



# 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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## 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-36

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## Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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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:**  
**Monday - Thursday from 8:30am - 5:00pm**  
**Friday: 8:30am—4:00pm**

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](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  
Wednesday @ 6pm

#### Weekend Masses

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

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm



**’Twas the “Night” Before Christmas:** Yes, ’twas the “night” before Christmas, when all through the Church, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. The

wreaths were all hung by the balcony with care, hoping the Christmas crowds would soon be there. The parishioners soon came and were nestled in their pews with visions of at least some snow on Christmas despite the 50 degrees that warmed the air. There was lots of talk of Christmases gone by when fire alarms, broken pipes, no boilers, and alarms marked the day. There were even remembrances of a Christmas Eve “long ago” when Monsignor had to be awoken from his long winter’s nap to celebrate the Midnight Mass! We all laughed and remembered, but Monsignor was confident THIS would be the year everything would go off without a single mishap!

WRONG!

As I often say around here, “Someone should fire the I.T. Director (meaning me).” I do try!

Last Christmas, I changed all the smart plugs that all our Christmas trees and wreaths are plugged into. That necessitated some reprogramming on my part of all the schedules controlling these devices. I was hyper-focused on the wreaths because, for some reason, the plugs in the “trough,” as I like to call it (the space above the Stations of the Cross where the electrical and air ducts run throughout the Church), don’t often play well. For some reason, those smart plugs don’t always get a good Wi-Fi connection, and without the Wi-Fi connection, they will not get the “command” to turn off or on at the appropriate times. Of course, I find this maddening, and I spend way too much time trying to make it work.

Well, I had everything in order, and I even told several people that I made sure the wreaths would work and that I changed the timers to turn off at 11:59 so they wouldn’t go off in the middle of the 10:00 PM mass on Christmas Eve. Before I made the change, the timers were set to go off at 11:00 PM.

As I celebrated the 10:00 PM mass, everything seemed to be going remarkably well. I was breathing a sigh of relief,

thinking I could finally mark at least ONE Christmas where NOTHING went wrong. Right after communion, as we sat and were singing “Silent Night,” I sensed it got a bit dimmer behind me. I turned and saw one of the trees had gone dark. I then turned in another direction and saw a couple more trees had gone dark. UGH. I was so irritated. I looked at the clock on the wall and saw it was 11:00 PM. I immediately knew I had forgotten to change the programming of the Christmas Tree lighting group. I got it right with the wreaths but forgot to change all the trees in the sanctuary. I tried to pull out my phone to put them back on, but it was too late, and my fumbling would have been too obvious! I purposely didn’t say anything about it at the end of Mass, hoping people didn’t notice. But little did I know that MOST of the Christmas trees had gone dark.

As we were saying goodbye and “Merry Christmas” as people were exiting the Church, one person, let’s say his name was Joe S., and he was instrumental in helping with last year’s broken pipe mess in the middle of the Christmas Eve 10:00 PM mass, said, “Not bad Monsignor! No flood. No broken pipes. Only wayward Christmas tree timers. When I saw it was exactly 11:00 PM when the lights went out, I knew the problem!” “You noticed,” I asked (not realizing how many trees went out). Joe responded, “It was pretty obvious. But not bad considering what happened last year!” Then, with a tip of his hat, he said, “Merry Christmas!”

Well, so much for a “perfect Christmas.” I do try! Better luck next year! I’m changing those timers right now. Otherwise, I’ll be writing about it again next year!

**Family Life: Perils to Avoid ... Pearls to Embrace:** Two weeks ago, on the Feast of the Holy Family, I preached and wrote in my bulletin article about some contemporary challenges to family life. I listed three “perils” that quickly come to mind: 1) embracing wrong priorities, 2) being overscheduled, and 3) problems with addictions. The list is much longer, but these three certainly top it.

It’s easy to rattle off the perils. Every family has their own list of people or things that hinder their ability to become a holy family. It would be a great exercise as a family to discuss those things that become obstacles or hindrances for the whole family from growing in holiness. Every one of us is a “saint in training,” but many things get in the way. And we can’t let

those things get in the way of what is needed or required for us to become the saints God wants us to be. And, if you take me up on the challenge to have this conversation as a family and you have children at home, pay attention to what they have to say. My experience is that they are sometimes more astute and brutally honest about what prevents the family from praying more often or attending Mass each weekend!

But what about the “pearls,” those items that help a family grow in holiness? They could be things like praying together, spending time together, etc. It becomes a challenge to embrace the pearls. You may want, for example, the idyllic scene of gathering on Sundays for a family meal or always going to Church together. But then someone or something gets in the way of that plan, and you give up trying to make it happen when those obstacles present themselves repeatedly. You should never stop trying to embrace whatever pearls you think will strengthen your family, even if only a few members are participating. If you want your family to gather each Saturday/Sunday for Church and then you want to follow that with a quick meal afterward, then do it and be consistent! You may not always have 100% attendance, but if you remain consistent in inviting everyone to Church and then talk about the fun you had afterward at brunch or dinner, eventually you’ll get the others to learn they are missing out on something, and they’ll want to join you.

Maybe you want to gather for a family game night during the week after dinner. Make it happen and be consistent. Perhaps you find ways for the whole family to gather and pray, whether by reflecting on the upcoming Sunday readings or praying the rosary. Maybe you make it a plan to reach out and do an act of kindness regularly as a whole family for an elderly relative or even a neighbor you know who is often alone. My plea is that you should never give up on your plans or dreams of accomplishing whatever your family needs to accomplish to grow in holiness or be strengthened as a family. Be consistent (set regular reminders on your phone) and make embracing the “pearls” you’ve identified for your family an absolute priority in 2024.

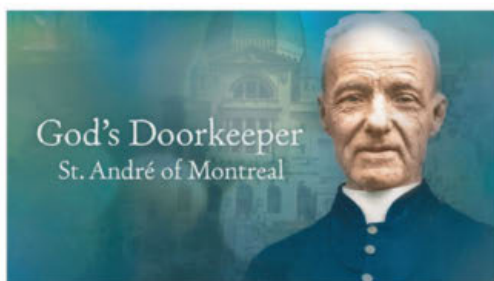
Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 14, 2024



## God's Doorkeeper: St. André of Montreal

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



## The Bible Collection - Genesis

Experience the epic tale of creation in this Christian anthology that details the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the Ark.



## Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.

### A Historical Look at Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration has existed since early times. From the 3rd century, the early hermits (solitary monks) reserved the Eucharist in their cells (rooms). The immediate purpose of this reservation was to enable the hermits to give themselves Holy Communion. But these hermits were too conscious of what the Real Presence was not to treat it with great reverence.

As early as the Council of Nicea (325 AD) we know that the Eucharist began to be reserved in the chapels of monasteries and convents. The sacred character of the Eucharist was recognized and the place of reservation was set apart.



One of the first unmistakable references to reserving the Blessed Sacrament is found in a life of St. Basil (who died in 379). Basil is said to have divided the Eucharistic Bread into three parts when he celebrated Mass in the monastery. One part he consumed, the second part he gave to the monks, and the third he placed in a golden dove suspended over the altar.

Because of controversy regarding belief in the Real Presence, the 11th Century began a "Eucharistic Renaissance." From then on, devotion to the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle became

more and more prevalent in the Catholic world.

In 1226 King Louis VII of France had the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the Chapel of the Holy Cross in gratitude for a victorious battle. The throng of adorers was so great that the bishop decided to have the adoration continue day and night. It was uninterrupted until 1792, during the French Revolution. Perpetual adoration resumed in 1829. It is important to note, that this amazing achievement of centuries of perpetual contact with Christ in the Eucharist was not a mandate, but an organic result of the faith in that community and its belief in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Pope Urban IV instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi in the thirteenth century. When establishing the feast, the Pope stressed the love of Christ who wished to remain physically with us until the end of time. He commissioned St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Liturgy of the Hours for the Feast Day, and from that we were given our adoration hymns: *O Salutaris Hostia*, *Tantum Ergo Sacramentum*, and *Panis Angelicus* – hymns we still sing today. Aquinas realized that without the Real Presence there would be no real sacrifice nor real communion. Aquinas assumed that God became man so He might offer Himself on Calvary and continue to offer Himself in the Mass. He became man that He might give Himself to the disciples at the Last Supper and continue to give Himself to us in Holy Communion.

By the sixteenth century, every aspect of Catholic belief in the Holy Eucharist was challenged by the Reformers. One response to such a challenge was the development of the Forty-Hours Devotion. The devotion consisted of forty hours of continual prayer before the Blessed Sacrament exposed.

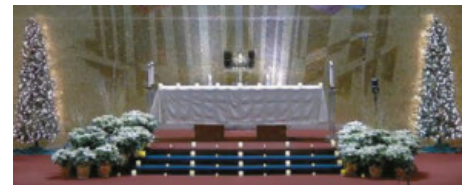
Many years later, in 1917, Pope Benedict XV enshrined in Church

law that all churches should participate in a solemn exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at least once per year.

Building on the teaching of his predecessors, Pope John Paul II has come to be known as the Pope of the Real Presence. In one document and address after another, he has repeated what needs repetition for the sake of emphasis: "The Eucharist, in the Mass and outside of the Mass, is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, and is therefore deserving of the worship that is given to the living God, and to Him alone" (Opening address in Ireland, Phoenix Park, September 29, 1979).

The underlying theme of the Church's Eucharistic teaching is the fact of "Christ's consoling presence in the Blessed Sacrament. His Real Presence in the fullest sense; the substantial presence by which the whole and complete Christ, God and man, is present" (Pope John Paul II, September 29, 1979).

Once this fact of faith is recognized, it is not difficult to see why prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is so efficacious. It explains why, without a second thought, Catholics have simply referred to the Real Presence as the Blessed Sacrament. It is a Sacrament, or better, it is the one Sacrament, which not only gives grace but contains the very source of grace, namely Jesus Christ.



Jesus is waiting for you in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Church!

Blessings,

Fr. Adam

January 14, 2024

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 | 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 | Jn 1:35-42

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

When Samuel hears the Lord speak in today's first reading, he mistakes it as Eli calling out to him in the temple. The third time Samuel asks if he called, Eli is wise enough to realize what is going on and guides Samuel: "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Samuel required guidance because he "was not familiar with the Lord, because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet." In a similar way does the Apostle Andrew come to the Lord. In today's Gospel, Andrew didn't know who Jesus was until John the Baptist told him: "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew then began to follow Jesus, and to bring others to him. There may be times when we, like both of these men, need someone else to help us hear the call of the Lord clearly, or see his presence among us. Those who serve the Lord in this way are a great gift to us, and enable us to be that gift for others. Pray for the grace to hear what we need to hear, to see what we need to see, and to say to others, "come, we have found the Messiah."

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Despite our best efforts, the time and attention we give to our lives of faith can ebb and flow. Sometimes we can feel so connected with God that we sense his presence everywhere. But there may also be times when God feels distant and we struggle to hear his voice. Notice in today's readings how Samuel "was not familiar with the Lord" but was sleeping in the temple, close to the ark; notice how Andrew was hanging around John the Baptist and immediately followed Christ when told who he was. We can see that, already before "knowing," is a "desire to know." The Lord created us, formed us into being, and calls us to a relationship with him. We are drawn to him even before we can see or know what he has revealed to us. He is our source, and our ultimate end. We seek eternal life with Christ and a path of holiness to help us on our way. The stories of Samuel and the disciple Andrew impress upon us that God is always near and calling to us - we simply must give him the opportunity to speak, sometimes when we least expect it.

**INVITATION** We are all called to a life of holiness. But it's not always easy to grow in holiness and strengthen one's relationship with God on our own. Consider reaching out to your parish and asking about spiritual direction - a spiritual director will help you fine tune your ears to be more attentive to the Lord's voice.



Samuel Preaching to Eli the Judges of God upon Ephraim by John Singleton Copley, CC-0

# Readings for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 21 B

### Reading One – Jon 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, " when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

### Responsorial – Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way.

**R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

### Reading Two – 1 Cor 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

### Alleluia – Mk 1:15

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel – Mk 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

*All women are invited  
to join us for our next...*

## **Walking with Purpose**

### **Women's Bible Studies**

**Two Monday Sessions available  
10 am and 7 pm**

Join women of our parish in the Sr. Carol Center for a coffee and to learn about the fruits of these beautiful weekly Catholic Bible Studies written especially for women. All women are welcome and invited to bring a friend. Each group is doing a different study. Feel free to drop in on the first session. There's always an open seat.

Beginning **January 8th**, the **7 pm evening group** will start a 22-week program: *Discovering our Dignity*. Women of the Old and New Testaments were as flawed and broken as we can be, yet the power of God worked in their lives. *Discovering Our Dignity* will allow you to learn from their experiences and uncover ways to deal with unwanted circumstances and deferred hopes.

**On January 22nd**, the 10 am morning group is starting an 11-week look at *Fearless and Free*, a Bible study based on the book of Ephesians. This study is ideal for those who long for wholeness of heart and are in need of freedom from past wounds. So many of us are wrestling with the reality that life isn't easy, even when we are doing the right thing.

**No previous experience is needed.**

Visit [sjascs.org/walking-with-purpose](https://sjascs.org/walking-with-purpose)  
for contacts, registration and more information  
about these groups and studies.

# WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

## the RESCUE project



Coming back to St. Joan of Arc  
Beginning January 23

in-person or online

For trailer, information & to register  
online go to [sjascs.org/rescue](https://sjascs.org/rescue)

MEAL | EPISODE | DISCUSSION  
All Adults and Teens are welcome!

The adventure you were born for beckons

## Announcements



St. Joan of Arc will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive Sunday, January 28th from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room.

If you are a regular donor, we thank you and hope to see you there. If you've never given before, it takes a little over an hour to donate and can save many lives.

The American Red Cross will not be taking walk-ins and you must have an appointment.

To make an appointment, log on-to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) (sponsor code:stjoanblooddrive)

or

call John Staperfenne at 248-789-8274.

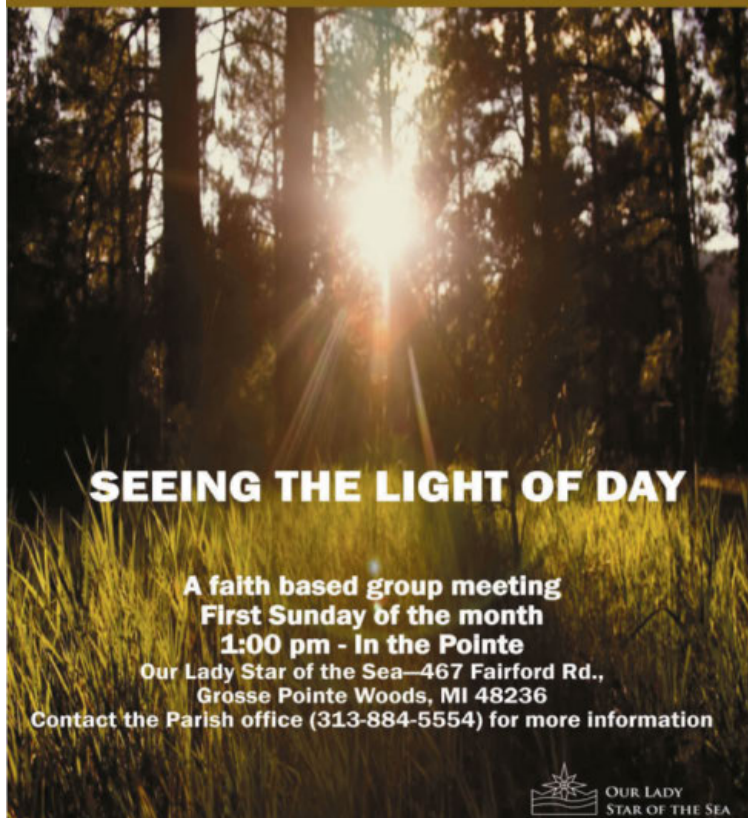
Please help save a life and become a Red Cross Blood Donor!

## 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!**

## Bereavement Group



### SEEING THE LIGHT OF DAY

A faith based group meeting  
First Sunday of the month  
1:00 pm - In the Pointe

Our Lady Star of the Sea—467 Fairford Rd.,  
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

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



## 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.

### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### **Monday, January 15th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
10:00 PM Funeral Mass for Shirley Curcuru  
Campus Closed for MLK Day

#### **Tuesday, January 16th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
11:00 AM Card Club

#### **Wednesday, January 17th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
5:00 PM Reconciliation  
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Thursday, January 18th**

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

#### **Friday, January 19th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Saturday, January 20th**

8:30 AM Exceptional Faith Formation  
11:00 AM Reconciliation  
12:30 PM Baptism of Margaret B. Webb  
4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed  
6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Sunday, January 21st**

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

#### ***Jan. 14, 2024 – Don't Worry***

Now here's something ironic:

A recent study conducted in Sweden found that hypochondriacs – those who worry they are ill, but are not – nevertheless often end up dying earlier than those who are not hypochondriacs.

The study, featured on a website that reports on research of this kind, tracked 42,000 people over the course of 20 years. It found those who worried about illness and death typically died about five years earlier than those who did not.

Reasonable people, of course, might ask how one particular variable – how much worrying someone did about their health – could be correlated to their death. The report, alas, did not address that particular question, but did go on to advise non-hypochondriacs to consider taking seriously the concerns of their worrywart friends and family.

Regardless of the particulars – and even the veracity of the study findings – perhaps we can use this news item as a reminder that the middle-ground is a good place to occupy.

Needless worry about our health is neither advisable nor productive. It leads to nothing useful. On the other hand, we are, to be sure, called to take care of our bodies, treating them with the respect God intended, and using them for good.

“Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?” St. Paul asks in today's second reading from his first letter to the Corinthians. “But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him.”

So, what are we to do?

“Avoid immorality,” the reading continues. “Every other sin a person commits is outside the body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price.

“Therefore, glorify God in your body.”

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## Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 15, 2024 Weekday (Green)</b>
7:00 am	Johnny Spath
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 16, 2024 Weekday (Green)</b>
7:00 am	Leonard Lefevre
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 17, 2024 Saint Anthony, Abbot (White)</b>
7:00 am	For the deceased members of the Calisi Family who died in the month of January
6:00 pm	Pamela Gervasoni
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 18, 2024 Weekday (Green)</b>
7:00 am	Joseph Calus
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 19, 2024 Weekday (Green)</b>
7:00 am	Gerald Valeck
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 20, 2024 Vigil for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>
4:00 pm	Grace and Sam Valenti, Geraldine Rogier, Bonnie Batche, Rosemary Mieras, and Special Intentions for Lou Giannopoulos, the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank.
6:00 pm	Denise Allosery
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 21, 2024 The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>
8:00 am	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 am	Joseph Paluzzi Jr.
12:00 pm	Kathryn Pierce-Kaspyk, Maureen Anderson and Special Intentions for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank.

### Daily Readings

#### Monday, January 15

1 Samuel 15:16-23  
Mark 2:18-22

#### Tuesday, January 16

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Mark 2:23-28

#### Wednesday, January 17

1 Samuel 17:32-51  
Mark 3:1-6

#### Thursday, January 18

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7  
Mark 3:7-12

#### Friday, January 19

1 Samuel 24:3-21  
Mark 3:13-19

#### Saturday, January 20

1 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27  
Mark 2:13-17

#### Sunday, January 21

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20



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## Our Center for Exceptional Children celebrated the Nativity with fun and fellowship

The students and families in our Center for Exceptional Children celebrated the birth of Jesus with a gathering and presentation of the story of the Nativity. After the lunch and program, Santa made an appearance to the delight of many.

The mission of The Center for Exceptional Needs at St. Joan of Arc is to enable persons with a variety of challenges to meet Jesus Christ and develop a friendship with Him and share the Lord's friendship in their daily lives. Through faith formation and Christian fellowship, participants learn about the Word of God, Bible stories and our Catholic Church, including sacrament preparation. Participants come together to share faith, friendship, love for one another and appreciate all of God's creation. Participants are from St. Joan of Arc and other area parishes.

The program meets on the first the third Saturday of each month and is open to students of all ages. Call Michelle Russo in Faith Formation office at 586-772-1282 or visit [sjasc.org/center-for-exceptional-children](http://sjasc.org/center-for-exceptional-children) for more information. The program is made possible through the generous support of the SJA Knights of Columbus and the Order of Alhambra.



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Misconceptions about God abound, even among Christians, and these misconceptions can become obstacles in our relationship with God. Augustine Institute Assistant Professor Dr. Elizabeth Klein presents a careful study of Scripture that will lead you to a deeper and clearer awareness of who God is, equipping you to share this truth with others.

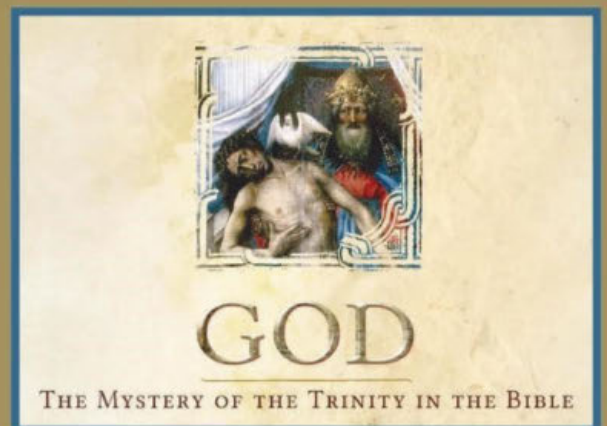
Starting in the Old Testament, Dr. Klein presents what God says about himself at various points in salvation history and how he reveals to Israel that "the Lord is one" (Deuteronomy 6:4). Moving to the New Testament, Dr. Klein shows how this one God then reveals himself as three. Along the way, you'll get answers to questions such as:

- How can God be transcendent and personal?
- If God is one, how can Jesus be God?
- What does it mean that "God is love" (1 John 4:8)?
- Why is the doctrine of the trinity the central mystery of our faith when the word "Trinity" never appears in the Bible?

This dynamic program combines an in-depth biblical study with insightful questions, an explanation of common misunderstandings regarding God, and personal reflections that will strengthen your faith in the one true God, who is a communion of three Divine Persons.

Join our Men's Fellowship group beginning in December on the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month as they embark on this new study by the Augustine Institute.

Contact Pat Adamcik at 586-775-3385 or Larry Kreszowski at 313-882-9369 to sign up.



# Prayers Needed

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Geri Beaugrand	Jeanne Fleming	Delaney Kraemer	Fe Reyes	Eileen Wallace
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Jerry Dedene	Helen Waltz-Gutowski	Joan Mannino	Dianne Schelosky	Loretta Williams
Joan DeDene	James Gutowski	Cyndy McMahon	Ann Simmonds	Richard Wojcik
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Frank Faiss	Marilyn Kiefer	Carol S. Provencal	Bernadette Thompson	

**Pray for the Sick List:** Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at [info@sjascs.org](mailto:info@sjascs.org).

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# Bringing Home the Word

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

January 14, 2024

## You Called?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in

the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them, we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples? †

## A Word from Pope Francis

[There] are different ways of realizing God's design, the one he has for each of us that is always a design of love. God always calls. And the greatest joy for every believer is to respond to this call, offering one's entire being to the service of God and our brothers and sisters.

ANGELUS, ROME, JANUARY 17, 2021



## Sunday Readings

**1 Samuel 3:3b–10, 19**

So [Eli] said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

**1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a, 17–20**

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you?

**John 1:35–42**

[Jesus said,] "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)."

*Maybe we need someone  
to open our eyes  
to God's presence  
in the ordinariness of life.*



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- In what ordinary events might you be missing God's voice?
- Are you open to God's call even if it invites you to leave what you know best?

# Seeking the Truth in the Digital Age

Michael Brehl, CSsR

God's most important communication with humanity is Jesus Christ. In and through him, the Holy Trinity is revealed—God's very self. This Word is living, active, and present among us.

The New Testament developed from the oral tradition of early Christian communities. Founded on the life and preaching of Jesus, the written Word was received by the community after years of listening. At that time, most people couldn't read or write. A few could conserve copies of the written word.

This changed dramatically with the development of the printing press. Ordinary people could then own books, including the Bible. Today information can be shared almost simultaneously.



Words now are on paper and computers, phones, and tablets. This new world of universal access has obvious advantages. But some material on the internet is

suspect, at best. Even so, some readers continue to think that if information has been published, it must be true.

When reading online, especially spiritual works, I suggest:

- Read with a critical eye. Let common sense and your own experiences guide whether you should check something.
- Talk with others about what you're reading. In community, the written word helps us discern the will of God.
- Does the content stir you to greater love, patience, and tolerance? Does it call you to personal conversion and change? Does it motivate actions on behalf of the abandoned and the poor? Does it judge others?
- Does it lead you to more profound relationships, or does it contribute to loneliness and isolation?

It's important to measure the content of our communication in the light of the gospel and the message of Jesus Christ. †

From "It Still Begins with the Word,"  
Liguorian, March 2013

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Beyond My Parish" by Richard W. Thompson

To some people the Catholic Church seems "small"—irrelevant to their concerns, unimportant in their lives, disconnected from the "real" world. Catholics can be very parochial. For many, their idea of the Catholic Church is their parish or the school they attended. With such a small idea of the Church, it's no wonder so many feel as if they "outgrow" the Church. Many of us don't experience just how literally the Church extends to the whole world. Certainly, the geographical expanse of the Church is impressive as on any given Sunday, Mass is celebrated in every language in nearly every city and village of every country on earth. But also consider the extent to which the Church has entered into deep reflection and dialogue with almost every area of human interest and endeavor: science, medicine, environment, artificial intelligence, space, world peace, and more. †

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*We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

January 15–20

**Monday, Weekday:**

1 Sm 15:16–23 / Mk 2:18–22

**Tuesday, Weekday:**

1 Sm 16:1–13 / Mk 2:23–28

**Wednesday, St. Anthony:**

1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51 / Mk 3:1–6

**Thursday, Weekday:**

1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7 / Mk 3:7–12

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1 Sm 24:3–21 / Mk 3:13–19

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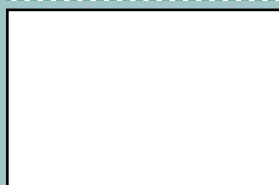
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