



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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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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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: (Summer Hours)
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 4:00pm
Friday: 8:30am—12:00pm

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

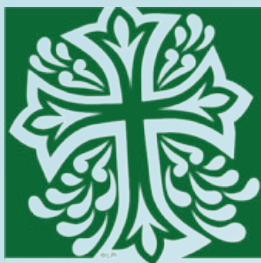
Monday thru Friday @ 7am
Wednesday @ 6pm

Weekend Masses

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

Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



Cruisin' with Mom (Part FIVE): For the last several weeks, I have been sharing about my trip with my mom on board the Viking Octantis for a

Great Lakes Cruise. Our journey began in Toronto, and from there, we traversed the Welland Canal Locks and made stops in Port Colborne, Point Pelee, Detroit, Alpena, Mackinac Island, and finally, Milwaukee.

Once we passed through the Welland Canal Locks, we docked in the quaint little town of Port Colborne. Port Colborne, known as Niagara's best-kept secret, is located on Lake Erie's north shore at the Welland Canal's south end. Port Colborne has a population of 20,000, is filled with shops, charming restaurants, and cafes, and is rich in marine heritage. It looked like a picturesque and THE ultimate little fishing town. The other notable aspect of Port Colborne is that it has this cool vertical lift bridge (the Clarence Street Bridge) that looks like it was made out of an erector set! The bridge is still used today and is THE vital link between East and West Port Colborne. We docked in Port Colborne because it was from here that we would take our excursion to Niagara Falls.

We docked in the early morning and had a spectacular view of Port Colborne from our stateroom window. It was fun watching this little town come alive on a Saturday morning. As it was a couple of hours before we would begin our journey to Niagra Falls, we just enjoyed our breakfast and watched this little fishing town come to life.

I had already scouted out the many tenders on board, but we wouldn't use them yet as we were docked at a pier. This was also our first expedition off the boat, so watching the "sea" of motorcoaches line up to take the "seniors and us few kids" on a trip to Niagara Falls was fun. Since we were "locals," we didn't need the guided tours but wanted to do our own little excursion to Niagara Falls. We took the bus but thought if we got tired or wanted to return to the boat, we could catch an Uber back to Port Colborne.

It was a Saturday and a Saturday afternoon at that. Niagara Falls was super packed! You couldn't move with ease through the crowds it was so packed. Because of all the people, you couldn't

even get close to an edge to take pictures. I haven't been to Niagara Falls in eons, but it has changed so much. And then add all the people on a beautiful sunny summer afternoon, it was a recipe for a headache. By then, I had taken my few ceremonial pictures and was over it. I was also hungry, which didn't help matters either. Ask my mom, there is nothing worse than a hungry and tired kid ... oops Monsignor. So as my mom meandered through the Niagara Falls International Center Gift Shop, I hunted for M&M's and cookies ... any cookies. I eventually found my snacks, M&M's, and some maple-flavored cookies and headed to the checkout. After waiting about 15 minutes (my mom has a great picture of the annoyed Monsignor waiting in line), I glanced at my total and choked when I saw \$50 Canadian show up on the register. "These better be some perfect M&M's and Canadian Maple Cookies," I thought. With my snacks in hand, I found my mom, and we headed outside and sat in a far corner away from most people, but a bunch of pigeons seemed to have gotten notice I had snacks! I wasn't budging. If I paid \$50 for a few cookies and M&M's, these were all mine!

Surprisingly, we were only given an hour to wander around before boarding the bus to take a quick tour around the Niagara Falls area. Our tour guide was local and had lots to share as we drove around; almost too much to share. I don't think she took a break for even a quick breath of air the entire hour of our ride. My mom and I commented that the Niagara Falls experience wasn't spectacular, but it was something to check off on the list. But we could both see ourselves going back to experience Port Colborne again.

After boarding the boat and checking in, we grabbed lunch and found a lovely little table outside near the bow of the boat. I wanted something else other than M&M's and maple cookies for lunch. After all, I was on a cruise!

The Sacrament of the Sick (Part Four): I've been writing about the Sacrament of the Sick over the last few weeks, partly because many people have misinformed opinions or improper information about the sacrament. This week, I want to continue reflecting on the redemptive value of our sufferings.

Last week, I shared a quote from Mother Teresa that's worth repeating: "Suffering will never be completely absent from our lives. If we accept it with faith, we are given the opportunity to share the passion

of Jesus and show him our love." Accepting suffering WITH FAITH becomes a critical point to remember. Life changes when we start to view things through the lens of faith.

This reminds me of a lady I once visited in a nursing home. After I anointed her, we had a rather spirited conversation about her illness and her anger with God. "Why would God do this to me? I'm good and have been good all my life. Why couldn't he choose to give my illness to some bad people? There are plenty of them who deserve it; I don't deserve this at all," she said. I told her that she was flat-out wrong! I wanted to encourage her to see the redemptive value of her suffering and that she needed a change of attitude about the whole situation. Once we accept that sometimes God loves us so much that he gives us incredible crosses to carry in life, it's up to us to turn that cross into something redemptive for ourselves and those around us. It isn't always easy to swallow, but the more faith you have and the more you accept the reality of God's will in your life, the more you will come to a better understanding of the crosses we are called to embrace. God never intends to leave us hanging in a perpetual Good Friday experience; WE keep ourselves there. Every cross we embrace is a sharing in the passion of Christ. And just as Christ journeyed from Good Friday to Easter Sunday, so too can we, with our own crosses, move from the pain of our own Good Friday to the emptiness of our own Holy Saturday to the joy of our own Easter Sunday. It is about our faith. It is about our relationship with God. It is about our attitude and whether we acknowledge that God may just be using us to accomplish his divine plan.

I still often quote and ask people to reflect upon the prior English translation of the opening prayer for Masses for the Sick. "Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they are chosen to be saints, and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world" CHOSEN to be saints ... JOINED to Christ in HIS suffering for the salvation of the world. Those are some powerful words that deserve our attention and reflection!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of August 27, 2023



Restless Heart: The Confessions of Augustine

This film on the life of St. Augustine offers a message of conversion and redemption. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass - and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth.



Confessions of Augustine: Who Is St. Augustine? (Part 1 of 6)

Join these two patristic scholars as they help viewers learn how to read this classic text and draw from the riches of the spiritual life of the doctor of the Church, Saint Augustine.



St. John the Baptist | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they talk about St. John the Baptist, the forerunner to Christ.

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Indulgences: Part II

Okay, I'll admit... it's a confusing topic. I'm trying to be as clear as possible while accurately explaining Church teaching. Why do we need indulgences? Because we are all sinners, all of us. Last week I defined indulgences thusly: "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain defined conditions through the Church's help when, as a minister of redemption, she dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions won by Christ and the saints" (Indulgentiarum Doctrina, 1)

Essentially, an indulgence takes time off purgatory. (Again, I know I'll have to write about purgatory soon too.) I'll give a sneak preview, which I think will help us understand indulgences too. When I was in 4th grade my best friend and I (we lived on the same block) would play outside all the time. At one point in the summer, we were playing catch and the baseball went right through the neighbor's window. We mustered up all our courage and went to knock on Mr. Wilson's door to tell him what happened. He, thankfully, accepted our apology. We were forgiven. But someone still had to pay for the window to be fixed and returned to its original state.

Similarly, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are forgiven of our sins but there is still a debt to be paid, so to speak. Because nothing unholy, nothing that is not perfect cannot enter heaven, purgatory is where hearts continue to be purified so there is absolutely no attachment or proclivity for sin. Indulgences then, help to remit that extra purification time in purgatory. Let's look at some common myths about indulgence this week to help further clarify some things.



Myth 1: A person can buy his way out of hell with indulgences.

Since indulgences remit only temporal penalties, they cannot remit the eternal penalty of hell. Once a person is in hell, no amount of indulgences will ever change that fact. The only way to avoid hell is by appealing to God's eternal mercy while still alive. After death, one's eternal fate is set (Heb. 9:27).

Myth 2: A person can buy indulgences for sins not yet committed.

The Church has always taught that indulgences do not apply to sins not yet committed. The Catholic Encyclopedia notes, "[An indulgence] is not a permission to commit sin, nor a pardon of future sin; neither could be granted by any power."



Myth 3: A person can "buy forgiveness" with indulgences.

The definition of indulgences presupposes that forgiveness has already taken place. (See definition above.) Indulgences in no way forgive sins. They deal only with punishments left after sins have been forgiven.

Myth 4: Indulgences were invented as a means for the Church to raise money.

Indulgences developed from reflection on the sacrament of reconciliation. They are a way of shortening the penance of sacramental discipline and were in use centuries before money-related problems appeared.

Myth 5: An indulgence will shorten your time in purgatory by a fixed number of days.

The number of days which used to be attached to indulgences were references to the period of penance one might

undergo during life on earth. The Catholic Church does not claim to know anything about how long or short purgatory is in general, much less in a specific person's case.

Myth 6: A person can buy indulgences.

The Council of Trent instituted severe reforms in the practice of granting indulgences, and, because of prior abuses, in 1567 Pope Pius V canceled all grants of indulgences involving any fees or other financial transactions.

Myth 7: A person used to be able to buy indulgences.

One never could technically "buy" indulgences. Instead, people gave alms to some charitable fund or foundation and thus were granted an indulgence. To give money to God or to the poor is a praiseworthy act, and, when it is done from right motives, it will surely not go unrewarded. Being able to explain these seven myths will be a large step in helping others to understand indulgences. But, there are still questions to be asked. Look for more in next week's bulletin.



Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory by St. Gertrude

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Blessings,

Fr. Adam

August 27, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLETwenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23 | Rom 11:33-36 | Mt 16:13-20

“
Upon this rock
I will build
my church.”
(Mt 16:18-19)

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

God is not looking for perfection when it comes to his leaders, he is looking for true and loving hearts. In the first reading, God is not impressed with the master of the palace as a father for the people of Jerusalem. Eliakim the servant has the heart God desires. God will give Eliakim whatever he needs to guide his people – the right clothes, authority, and a place of honor. And we learn in the Gospel that Peter has the heart of love Jesus knows is necessary to guide his followers after he is gone. There are more learned and powerful men, but they lack Peter's faith. Jesus knows Peter is not perfect and he has much to learn, but Peter has the right foundation for the Church. We don't need to be the smartest people or have money and influence to be God's leaders. We need hearts of love and faith, and God will give us the tools we need to do the work.

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

There is much to be done in our parishes and God needs our hearts and faith to get to work. How can we use our gifts and talents to help make the parish a welcoming place? For some it might be liturgical ministry, but every church needs people to work behind the scenes. Dusting and cleaning the church is not a glamorous job, but caring for the house of God is a blessing in itself. Helping the parish office with special mailings or weekly tasks is welcome to the staff who have so many responsibilities. Why not use the eyes of the Father to look in our hearts and see how we can make our parish a foundation of faith for all our family? We can also use God's sight to look for people at Mass who need an invitation to be more active in the parish, sharing the reminder none of us have to be perfect people to participate. We just need hearts of love.

ACT Look over the bulletin this week and reflect on where your talents could make a difference in your parish. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the wisdom and guidance you need to find where God wants you to be and what he wants you to do. Extend an invitation to one person to join you in participating in a church ministry.

Readings for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 3 A

Reading One – Jer 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

Responsorial – Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Reading Two – Rom 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Alleluia – cf. Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

Join us for St. Joan of Arc School's 17th Annual Gala and ...

color the night

Red & White

Our annual gala is an awesome night filled with good food and great fun. Thanks to our amazing parish, school community, and friends, it's a huge benefit to our school as it's the most important fundraiser each year. Invite your friends, host a table, or plan to purchase some lucky raffle tickets in support of this big event.

**Can you donate items for our silent or live auction?
Need more information?**

**Contact Pam Graskewicz (313-443-9059 / pgraskewicz@hotmail.com)
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October 21, 2023

At the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club



A foundation of faith and excellence.

St. Joan of Arc
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Gala Contributor Form



17th Annual

Auction & Dinner Gala

EVENT DATE: 10/21/2023



AUCTION ITEMS

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

RAFFLE TICKETS

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

DINNER & AUCTION TICKETS

Come to the Gala event on Oct.21, 2023. Party with your friends and members of the School and Parish community. Enjoy a gourmet dinner, open bar, live entertainment, live and silent auctions, raffles and much more. The event will be held at the prestigious

Grosse Pointe
Yacht Club



ADVERTISE

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

VOLUNTEER

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

www.sjauction.org



CONTRIBUTOR FORM

DUE DATE: **SEPTEMBER 29, 2023**

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

Name: _____ Date: _____

Company Name: _____ Phone# _____

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

Email: _____

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

Donation Description: _____

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

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

_____ Back Cover Ad in Full Color \$1,000 _____ ½ Page Ad (B & W) \$150

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

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

Event Tickets: \$125.00/ea (Sold online. Available September 2023. Check sjaauction.org for details)

Please make all checks payable to St. Joan of Arc School. Please submit donations and ads no later than September 29, 2023 to ensure recognitions in the Gala program. The Gala committee reserves the right to hold any item received after the deadline for the 2024 Gala.

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

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

- Pam Graskewicz at 313-443-9059

- Emily Radatz at 586-873-3183

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

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

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

TAX ID NO: 38-1420316

Bereavement Group

SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

A faith based group meeting
Our Lady Star of the Sea
First Sunday of the Month
1:30 pm - In the Pointe

Contact the Parish office (313-884-5554) for more information



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
registration rates.**

**Our monthly Sunday School is for all
parish families with children in grades
K-6. See the website for the schedule of
Monday night classes for students
preparing for Confirmation.**



Questions?

Contact Kristine Hass
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or 586-772-1282

CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND TEENS

**Come and join our
new liturgical choirs for students
from our parish and school**

**Rehearsals are in the Church Music Room
beginning Wednesday, September 6**

Grace Notes is for students in grades 2-5.
Practice is from 6:15-6:45

Genesis for students in grades 6-9. Practice
is from 4:30-5:15

**Email or call Catherine Trudell
with questions or if your child is
interested
ctrudell@sjascs.org
or 586-777-3670**

**The 16TH Annual
Friends Walk**

Please join us for a day of fun, friendship, and
fundraising to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul!

Saturday, September 30th
9AM Registration ♥ 10AM Walk Kick Off

Belle Isle State Park
*\$11 State Park Recreation Pass required per vehicle entry

Funds raised will help those in need within Lapeer, Macomb,
Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, and Wayne counties.
Free lunch provided! Register before September 1st for a
free T-shirt.

For more information and to register visit fopwalk.org

Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, August 28th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
5:00 PM Meet the Teacher Night - School
5:00 PM Uniform Swap - Emmaus Hall

Tuesday, August 29th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
8:00 AM First Day of School - Noon Dismissal

Wednesday, August 30th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
8:00 AM Picture Day - School
5:00 PM Reconciliation
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, August 31st

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
8:30 AM All School Mass - Livestreamed
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, September 1st

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
School Closed for the Holiday
Parish Center Closed for the Holiday

Saturday, September 2nd

10:00 AM Memorial for Warren Shawhan
11:00 AM Reconciliation
4:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed
6:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed

Sunday, September 3rd

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

Aug. 27, 2023 – Bound and Determined

“In God we Trust.” We all know that. Somewhere along the line, a cynical realist added, “Everyone else pays cash.”

We may chuckle a bit at the all-too-human circumstances that gave rise to such an admonition, but we also know it is all-too-true: it is exceedingly difficult to trust other people, given the lying and cheating that goes on out there.

A story in *The Detroit News* a few weeks ago reported on a Shelby Township woman who paid a local contractor a \$60,000 deposit last summer toward the construction of a swimming pool. A year later no work has been done, and the contractor indicated that financial problems prevented him not only from starting the work, but also from refunding the deposit.

The story said the contractor was arraigned late last month on charges relating to false pretenses and fraud. How the situation ultimately is resolved remains to be seen, but it’s worth noting that the abundance of caution required in financial/contractual relationships is a two-way street.

Perhaps more importantly, it serves as a reminder that the only rock-solid, airtight certainties are those provided by God.

Today’s gospel story from St. Matthew provides a description of the origin of the sacrament of reconciliation. It’s a gift given to the church for all time after Peter’s recognition of Jesus as “the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus’ reply:

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it,” the gospel says. “I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Cash may be king on earth. Jesus, though, is the king of kings. Of that, we can be sure.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday August 28, 2023 Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (White)

7:00 a.m. Hugo Calisi

Tuesday August 29, 2023 Passion of Saint John the Baptist (Red)

7:00 a.m. Giovanni Ciccone

Wednesday August 30, 2023 Weekday (Green)

7:00 a.m. The deceased members of the Kopacko Family

6:00 p.m. Edward S. Ancypa

Thursday August 31, 2023 Weekday (Green)

7:00 a.m. Ralph Augle

Friday September 1, 2023 Weekday (Green)

7:00 a.m. Beverly Ohlrich

Saturday, September 2, 2023 Vigil of the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green/White)

4:00 p.m. Bonnie Batche, Raymond Cichoracki, Sophia Rupinski, Elaine Hernick, Robert Fannon and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, Sally Cabot and Prayerful Appreciation for the work of the Priests and Staff of St. Joan of Arc.

6:00 p.m. Warren Shawhan

Sunday September 3, 2023 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)

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

10:00 a.m. Jaclyn Maul

12:00 p.m. Joan Hardy, Felician King, Lisa Miller, Michael Fallon and Special Intentions for Alison Reslow, Lorraine Jonas, Pam Haisenleder, Sally Cabot and Robert Varrasse

Daily Readings

Monday, August 28

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 29

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Mark 6:17-29

Wednesday, August 30

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 31

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday, September 1

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday, September 2

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, September 3

Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27



I Am The Resurrection & The Life

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

**Bridgette Wirtz
Barbara Zaliwski**



“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

Minnie Louise Haskins



Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse. Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

St. Joan^{of} Arc OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

***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 OCIA 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.

***A new OCIA
group at SJA
is starting
soon!***

Fill out the contact form for our OCIA coordinator, Patty Chase, at sjascs.org/ocia or call the Parish Center at 586-777-3670

A prayer for conversions

O blessed apostle, St. Paul, greatest of all converts, who labored unceasingly for the conversion of other souls, inspire me with the ardor of your zeal that I may pray and work for the conversion of my brethren, redeemed in the blood of Christ but not as yet blessed with the full light of his truth.

Mindful of the loving concern of the Divine Shepherd for the salvation of the "other sheep that are not of this fold," I now beg your intercession to obtain the grace of conversion for those who do not know you and your church.

May God, the Holy Spirit from whom alone this gift can come, hear my humble prayer and thus enable me to share with others the riches of my heritage of faith through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Prayers Needed

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Gaetano Biondo
Edna Burton
Sally Cabot
Angeline Calus
Lori Cardosi
Ed Cole
Joan Combella
Maura Corrigan
Richard Coatney
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Nina Mondalek
Jennie Mooney
Adam Moore
Jim Moore
Joel Moore
Paula Nagel

Karl Osantowske
Mark Oumedian
Joan Persichini
Frank Poeschel
Carol S. Provencal
Tracy Rauch
Alison Reslow
Fe Reyes
Sr. Alice Riegel
Jenna Rose
Randal & Bica Roy
Sara Rybicki
Victoria Rydholm
Lily Saith
Dianne Schelosky
Ann Simmonds
Terri Smigels
Kathleen Smith
Cathy Spindler
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Terri Szolach
Beverly Taylor
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James Thompson
Linda Vitale
Eileen Wallace
Adrienne Weidenbach
Joseph Whalen
Marilyn Wicker
Joyce Wiekrykas
Loretta Williams
Richard Wojcik
Joan Wright
Janet Yntema
Eddie Zatyrcz
Patricia Zublin

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

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Crossroads

For close to 20 years, our parish has helped serve meals at Crossroads. We will follow the same process as we did in 2022. Rather than ask for food donations, we will ask for cash donations so that all the food that is needed can be purchased.

Sept 24th is the date we will be cooking and serving food at Crossroads. Our menu will consist of chili, hot dogs, condiments, cornbread, cookies, fruit, and beverages.

If we have additional funds, we will purchase toiletries as we did last year for all the guests that we serve at Crossroads. They were very happy to receive this gift from us!

WAYS TO GIVE:

- Online: sjascs.org/crossroads
- Cash / Check:
 - Drop off in the Sunday Collection Box
 - Drop off at the Parish Center



Please note the donation is for Crossroad! Envelopes are available in Gathering Place Bookcase and at the Parish Center.



Crossroads of Michigan was founded by Father James McLaren in 1971 in response to a growing number of people in the community who did not have access to the same resources and were not being treated the same as others. 52 years later this continues to be important and influences Crossroads' approach to finding better and sustainable solutions to people living in poverty than has been available to us.

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and that Christianity is more than foolish superstition. What starts as simple fakery begins to change him.

An ancient baptismal acclamation sings, "You have put on Christ; in Him you have been baptized. Alleluia!" It is not the collar or the chasuble or the habit that we put on to be imitators of Christ. It is the robes of the baptized—the white garment. As we grow into the life of

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the baptized, some of us may don other special clothes—the vestments of a priest, the habit of a vowed religious, the collar of a deacon who promises to serve the poor. These are garments we most readily recognize as belonging to those trying to lead a holy life. But all are called to put on Christ. All are called to holiness.

In today's Gospel, Peter could be our inspiration. He, too, had to grow in the life of faith. The cowardly fisherman put on Christ and became a courageous disciple. The doubtful Peter and the other disciples proclaimed Jesus to be truly the Son of God. The rest is history. †

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Thomas Merton,
In My Own Words



***For the Church: for the courage
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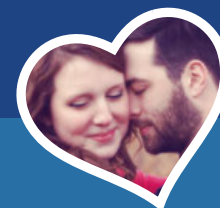
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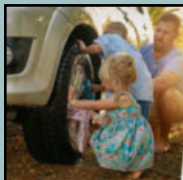
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