in January 2013, the bishops affirmed their hope that any government action on gun-violence prevention would lead to greater respect for human life.

Like it or not, violence is part of our lives. Violent TV programs, video games,



and movies are a source of entertainment for many. War, insurrection, and mob scenes are reported on the news, in newspapers, and across the Internet. Veterans are haunted daily by the trauma of battles fought decades ago, and thousands of soldiers continue to fight in conflicts around the world. Domestic violence is a reality for many, and the tragedies of Littleton, Aurora, Columbine, and Newtown and too many other mass shootings have left an indelible mark on the American soul.

Even the word of God is filled with violence—it can be found throughout the Hebrew and Christian Testaments. Prophets, priests, and kings are guilty of it; innocent and God-fearing men,

women, and children are victims of it—and it's often attributed to God. Even our salvation was won through a horrific and violent act. We can't escape or explain violence away. It's a reality.

Our society encourages and celebrates overindulgence. People overeat, overspend, overwork, overachieve, overcommit, overdose, and overreact. It seems a bit like overkill to say this, but if you can name it, you can indulge in it.

Many turn to gun control as a remedy, and maybe there should be stricter government oversight of the availability and use of firearms. But a deeper problem exists, one much greater than uncontrolled access to weapons. The inability to manage powerful emotions and urges—the absence of self-control—can have life-threatening and life-ending consequences. Self-discipline and self-restraint are more than indicators of healthy and mature growth and development; they are imperative to saving lives and building and maintaining true and lasting peace. As a nation, we've got a gun to our head—it's time to get control of ourselves. †

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Merciful God, we are often quick to judge others and sometimes too lenient with ourselves.

Please help us to see as you see and to do what Jesus would do.

Amen.

The Redemptorists

Sr. Thea on Being Content with Doing Her Little Bit

I think the difference between me and some other people is that I am content to do my little bit. Sometimes people think they have to do big things in order to make change. If each one of us lights a candle, we've got a tremendous light.

Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA, *In My Own Words*, copyright 2009 Liguori Publications.

WEEKDAY READINGS

July 24–29

Monday, Weekday:

Ex 14:5–18 / Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday, St. James:

2 Cor 4:7–15 / Mt 20:20–28

Wednesday, Sts. Joachim and

Anne: Ex 16:1–5, 9–15 / Mt 13:1–9

Thursday, Weekday:

Ex 19:1–2, 9–11, 16–20b / Mt 13:10–17

Friday, Weekday:

Ex 20:1–17 / Mt 13:18–23

Saturday, Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus:

Ex 24:3–8 / Jn 11:19–27 or Lk 10:38–42

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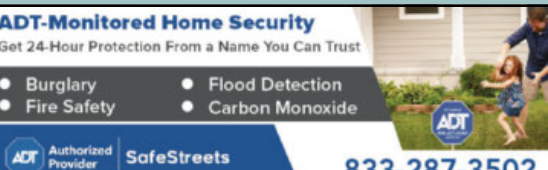
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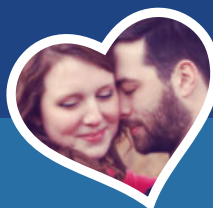
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