



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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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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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 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



Another Clark Griswold

Moment: Last Sunday, some family members went to a restaurant in Rochester to watch the Lions' game. A few

went to the game! Some had a surprise birthday party to attend. But my mom and I decided to stay at the condo rather than brave the cold and go anywhere. I was pretty content accomplishing a "task" on the infamous "list" of things to do at my mom's condo while watching the Lions' game.

Unfortunately, I tend to over-analyze and over-plan a project. I marvel at people who can come in, size up what needs to be done, and get it done without thinking through all the options. I waste a ton of time trying to anticipate all the obstacles so I don't have to redo whatever I've done.

My task this past weekend was to install some strip lighting underneath the TV stand in what my mom calls the "Green Room." This is a smaller room off the Great Room / Living Room. It got its name from the color of the walls. When my dad was alive, this was my dad's primary TV room when my mom and dad were not watching the same program. If it were a different program, my mom would be in the Great Room, and my dad would land in the Green Room. My mom now finds that most of her TV watching happens in the Green Room.

To create a little cozy atmosphere in the Green Room, my mom said one day that it would be great if I could install some lighting underneath the shelves of the TV stand. This would be simple ambient / accent lighting. My wheels started spinning, and I thought it would be great to install multi-colored strip lighting that she could control with an app on her phone. This way, she could change the colors or dim the lights as she saw fit. She was delighted to learn she could change the colors because she only anticipated simple white lights. But my philosophy with projects is always: "Why go the simple when you can make it complicated!" So, I set out to accomplish the complicated.

My project would be complicated further because I could not put the lights up in one long "string." The project encompassed two shelves, one of which was divided by two drawers. This meant I needed a strip

light set I could cut to length, splice, and wire so I could connect each section and utilize just one controller. I ordered all the parts and had them waiting for the perfect moment. Last Sunday was that moment!

While my mom was watching a movie in the Green Room, and I had the game on in the other room, I got on the floor and started to cut, splice, and wire. I meticulously ensured I didn't mess up any of my splices and that all the wiring was accurate. Because I was working with metal brackets, I could only use the adhesive on the back of the light strip to apply the light strip to the shelves. It seemed pretty sticky, so I wasn't concerned.

After all was wired, I said a little prayer and felt like Clark Griswold waiting to plug in all his outdoor Christmas lights. This was the moment. And, much to my amazement, all of the sections turned on when I flipped the switch. They were a nice white, and I was delightfully happy. I then got the app and made sure they would dim as designed. That worked. Then, I went to check out the different colors. And it was here that I started to sweat (and my mom even caught me saying a not-so-nice word). Only the white and green worked. This didn't make sense. I tried the other colors like red, blue, etc, but only white and green worked. "Okay," I thought, "maybe I messed up the wiring." But after tracing through all my work, I found it was all wired correctly. I tried again. Same thing. So, I started messing with the controller. I'm not sure what I did, but it began to work. We could change the lights to any color and dim them as needed. I was pretty happy and felt a sense of accomplishment. I showed my mom her new lights, and we set up a schedule so they would go on and off each night. I was relieved. I could now check off another project on the "list."

That sense of accomplishment didn't last even two days. My mom texted me Tuesday morning with a picture and these words: "All the work you did and look what happened (with a sad face)." At first, I thought, now what happened? Then I glanced at the accompanying picture and saw all the light strips fell. I guess the sticky tape wasn't too sticky for the steel brackets. UGH! Why can't my projects just work? So, I'm now researching other light strip mounting brackets. Otherwise, I'll use my solution of all solutions: Crazy Glue or Gorilla Tape! For now, I'll have to erase the check mark on this project! UGH!

Catholic Schools Week: This week, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week throughout the United States. This weeklong celebration is an opportunity to highlight the great work and ministry being accomplished in our Catholic Schools.

Catholic Schools integrate faith and values into every part of the educational experience. Whether in the classroom, on the athletic field, or in Church, Catholic School students learn to think and act according to the mind and heart of Christ. Giving students the resources they need to accomplish the task of thinking and acting according to the mind and heart of Christ is so vital in our complex world.

SJA's celebration of Catholic Schools Week begins bright and early on Monday morning, January 29th, with the celebration of mass at 8:30 a.m. I encourage you to join us or watch the liturgy online as we thank God for the many beautiful ways St. Joan of Arc School prepares students for the task of thinking and acting according to the mind and heart of Christ. The Catholic Schools Week celebration is also an opportunity to thank God for all the outstanding teachers, staff, volunteers, and parents who help make SJA School such a place of excellence.

I'd also like to call your attention to the fact that we've scheduled an open house on Thursday, February 1st, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The event will take place in the school and parking lot between the Church and School. The gathering will be an opportunity for attendees to meet our school teachers and administrators, enjoy some food from a few Food Trucks, roast some marshmallows, make s'mores, and even light a candle in Church as our regular Holy Hour takes place at the same time. The Open House is an excellent opportunity to see firsthand the great things happening at our school. The Open House / Winterfest is also a perfect opportunity to invite a prospective SJA School family to visit the school and witness the great family atmosphere of our school community. So, please mark your calendars and consider joining us on Thursday, February 1st. Please see the flyer elsewhere in the bulletin for more details.

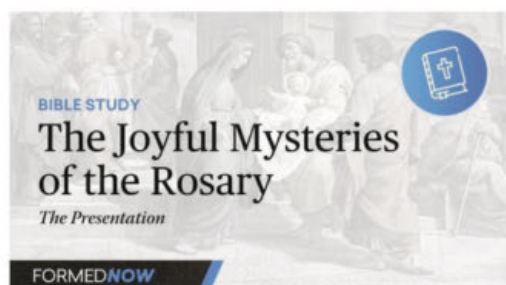
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In Christ,

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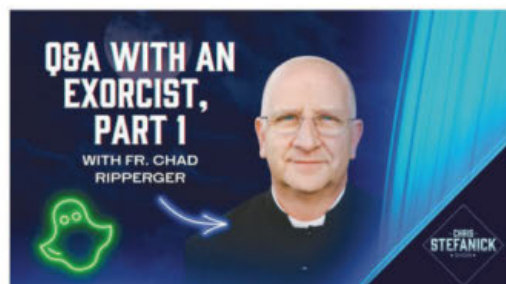
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of January 28, 2024



A Bible Study on the Joyful Mysteries: The Presentation

What is the importance of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple? Join Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Ben Akers as they unpack this great mystery and how it can apply to your spiritual life.



Exorcisms: What Catholics Need to Know | Chris Stefanick Show

Scripture says, "Be sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith." In other words, the Christian life involves spiritual combat. But a lot of Catholics aren't really familiar with this idea. So to start unpacking it, we're talking to Fr. Chad Ripperger, an exorcist priest.



Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

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Along the Way

Marriage Cruising

When I consider marriage, I cannot help but think about the bishop in the Princess Bride: “Mawwige is whut bwings us togevveh today.”

Marriage is a beautiful sacrament of service in our Church. But, as I’m sure you know all too well, marriage is not always easy. It takes work; it takes sacrifice!



Dr. Ed Sri, a well-known Scripture scholar put it like this...

“A friend of mine was in the sacristy of the church on his wedding day, waiting alone in the final minutes before the ceremony began. His best man came to check on him one last time. The best man, who had been married with children for several years, walked into the sacristy, gave the groom a serious stare for a few moments, and then started laughing at him.

Perplexed, the groom asked, “I’m about to get married ... Why are you laughing at me?” The best man replied, “That’s just it—you don’t know!”

That’s true for all of us. We don’t know what we’re really getting into when we get married. Indeed, nothing can fully prepare us for all the realities we will face in our vocation. We have to be thrown deep into the mystery of the other person, and the mystery of our relationship together, to appreciate what it’s really all about—the joys, the sorrows, the unexpected trials, the unanticipated blessings; how much it will demand of us; how much it will transform us; how we will be stretched like never before; and how much our hearts will expand as we take on the heart of Christ.

In our years of working with young people, Beth [Ed’s wife] and I have heard many devout Catholic couples express how surprised they were when

stresses, tensions, and hurts came up in their relationship. This can happen a few months, a few years, or a few kids into their marriage. They were not expecting this level of difficulty, and they think they’re the only ones struggling.

“No one ever told us how hard marriage really is.”

“Before we were married, we thought to ourselves, ‘Our faith is important to us. We pray, we love Jesus, we go to adoration ... Our marriage will be great ...’ But we were shocked that we could have all that and still have many struggles in our marriage.”

“Two very different people—who think differently, look at the world differently, communicate differently, process things differently—coming together for this relationship? It’s crazy hard!”

“I never realized how selfish I was ... until I got married.”

You can go through the best marriage preparation program; pray countless rosaries, novenas, and holy hours for your marriage; study the Church’s teachings on marriage and family; have amazing mentor couples to learn from; and even memorize the Theology of the Body ... and you still will not have any idea of what marriage is really all about and what it will do to you until you are deep into it.

This is both the beauty and the challenge of marriage. St. Francis de Sales underscores how marriage is the only vocation in which people take a vow before any kind of novitiate. In religious life, there is a long period of preparation, formation, and much practical experience in living with the community one is entering. A novice gets to try it out for a while, to see if this is what he wants to do for the rest of his life before making final vows. As St. Francis de Sales explains, marriage is vastly different. The couple is immediately thrown into the deep end together—and it is for the rest of their lives. “In marriage, one takes a vow. But it is the only instance where a vow is taken without a novitiate. If it had a

year of novitiate, how few would enter into it.”

The following saying applies most beautifully to marriage: “You build a life, and then it builds you.” This is what happens when man and woman come together in the sacrament of Matrimony. They decide to build a life together in marriage. And that decision—and the daily commitment to be faithful to that decision—is what God uses to form and bless the couple more than anything else in their lives. Indeed, it is precisely through the challenges, difficulties, and trials of ordinary, daily married life that God wants to transform us with his love and make us more like him.”

And so, a cruise?

As you are reading this, I am in the Caribbean with 400 married couples on the Good News Cruise. This is a Catholic cruise that will change your marriage forever. It is a chance for couples to get away on a fun, relaxing, and rejuvenating cruise with opportunities to grow closer together in marriage and faith.

There are engaging talks by well-known Catholic speakers, interactive activities and events, and exclusive cocktail parties. Fr. Joe Krupp from the Diocese of Lansing goes live on his podcast and Teresa Tomeo broadcasts live on Ave Maria Radio. Of course, there is daily Mass and opportunities for confession.



It’s a wonderful cruise and, for me, it’s great to see so many Catholic couples – some married for 50 years and others for only a year – grow together in their relationship.

Next week I’ll share a little more about the cruise, so stay tuned!

Fair winds and following seas,
Fr. Adam

January 28, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLEFourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20 | 1 Cor 7:32-35 | Mk 1:21-28

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

Oh, to not be anxious! What would that be like – to not have to worry about how we'll pay the bills or whether our kids are safe or if our health will fail? While anxiety is a very human emotion, we can take comfort in knowing that our God is more powerful than anything that may worry us. It is also important to note that in today's reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, what he means by "anxious" is not a modern psychological concept with only a negative connotation. The connotation is more "to be concerned with," or "caring about" something, and can refer to things that are very good – including spouses and families! But when we care for many things, including our relationship with God, it is only natural for us to be anxious at times. But Jesus Christ gives us the assurance that the troubles of this world are temporary, and the peace of God eternal. Paul is encouraging the Corinthians, and us, to understand the importance of an undivided devotion to God, to care for him above all things – no matter if we are married or single – so that our whole life is devoted to holiness.

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

I am always thankful when something good that has been anticipated, or predicted, comes to pass: The sunshine and mild weather holds true for that outdoor event I hosted; or the generous gift that a longtime friend mailed arrives unscathed. There is some anxiety in the waiting for, but relief in the fulfillment of, these beneficent promises. And while these are somewhat superficial examples, they do point us in the same direction of hope and gratitude that the divine gifts of God elicit in us. In today's first reading, Moses promises the people that the Lord will raise up for them, from among their own kin, a prophet who will speak God's own words and to whom the people will listen. And the Lord did provide numerous prophets, and kings, and judges, and eventually his only begotten Son, to call his people back to himself, and to save them from the wages of sin and death. The hope and anticipation God's chosen people had was fulfilled in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We share in that gift of hope and of gratitude for our salvation.

PRAY Today's psalm (Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9) is a beautiful prayer of thanksgiving and encouragement. It helps us steer our minds from those things which may make us anxious. Spend time in the morning or evening each day of the coming week, praying and reflecting on the words.



Readings for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 4 B

Reading One – Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.

Responsorial – Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Praise the LORD, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him. The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel he gathers.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit. The LORD sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground.

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.

Reading Two – 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

Alleluia – Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mk 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him.

Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.

World Marriage Day Event



World Marriage Day

A day when St. John Paul II gave his apostolic blessing.

Sunday, February 18, 2024

2:30-6:30 pm (doors open at 2:00 pm) Dinner at 3:00 pm followed by Speakers & Dancing

San Marino Club, 1685 East Big Beaver, Troy 48083

Emcees: Deacon Dominick Pastore & Teresa Tomeo

Music by: Rennie Kaufmann & his daughter Esther



Dr. Tim & Karen Hogan: Embracing Marriage as a Joyful Adventure



This is a chance to slow down and enjoy a dinner date with your spouse. Dr. Tim and Karen Hogan will show us how to use our marriage as a path of learning and purification, while also refreshing our friendship and re-awakening passion. You can expect to leave feeling encouraged and refreshed.

Karen and Tim Hogan have been on the marriage adventure for 34 years. From the beginning they have embraced marriage as a path of personal growth. They have been offering marriage retreats and seminars for many years. Karen is a spiritual director and Director of Faith Formation. Tim is a relationship therapist who recently published *The Gift of Cultural Hurricanes*. He has a small private practice in Plymouth, MI.

Fr. Julius Milton

Fr. Julius Milton is a Franciscan Capuchin Friar living and ministering at the Capuchin Retreat Center in Washington Township, MI. He was born and raised in Tamil Nadu, a Southeast state in India. After his initial stages of the Capuchin seminary formation in Tamil Nadu, he came to the US for theological studies in 2017. Having been ordained as a priest on April 21, 2022, he assumed the responsibility as the Associate Director of Capuchin Retreat Center in June 2022. He loves the Capuchin life, the charism of preaching, and accompanying people in their faith journey.



By January 1 - \$85/couple; after January 1 - \$95/couple
Table Reservations \$400 (5 couples per table) by January 31

On-line registration & payment: WorldMarriageDay.org

For questions about table reservations: Email Dan/Debbie at worldmarriageday@yahoo.com

For general questions: Rich/Fran 586.979.0192 or waldenluv2@wowway.com

ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY FEB 11, 2024



Mail-in Registration

Please print both names to complete form w/ payment payable to: World Marriage Day

World Marriage Day
43814 Falcon Lane
Clinton Twp., MI 48038

Husband: _____ Wife: _____
First Last First Last

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Amount: \$

Tickets will NOT be sent to you, a name tag will be at the door



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St. Joan of Arc
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Thursday, February 1
OPEN HOUSE



5:30-6:30 PM - NEW VISITOR TOURS

6:30-8 PM - ALL FAMILIES

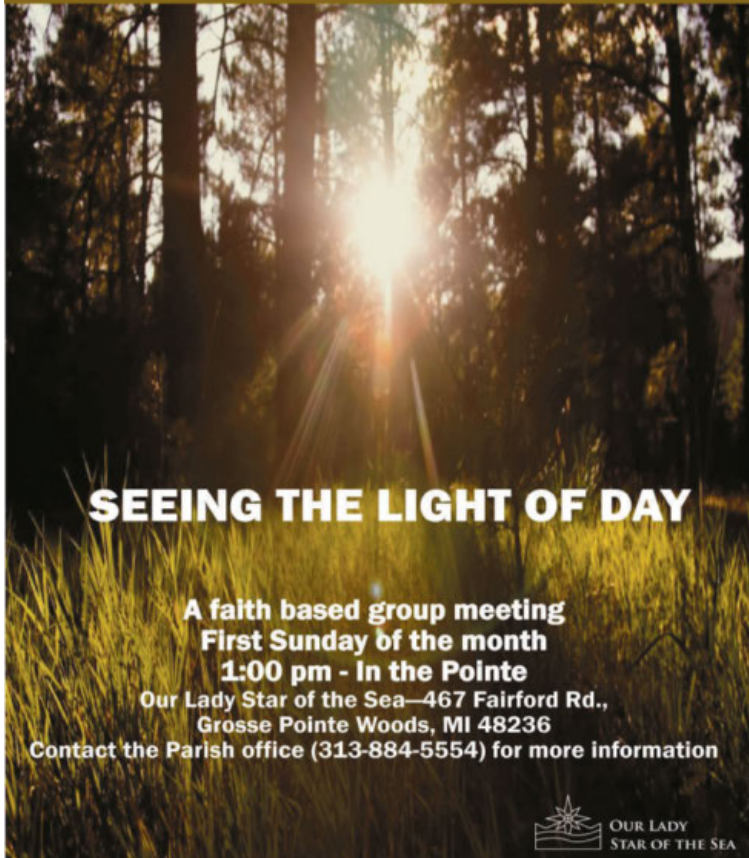
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LIGHT A CANDLE AT 7-8 PM HOLY HOUR IN THE CHURCH

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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

 OUR LADY
STAR OF THE SEA

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!

St. Joan of Arc Knitting and Crocheting Group

The SJA Knitting Group will be meeting the
Second and Fourth Wednesday's of most
months at 12pm.

We will be knitting in the Mary the Mother of
Jesus Room.

February Knitting dates are 4/14 & 4/28

If you are interested in joining or have questions
please call: Marie Byrski
@ 586-943-0240.



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 29th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
10:00AM Walking with Purpose - EH
6:00 PM Confirmation Class
5:30 PM First Communion Meeting - EH
7:00 PM Walking with Purpose - EH

Tuesday, January 30th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
5:30 PM Rescue Project - Emmaus Hall

Wednesday, January 31st

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

Thursday, February 1st

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

Friday, February 2nd

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, February 3rd

8:30 AM Exceptional Faith Formation
10:00 AM Funeral for Michelle Seidl
11:00 AM Reconciliation
12:30 PM Baptism of Parker and Killian Hart
1:30 PM Baptism of Lyla E. Kruczynski
4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, February 4th

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
11:00 AM Family Faith Formation - Gym
12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

Jan. 28, 2024 – Friendly Advice

It was The Beatles who famously noted that “I get by with a little help from my friends.”

Most people do, to some extent. But how is that, exactly?

In this age of sophisticated studies, it’s not surprising that time has been expended in figuring out how we make and keep friends.

A recent story in the *Wall Street Journal* provided details, noting that “it can be logistically tough to maintain friendships, but it’s good for us physically, mentally and emotionally.”

The story, based on the study, suggested people need approximately 50 hours for an acquaintance to turn into a “casual” friendship, and another 140 to 160 hours to turn the casual friend into a close friend.

There were plenty of caveats, including, for example, that intimate discussions can move things along more quickly, and that even after investing 200 or even 300 hours into a relationship, people aren’t automatically close friends.

Essentially, the matter came down to what for most people is common sense.

“Routinely checking in with people we choose to connect with, through calls and texts or in person,” the story noted, “helped maintain relationships and led to higher scores of positive feelings, like happiness.”

The good news is that, when it comes to the best friend any of us could ever need, Jesus, it’s fairly easy to get to know him.

After freeing a man who had an unclean spirit, we hear in today’s gospel passage from St. Mark, people were intrigued.

“All were amazed and asked one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.’ His fame spread throughout the whole region of Galilee.”

In other words, Jesus started making friends. For us, getting to know him is a matter of spending time in prayer and the sacraments.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday January 29, 2024 Weekday (Green)

7:00 am George J. Bugarin

Tuesday January 30, 2024 Weekday (Green)

7:00 am Anthony Lombardi

Wednesday January 31, 2024 Saint John Bosco, Priest (White)

7:00 am Andrew, Rita and Gerald Kopacko

6:00 pm Megan Winegar

Thursday February 1, 2024 Weekday (Green)

7:00 am Deacon Eugene DiCresce

Friday February 2, 2024 Presentation of the Lord (White)

7:00 am Elmer Gorde

Saturday, February 3, 2024 Vigil for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)

4:00 pm Grace & Sam Valenti, Bonnie Batche, Laura Nelson, Richard Sistick, and Special Intentions for Peg Shaughnessy, the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank. Prayerful appreciation for the work of the priests and staff of St. Joan of Arc.

6:00 pm Peter Accica

Sunday February 4, 2024 The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)

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

10:00 am Anthony Cimini

12:00 pm Michael Ciaramitaro, Sam Ciaramitaro, Mark Dunn, Betty Fennell, Edward Baranek, Therese Gilgallon. Joel Byrne, the deceased members of the Cottone and Abate Families, Paul Krok and Special Intentions for Joe Serventi, Cecilia Plotzke, Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank.

Daily Readings

Monday, January 29

2Samuel 15:3-14, 30; 16:5-13
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 30

2Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a,
30-19:3
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, January 31

2Samuel 24:2, 9-17
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 1

1Kings2:1-4, 10-12
Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 2

Malachy 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Saturday, February 3

1Kings 3:4-13
Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 4

Job 7:1-4, 6-7
1Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Mark 1:29-39



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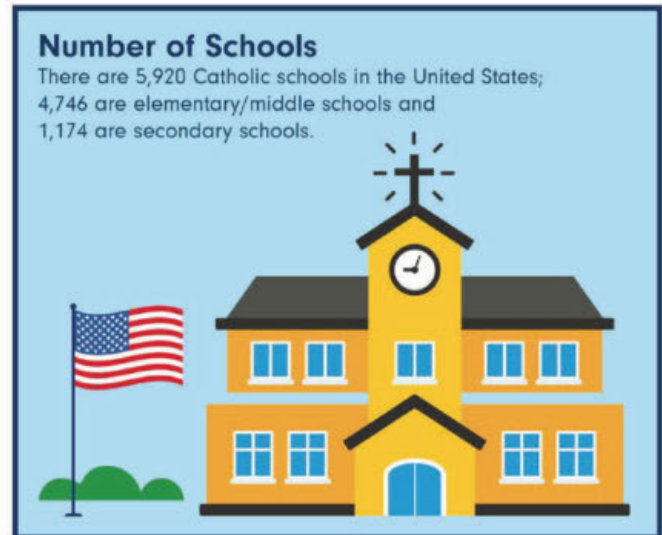
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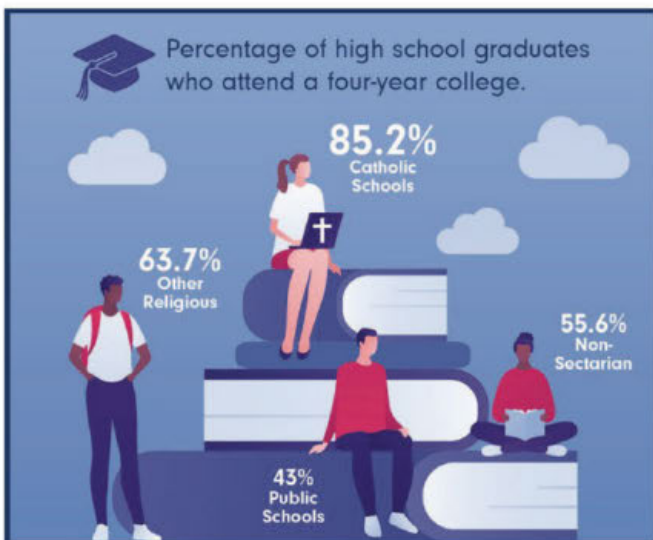
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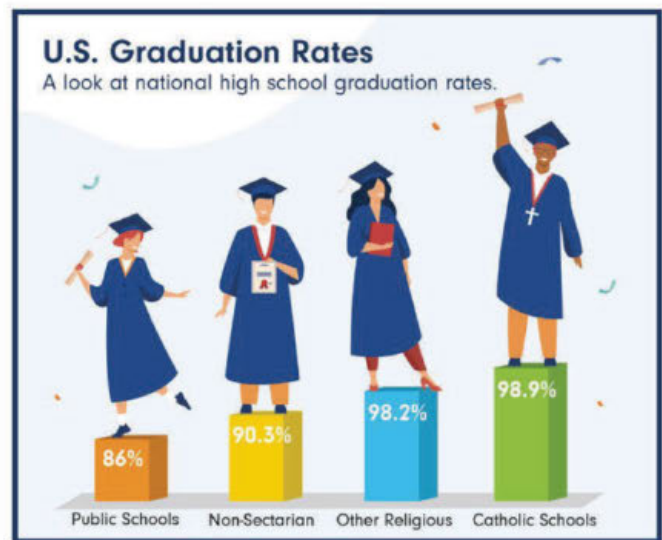
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Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

January 28, 2024

Teaching with Authority

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Who teaches with authority? To whose voice should we listen? The first reading provides an answer. Moses had been appointed by God to be God's voice for the Israelites—for that is what a prophet is. Moses assures the people that God will raise up a leader like himself. They are to listen to that voice just as they listened to his voice. The Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of that promise.

The issues of contemporary life are extraordinarily complex. Actually, when one is in the midst of living, it is always complex. It was complex at the time of Moses and at the time of Jesus as well.

So, to whose voice should disciples listen? It is easy to answer: "The one with authority." But who has authority? Recognizing genuine authority is not as easy as it sounds. Moses' position of authority was eventually recognized, but that was not the case in the beginning. The expression, "Who died and left you boss?" comes right out of an earlier story of Moses (Exodus 2:14). As for Jesus, he never held a recognized position of authority in his society, and we know his authority seems eventually to have been rejected by most.

A sign of genuine authority is seen in the integrity of one's life. Moses led the people through the struggles of the wilderness. In this Gospel, Jesus confirms the message of his teaching with his works of healing. Who has authority? "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). †

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of one's life.*



Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

If a prophet presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded, or speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

1 Corinthians 7:32–35

I should like you to be free of anxieties.

Mark 1:21–28

Jesus...said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"...He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.

A Word from Pope Francis

It is easy to be at peace with those we love and with those who do good towards us, but it is not easy to be at peace with those who have wronged us.... Let us ask the Lord, in silence, for the grace to give everyone, good and bad, the gift of peace.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- What is your attitude toward authority in the Church, in civil society?
- Do you exercise authority with patience and compassion?

Healing Our Inner Pharisee

Valerie Schultz

The phrase “healing your inner child” is a pop-psychology mainstay. The idea is that we can only become well-adjusted adults if we have made peace with the issues of our childhood. It is a sensible idea, and one I’d like to borrow to confront another character who dwells within all of us: our inner Pharisee.

The Pharisees were appalled that Jesus did not observe the fine points of the law. And Jesus had little patience with the superficial behavior of the Pharisees, who had perhaps forgotten the true purpose of the laws they so scrupulously upheld. “He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart” (Mark 3:1). Yet most of us have a Pharisee lurking in our psyche.

My inner Pharisee plagues me. When I was a child, my mother called me her “little Pharisee,” because I came home from school with stories of the wrongdoing of the other kids—things that I, of



course, never did. It’s easy to be a little Pharisee when you are the perennial teacher’s pet.

When I was a church employee, my inner Pharisee was especially well-nourished. When someone asked the time of an activity, I would answer warmly but think, “Well, if you’d read your bulletin, you would know, wouldn’t

you?” When a parent complained that she could not convince her child to attend confirmation class, I would nod sympathetically but think, “Well, maybe if you showed up for Mass, your kid would come to class.” My inner Pharisee grew out of control.

Fortunately, God made me a parent, which humbles and humanizes me, and makes me aware of how far from holiness I am. My inner Pharisee is silenced whenever one of my daughters does something that makes me look bad. Parenting is one antidote to the inner Pharisee, as it makes us more compassionate and less judgmental, especially of those who share with us the struggles and joys of parenting.

Certainly laws matter; there are specific laws to which we Catholics are bound. But when obeying the law supplants faith and compassion, we have succumbed to our inner Pharisee. And our inner Pharisee, if not confronted and healed, merely “talks the talk,” while Jesus calls us to walk his walk. †

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Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “The Four Faces of Jesus” by Veronica Smith

Mark, the earliest evangelist, wrote between the years 65 and 70, shortly after Nero’s persecution of Christians. Possibly because of the loss of leaders such as Peter and Paul, Mark deemed it necessary to produce a written record of Jesus. Christianity’s rapid spread also suggests the need for an organized account of Jesus’ life. Mark’s Jesus is in a hurry. Mark introduces you to a Jesus you may not have met before—earthy, relatable, and approachable. In Mark, we meet the most human Jesus. †

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Holy God, grant us the grace to recognize the truth when it is spoken and live that truth in our daily lives. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

January 29—February 3

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Thursday, Weekday:

1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12 / Mk 6:7–13

Friday, Presentation of the Lord:

Mal 3:1–4 / Heb 2:14–18 / Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22–32

Saturday, Weekday:

1 Kgs 3:4–13 / Mk 6:30–34

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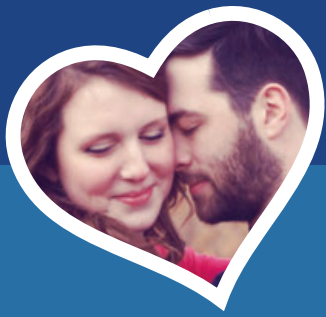
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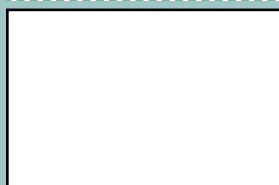
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