

# 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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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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





**Master of the Obvious:** Have you ever dealt with a problem or issue and racked your brain for solutions to the point you don't think there are any real

solutions? One of those moments hit me square in the face this week. But the solution was so obvious!

Many years ago, when it became evident we would not use the old baptismal font area in the back of the Church as a place to do baptisms, we decided to move the baptismal font to its current location in the Sr. Carol Center just before you enter the middle set of doors leading into the Church. The old baptismal font area was never conducive to celebrating baptisms because it was so small. That's why we have the "portable" baptismal font up front near the St. Joseph Statue. That's where we do all of our baptisms now.

We then converted the old baptismal font area into a place for candles and private prayer. I acquired the Pieta statue from a closed Church (I can't even remember where it came from) and placed it back there. We then renamed that area The Pieta Chapel. Most, however, refer to it simply as the "Candle Chapel." Although Father Rich, who often sits back there when we have more significant communal celebrations of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, refers to it as "The Sauna." If you've ever been there when all the candles are lit, you know it can have that sauna-like feel from all the heat generated by the candles. Even though we have plenty of ventilation in that space, it still gets pretty hot with all those burning candles.

I enjoy seeing that chapel as I celebrate Mass. We have a camera back there for streaming purposes to cut to a scene in that chapel as we wait for Mass to start or as a scene to use as a transition during Mass or an event. We just haven't finished all the wiring yet to make that project a reality. It's on "THE LIST."

Over time, the number of people who light candles has increased. Seeing so many people praying back there and lighting a candle is powerful. Yet, a recurring problem has developed in that most, if not all, of the candles are always lit. There are a number of us who keep watch over that area and replace candles as we can. For some of the more significant

celebrations during the year (Advent, Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter, etc.), I've been known to move some of the candles that are just about finished to the floor so we can put new candles in their place. Lately, however, more and more people have reported that no candles are available to light. I knew it was a problem but didn't have a solution. One solution was purchasing 4- or 5-day candles rather than the 6-day ones we currently use. But I wasn't too fond of that solution, so I pushed the problem to the back of my little brain and figured we would tackle it some other day.

Well, the other day, one of our parishioners who is on our Leadership Team (and let's say for the sake of this article her name is Rosemary) approached me after Mass. She was sharing how we ran out of available candles again. I shared with her some of the solutions I dreamt up not too long ago but never reached a solid conclusion about them. She listened intently to me and had somewhat of a dazed look on her face, like I was missing the obvious. She waited for me to take a breath and then said, "Have you ever thought about getting two extra candle racks? There is space for them, and that would solve our problem." There was dead silence on my part. I'm sure I looked like a deer in headlights. "UGH, I never thought of that," I sheepishly said as I started to laugh. I wanted to reach around and hit the big red "THAT WAS EASY" button from the Staples commercials years ago. How could I have missed something so obvious?

So, I'm happy to say two new candle racks are coming soon. Father Rich better prepare for the extra heat!

Now, I wonder how many of my other big problems are waiting to be solved with the most obvious solution!

**The Spiritual Consequences of Living a Hurried, Busy Life (Part FOUR):** This is a continuation of my reflection on and quoting from an article written by Frank Powell, a young adult minister, entitled, "7 Spiritual Consequences of Living a Hurried, Busy Life." The full article can be found at <http://bit.ly/SpiritualConsequences>.

Last week, I reflected on the second of the seven spiritual consequences mentioned in the article: A hurried life feeds 'approval addiction.' The third spiritual consequence is: A hurried life decreases your capacity to love others.

I found this spiritual consequence to be the most fascinating of them all and one I would not have thought of had I not read the article. But the more I thought about it, the more I realized how true it is that a hurried, busy life decreases your capacity to love others. Frank Powell begins this section of the article by discussing St. Paul's famous passage on love found in 1 Corinthians 13: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." Mr. Powell notes, "Love and hurry can't co-exist. In The Rhythm of Life, Matthew Kelly says relationships can only thrive under 'carefree timelessness.' And this is something hurried people don't have. The more you increase the speed of your life, the less carefree timelessness you have.

"Considering the two greatest commandments are to love God and love others, you need to consider whether your hurried life is costing you more than you realize. It saddens me to think about the failed marriages that are the product of an impatient culture. I think about the prodigal Christians that have been abandoned because we have no capacity to wait. Love is patient. Are you?"

It would be an excellent exercise for us to sit down and reflect upon the personal costs of living a hurried and busy life. Then, armed with such a list of real-life "costs," we must find ways to slow down or work more efficiently to accomplish what needs to be accomplished. As I like to remind people, we may not always have an hour to give to prayer each day, but that shouldn't stop us from offering a half hour of prayer. If we don't have a half hour to spare for God and/or prayer each day, we are too busy and need to change our hurried and busy lives! The same is true with relationships. We may not always have an hour to spend with people, but we should be able to find a half hour for those we love. If we don't have even a half hour to spare for someone we love, we are too busy and need to change our hurried and busy lives!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of March 03, 2024



## Liturgical Living | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of Saint Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year. <https://catholicallyyear.com/at-home/>.



## The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



## Death, Where is Your Sting? w/ Sarah Kirchner | Fearless | Episode 4

Despite our attempts to cheat it, we all must face death eventually. Listen as Chris shares the powerful story of Sarah Kirchner and her courageous battle against pediatric bone cancer. Who can bring us victory in the face of such significant trials? Find out in this lesson.

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## Along the Way

### We Are Family

As you have heard and read by now, the Archbishop has asked me to take on a different role beginning this summer. He has named me a member of the In Solidum team of priests for the Central Macomb 3 Family of Parishes. The parishes in the Family are St. Anne, St. Faustina, St. Louise de Marillac, St. Mark, and St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families. I will have primary pastoral responsibility at St. Anne Catholic Church and School in Warren. Additionally, he has asked me to be the Moderator of the Family.



I am thankful for the confidence and trust that Abp. Vigneron has placed in me through this new assignment. At the same time, I am sad to be leaving you all after such a short period of time. Thank you for your kindness and your welcoming attitudes. You have truly made me feel a part of the SJA family. This change does not take effect until July 01 so we still have some time together.

Many have asked “So, are you a pastor now? What does all this mean?”

Families of Parishes was announced on Pentecost of 2020 and, as Archbishop Vigneron stated in his pastoral note Sent on Mission, “Our new model of Families of Parishes... is a continuation of the fruits of Synod '16 and Unleash the Gospel... Our focus is on the renewal of our parishes and schools to align all resources to our mission of sharing Christ.”

We keep hearing that the number of priests is decreasing. In fact, the latest numbers show that in 5-10 years we will have roughly 100 priests. There are currently just over 200 parishes.

That means, in not so short of a time, we will have roughly 1 priest ministering for every two parishes. Furthermore, while the number of priests continues to decrease, so does the number of parishioners. There has been a 40% drop in the number of Catholics in the Archdiocese of Detroit in the last 20 years. Between 2000 and 2018, the number of weddings has decreased by 54%. Established in 1833, the Catholic Church in Detroit is rapidly shifting.

I say all of this, not to cause us to despair, but to show the gravity of the situation and the need for change in our current age. That is, in part, why the Archbishop has renewed our mission and initiated Families of Parishes.

A Family of Parishes is a grouping of three or more parishes that collaborate in deeper and more intentional ways than parishes have ever done before. Each parish in a Family retains its own unique identity, similar to how each sibling has his or her own unique role in the family. This is not a parish cluster or merger as we have done in the past.

There comes, with Families of Parishes, a change in the language we have used for nearly 200 years here in Detroit. While the title “Pastor” is no longer used in the Family, all of the priests in the Family have pastoral responsibility at all parishes. So, we might say, in a sense, every priest of the Family pastors each parish in the Family. At the same time, in most Families, there is one priest who lives and serves primarily at one particular parish. For me, this will be St. Anne, Warren.

Previously, my role at St. Joan of Arc would have been considered “Associate Pastor” or “Parochial Vicar” and Msgr. Mike would have been “Pastor”. But, if you read the official announcement from the Archdiocese about my new appointment, it read that I am

currently a Priest In Solidum at St. Joan of Arc, Our Lady, Star of the Sea, St. Basil the Great, St. Lucy, and St. Veronica, that form the SERF Vicariate Family 2.

All of the priests who minister in the Family are a Priest In Solidum. This is a Canon Law (Church Law) term meaning “as a whole”. Again, this reinforces the point that all of the priests in the Family belong to all of the parishes and parishioners of the Family.



Alright, so what is a Moderator? This is a new term that hasn't been widely used in parishes before. The Moderator of the Family of Parishes is meant to act as a sort of “first among equals” who is tasked with resolving difference and speaking on behalf of the Family. The role of the Moderator continues to evolve. Technically, the Moderator has financial and administrative oversight of all of the parishes of his Family. However, that is not quite how we are operating yet. Currently, the role of the Moderator in most Families is the bring the priests together for fraternity and to work towards a shared schedule of Masses and shared resources.

I know, it's probably a bit confusing. It's something all of priests too are still getting accustomed to. It does not, however, change our mission. Rather it reinforces our goal to serve and to form our parishes and Families of Parishes into a band of joyful missionary disciples.

Again, I'm still here until the end of June as my new appointment does not begin until July 01. In the meantime, please pray for me and know of my prayers for you!

## Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 10 B

#### Reading One – 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

#### Responsorial – Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

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

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

#### Reading Two – Eph 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

#### Verse Before the Gospel – Jn 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

#### Gospel – Jn 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and

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washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains."





## Meet those who will be entering the Church at the Easter Vigil on March 30th

*Learn more about the elect (those who are preparing for baptism) and candidates (those who have already been baptized) who will be received into the Church at St. Joan of Arc the Easter Vigil. As a parish community, let us pray for each as they continue to prepare to join us at the altar of the Lord.*



**Sara Biery** resides in Grosse Pointe Park with her husband, Cameron and 3 children, Logan (11), Madeline (8) and Carter (3). They spend lots of time in Northern Michigan with family where Sara and Cameron are originally from. They came to the St. Joan of Arc Parish several years ago when searching for a community and educational

structure that would better support their beliefs and morals, and the children attend St. Joan of Arc School. Sara is participating in the OCIA process to deepen her faith and is excited to learn more and partake in Catholic sacraments.



**Erik Duus** has been married to his wife, Kristin, for 28 years. They live in Grosse Pointe Woods and have two daughters, Lolly (24) and Charlotte (23). Last February, Kristin texted Erik to say she had signed them up for "The Rescue Project" at SJA, to which he replied, "Duusy, I'm not becoming Catholic, FYI." Since then, the Lord

has been drawing Erik not only closer to Himself but to the Church He started through the Catechism in a Year, reading the Word and many Catholic authors, discovering the Saints, beginning OCIA at SJA, and so much more that Erik looks forward to sharing with you one day. Erik is eternally grateful to Kristin for her support of this part of his faith journey and for attending OCIA classes with him!



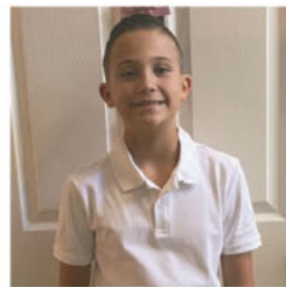
**The Ericksons, Elsie:** A few years ago, I attended a Catholic funeral. It was the most beautiful ceremony. It was as if my soul knew that day that I wanted to become Catholic. I started to get more curious, but it wasn't for several years that everything fell into place, and my daughters and I would join OCIA

as a family. I love coming to church and learning about Catholicism. Patty Chase has been my guiding light, and I feel so loved and supported. I feel like I belong and that everyone is speaking the same language. I love the ritual of

Mass. I am looking forward to how my life is going to continue to change and all the wonderful people I am going to meet along this journey.

**Addison Erickson:** I'm currently on the path to becoming Catholic with my sister Ryleigh and my mom Elsie. I'm 18 and a student at Grand Valley State University, studying Biochemistry with a minor in Writing! I decided to start on the journey of Catholicism because of my mother, who called me one day and explained that it was a path that was calling to her, and it was a path she wanted her daughters to follow with her. I was a bit on the fence at first, but coming to Mass has been a very calming experience. I'm hoping going on this journey with my family will allow me to connect with them and with God on a deeper level, and provide an escape in my stressful life for the moments of peace that Church provides.

**Ryleigh Erickson:** I am 14 years old and in 8th grade and going into high school next year. I love playing volleyball and love my dogs and cats. I chose to be closer to God because I feel like God has brought me comfort during tough times. Being closer to God feels like finding inner peace, guidance, and a strong moral foundation. I also have found a sense of community and support by sharing my faith with friends, family, and others. I remember a time when I was facing a really tough situation, and I felt overwhelmed and alone. It was in a moment of quiet whispered prayer that I experienced a great feeling of calm and clarity that seemed beyond my own understanding, like a weight was lifted off of my shoulders because God had my back. It was as if I wasn't actually alone, and that reassurance felt like a direct presence of God in my life. I have a hopeful feeling looking towards the future, to continue this spiritual growth and how it will shape me into the person I aspire to be.



**James Kalich** is a ten-year-old boy who resides in Saint Clair Shores and attends St. Joan of Arc School. He enjoys playing and watching sports but mostly hockey and football. When James is not at a hockey practice or game you can find him reading a book or playing one of many video games. James is a big brother to Jacob who is six years

old and also attends St. Joan of Arc School and Jolene who is 2 years old. James has entered the OCIA process to grow closer to God, faith, and the church.





**Herb Kengel** has been married to Lori Siska Kengel for 24 years and has 2 children, 2 stepchildren, and a total of 6 grandchildren. Herb became fascinated by cars in high school and owns his own body shop, where he restores classic cars, as well as repairing late model cars. Herb loves to be active and enjoys bicycling, canoeing, and snow

skiing. Herb has always followed the teachings of Christ, but now wants to make a formal commitment to the Catholic Church, joining his wife and grandson. He looks forward to deepening his faith on his spiritual journey as a Catholic and walking more closely to our Lord.



Hi, my name is **Andrew Mancina**, and I've been attending St. Joan of Arc for a few months. Although I've been a Christian for several decades, I'm new to the Catholic faith. I've chosen to be a part of OCIA because I want to grow in my relationship with Jesus and to experience His presence in a fresh new way.

On Sunday, you'll find my wife and me, along with our four children (and one on the way) in the last three pews; if you see us feel free to stop by and say hello!



**Jacob O'Donnell**: Growing up, I was always proud of my strong Lutheran faith in Jesus Christ. I regularly attended church with my parents, went to Lutheran grade school, and volunteered by teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. I had always intended to continue my education at a Lutheran high school, but I had the tremendous opportunity

to go to De La Salle. There, my eyes were opened to the Catholic faith through the teachings of the staff and Christian Brothers as well as the love and support of my friends and classmates. After graduating, I continued to attend Catholic Mass throughout college, and my faith truly blossomed when I met my now-fiancé, Lindsey. Upon our engagement, I felt called to fully embrace the Catholic tradition so that, together, we can live our lives in a united, Christ-like manner.



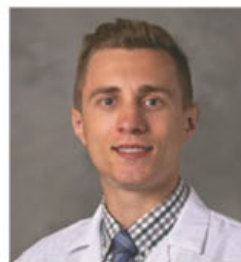
**Dudley Roberts**: I was born in Detroit and baptized and raised in the Baptist Church. I was introduced to the Catholic faith by my wife Grazyna in 1983, as we started our love story journey while we were both in medical school at Wayne State University. I am a Doctor of Internal Medicine, and my wife and I live in Grosse Pointe Park. I actively supported and was

involved in raising our two children, Sabrina and Jonathan, in Catholic traditions; we were long-time parishioners of St. Philomena Church in Detroit. After many years of prayer, the support of my wife, and the grace of God, I decided to join the Catholic Church. The OCIA process has been educational and inspiring to help me on this journey. I am committed to continue to practice my Catholic faith.



**Greg and Catherine Staples** of Grosse Pointe Woods have pursued the Catholic Church by lead of the Holy Spirit and feel blessed beyond measure to be welcomed by the clergy, OCIA

leadership, and community of Saint Joan of Arc Parish. Both Catherine and Greg are trained classical violinists and make their professions in the local music business; Greg as a performer with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Catherine (also a credentialed archivist) as Associate Archivist for Detroit Opera. They enjoy celebrating God through their playing and participating with the Grosse Pointe Symphony, where Greg notably serves as concertmaster.



**Kristopher Zuhl**: Kris was guided to the Catholic Church by meeting his girlfriend, Nora, who has been connected with St. Joan of Arc for many years. Through trials and tribulations, God has paved a path for him to pursue the Catholic faith. Working as a healthcare professional he has come across many unexplainable cases that bring

him back to believing that God has a plan for each and every one of us.

**Loving God, pour out your blessing upon your beloved children during this time of sacramental preparation. May they continue to grow closer to you and come to know your love for them. May this time of preparation be a time of blessing for their families, our parish community and the whole church. May we all be united in your great love. Amen.**

Interested in becoming Catholic? Learn more about the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) by calling Patty Chase at 586-777-3670





March 3, 2024 - Year A Readings

## Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7 | Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 | Jn 4:5-42

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DISCIPLE

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

Even St. Teresa of Calcutta experienced a period of “spiritual dryness.” We pray, we go to Mass faithfully, we serve others – yet at times God’s presence may seem elusive. Like the Israelites, we may ask, “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” As we enter the third Sunday of Lent, today’s readings assure us that God remains with us even during those times we may feel spiritually parched. In Exodus, water flows from a rock to satisfy the people. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman at the well: “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman, a sinner and an outcast, recognizes Jesus as Messiah, and it changes her life. Even when we don’t “feel” God’s presence, we can rest assured that Jesus stands beside us. He is our redemption and our Hope, and “Hope does not disappoint.”

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today’s Gospel, Jesus breaks with custom by talking to a woman – a Samaritan woman, no less. He “sees” her – knowing she has been married five times before and is living with a man not her husband. Yet he chooses to reveal to her his identity as the Messiah and offers her “living water.” But it doesn’t end there. The woman at the well goes forth and shares her experience with others. Many more came to believe in the Messiah based on her testimony. What an unlikely disciple! We may feel that we, too, are unlikely disciples: We are sinners, we’ve made mistakes, perhaps we feel we are unworthy to “represent” Jesus to others. But nothing is further from the truth. Jesus invites us not only to partake of the living water but to share it with others so that all may believe.

**ACTION** Put a note on your mirror or bedside: “Hope does not disappoint.” Each morning, remind yourself that Jesus is the source of our hope, and try to think of ways to share this hope with others.



### Weekly Calendar of Events

#### **Monday, March 4th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
10:00AM Walking with Purpose - EH  
6:00 PM Confirmation Class  
7:00 PM Walking with Purpose - EH

#### **Tuesday, March 5th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
1:00 PM Reconciliation  
6:00 PM Rescue Project

#### **Wednesday, March 6th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
4:30 PM Reconciliation  
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Thursday, March 7th**

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

#### **Friday, March 8th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
6:00 PM Simple Soup Supper - Emmaus Hall  
7:00 PM Exceptional Stations of the Cross -  
Live Streamed

#### **Saturday, March 9th**

11:00 AM Reconciliation  
4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed  
6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

#### **Sunday, March 10th**

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed  
10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed  
12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

### Words on the Word

#### ***March 3, 2024 – At the Well***

Water is the source of so much life, and, sometimes, so many mysteries, as well.

A recent piece in *The Detroit News* described a new documentary film that explores the disappearance, almost 175 years ago, of a village and a church into Lake St. Clair. Adding to the intrigue and local interest is that the village, called Belvidere, stood very near where Harrison Township is now. And the church, St. Felicity, was established by Fr. Gabriel Richard as the first Catholic parish in Macomb County, shortly after he founded Detroit's St. Anne.

According to the story in *The News*, the film relies on historical data and includes both aerial and underwater photography. The filmmakers conclude the disappearance can primarily be attributed to “industrialization and the ‘unintended consequences’ of altering the landscape.”

What a fascinating bit of history. What a great reminder of the realities that can be hidden, sometimes, in the depths of rivers, lakes and oceans.

And, ultimately, what a great frame of reference when considering one of the options for today's gospel passage. It's the much-loved account from St. John of Jesus' meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well.

After initiating a conversation by asking the woman for a drink, and engaging in some preliminary dialogue, Jesus offers profound wisdom.

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst,” Jesus says. “The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

It's a response the woman needed additional conversation to understand. But once she did ... oh, what a difference it made in her life!

It's the same for us. Once we understand the life-giving water offered by Jesus, things become clear, and there are few mysteries left.

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## Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

### Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 4, 2024 Lenten Weekday, Saint Casimir (Purple)</b>
7:00 am	Marlin Stewart
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 5, 2024 Lenten Weekday (Purple)</b>
7:00 am	A Special Intention for the Family of Tina Calisi
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 6, 2024 Lenten Weekday (Purple)</b>
7:00 am	Robert Bidigare
6:00 pm	A Special Intention for Maria Krzesowski
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 7, 2024 Lenten Weekday, Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs (Purple)</b>
7:00 am	Antonietta Mazzella
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 8, 2024 Lenten Weekday, Saint John of God, Religious (Purple)</b>
7:00 am	Marie Champine
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 9, 2024 Vigil for the Fourth Sunday in Lent (Purple)</b>
4:00 pm	Irene Catalano, Joseph Poirier, Bonnie Batche, George J. Bugarin, Allen Hayosh, Hugh & Virginia Curran, the deceased members of the Huvaere and Kerby Families, Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank
6:00 pm	Ray Campau
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 10, 2024 The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Purple)</b>
8:00 am	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 am	Joseph and Anna Niemczyk
12:00 pm	Marguerite Krapp, Irene Troia, George J. Bugarin, Barbara Nell Robinson, Harriette Klukowski and Special Intentions for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank.

### Daily Readings

#### Monday, March 4

2 Kings 5:1-15b  
Luke 4:24-30

#### Friday, March 8

Hosea 14:2-10  
Mark 12:28-34

#### Tuesday, March 5

Daniel 3:25, 34-43  
Matthew 18:21-35

#### Saturday, March 9

Hosea 6:1-6  
Luke 18:9-14

#### Wednesday, March 6

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9  
Matthew 5:17-19

#### Sunday, March 10

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

#### Thursday, March 7

Jerimiah 7:23-28  
Luke 11:14-23



### 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.”

**Robert L. Hindelang**  
**William Mills**  
**Rev. Michael Green O.S.B.**  
**Mark Heckman**  
**Aggie Butki**  
**Mike Hrabonz**  
**Laura Alexander**  
**Patricia Zublin**



“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](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org) calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing [vac@aod.org](mailto: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.



## Do you love to Garden?

Our SJA Garden Angels need your help! We have a master plan developed with the Parish Environment Beautification Team. This is a flexible volunteering opportunity that can work with your schedule. Work alone or bring your family or friends. (And your tools!)

Once we have assembled our volunteers, we'll have a kickoff meeting and get to work. If you are interested, please call the parish center and leave your name and number and we will reach out to you.

We hope to see you in the garden!



# CABRINI

In Theaters March 8th



### Film Synopsis

From Alejandro Monteverde, award-winning director of *Sound of Freedom*, comes the powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. Cabrini sets off on a daring mission to convince the hostile mayor to secure housing and healthcare for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.





# Friday, March 8th

## SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER & Stations of the Cross

at St. Joan of Arc, hosted by  
the Exceptional Needs Program  
With child-friendly readings and prayers



6 pm - Soup in the Emmaus Fellowship Hall  
7 pm - Stations of the Cross in the Church

### St. Basil the Great Parish

St. Patrick / St. Joseph  
Celebration Dinner

Sunday, March 17, 2024  
1pm to 6pm in the social hall  
Dinner served 2pm to 5pm  
22860 Schroeder, Eastpointe



Menu:

Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Kielbasa,  
Carrots, Rolls & Butter, Coffee & Tea

Beer & Wine will be available for purchase (pending license approval)

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dessert will be available for free will offering

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JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED EVENING

## TRIVIA NIGHT

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT



Saturday, March 16, 2024

6 pm Doors open and Dinner • Trivia from 7 - 9 pm

St. Lucy Catholic Church Hall

23401 Jefferson Ave., Saint Clair Shores, MI 48080

Tickets \$30 Each

Purchase Tickets Online at  
[www.blessingsinabackpackmi.org/events](http://www.blessingsinabackpackmi.org/events)  
or contact Vicky at 586-321-4509

- 1 Entrance
- 2 Pizza and Salad Dinner
- 3 Trivia Game

Tables seat eight. Groups of 6 or more will be  
seated together at a table. Groups under 6  
will be paired with other smart people.

- 1 Prize for Winning Team
- 2 50/50
- 3 Box Raffle

Feed the Shores Blessings in a Backpack is a  
community based volunteer organization  
which ensures children attending schools in the  
Saint Clair School Districts receive  
food for the weekend.

The Feed the Shores program is administered by the  
Community Foundation of Greater Rochester, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.



## Prayers Needed

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fred Barth	Ben Fazio	Lorraine Jonas	Carol S. Provencal	James Thompson
Geri Beaugrand	Ilene Fazio	Zayne D. Kapinski	Tracy Rauch	Linda Vitale
Edna Burton	Taylor Fisher	Thomas Kler	Alison Reslow	Eileen Wallace
Lori Cardosi	Jeanne Fleming	Catherine Konen	Fe Reyes	Tom Ward
Ed Cole	Linda Frank	Delaney Kraemer	Sr. Alice Riegel	Larry Weber
Tom Collins	Jeanne Gainer	Shirley Kraemer	Paulette Russia	Robert Werthman
Toni Glaeser-Collins	Roz Geitzen	Laurie Krim	Jenna Rose	Adrienne Weidenbach
Joan Combellack	Larry Graham	Concetta Leone	Victoria Rydholm	Joseph Whalen
Maura Corrigan	Peter Grantz	Mila Lictawa	Lily Saith	Marilyn Wicker
John Crawford	Chris Gretchen	David Lott	Dianne Schelosky	Joyce Wiekrykas
Jerry Dedene	Geoffrey Greve	Dave Lucas	Terri Smigels	Loretta Williams
Joan DeDene	Helen Waltz-Gutowski	Christa Maes	Kathleen Smith	Jenny Wojcik
Diane DeSantis	James Gutowski	Joan Mannino	Cathy Spindler	Joan Wright
Denise Dickerson	Pam Haisenleder	Cyndy McMahon	Palma Strussione	Janet Yntema
Grace Dickerson	John Hanselman	Heather A. Miller	Raymond Strussione	Michael Zinevich
George Dickerson	Rich Hanselman	Mark Moffitt	Gloria Strzelecki	
Nick DiCresce	Judith Hasten	Nina Mondalek	Cathy Sullens	
Kainoa Dunn	Leland Helzer	Jennie Mooney	Mary Surmont	
Jean Edwards	Ilona Higgins	Joan Persichini	Terri Szolach	
Dr. Elise Eden	Joan Ireland	Mary Pore	Kim Thomas	
Frank Faiss	Chris Janutol	Vicky Pranger	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).

### PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

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James A. Brannigan  
Robert C. Carden  
Kevin Conley  
Kelli Lynch  
Maria Marable  
Jacob Milatz  
R. Connor Montgomery  
Martin Rodriguez  
Dave Russell

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Samuel Baur  
Richard Brown  
James Patrick Carrier  
Nathan Dickerson  
Greg DeMoss  
Brian C. Ellis  
Thaddeus Kapuscinski

Joseph R. Kozlinski  
Michelle Kuznia, DDS  
Greg Lietz  
Chris Listilla  
Daniel Meagher  
Mika Prinze  
Kyle Richardson  
Christopher Scholz  
John C. Tramazzo  
Dan Travis  
Joseph VanDusen  
David Weise  
Edward Williams  
Samantha Williams  
Timothy L. Wilt III

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David Chute  
Kyle Cichowski  
John DuBay Jr.

David J. Kennedy  
Daniel Klein  
Paul Koss  
Matthew Krugler  
Jeffrey LaTour  
John Lewins  
Justin Lienemann  
Nick Lienemann  
Michael Light  
David Light  
Ryan McCarthy  
Lee Michael  
Thomas Reichling  
Frank Schuster  
Daniel Sparkman  
Tom Stevenson

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Brody J. Fitzgerald  
Jason Gaidis

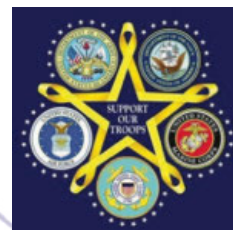
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Luciano Pastoria  
John Patterson  
Andrew Seator

#### COAST GUARD

Michael Franklin  
Christopher Rogers

#### NATIONAL GUARD

Robert Douglas III  
William DuBay





# Bringing Home the Word

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

March 3, 2024

## The Long Arm of the Law

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Eventually, you're going to get caught. That is how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will catch them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. Today's verses from Psalm 19 insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than honey. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People. Those who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club, are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their

goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said, "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should live."

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the instructions for flying a plane are. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us. †

### A Word from Pope Francis

Does the Lord feel at home in my life? Do we allow Him to "cleanse" our hearts and to drive out the idols, those attitudes of cupidity, jealousy, worldliness, envy, hatred, those habits of gossiping and tearing down others? Do I allow Him to cleanse all the behaviors that are against God, against our neighbor, and against ourselves...?

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 8, 2015



## Sunday Readings

**Exodus 20:1–17 or**

**Exodus 20:1-3, 7–8, 12–17**

You shall not have other gods besides me.

**1 Corinthians 1:22–25**

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified.

**John 2:13–25**

[Jesus said,] "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

*The people cherished  
the law because  
it outlined for them  
how they were to live  
as God's Chosen People.*



### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

### QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- Of the Ten Commandments, which are the most difficult for you?
- Which Commandments help you live with integrity?



# Our Balancing Act Needs God in the Mix

Kay Murdy

In the 1950s, the *Ed Sullivan Show* was a Sunday-night institution in our family. Although he had no performing ability himself, Sullivan understood showmanship and had a keen eye for talent for his “really big shew.” Using the principles of the vaudeville stage for the new medium of television, Sullivan would juxtapose the extreme ends of the entertainment spectrum: the classical pianist or ballerina alongside novelty acts, such as the guy who kept plates spinning on long poles without them falling off.

In our complex life today, each of us has many plates to keep in the air all at once. We have one for our family and another for our job, sports, and recreation. We have our church responsibilities amid a myriad of others that keep us in a dizzy spin. In addition,



we try to keep God somewhere in the mix. Unfortunately, that’s not a life in balance.

The way to keep our equilibrium is to balance God’s purposes, which Jesus summarized in the two greatest commandments—love of God and love

of neighbor as ourselves. *The Baltimore Catechism* asks how we can accomplish this: “What must we do to love God, our neighbor, and ourselves?” The answer: “To love God, our neighbor, and ourselves we must keep the commandments of God and of the Church, and perform the spiritual and corporal works of mercy” (190). It goes on to define what these seven “bodily” works are: to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to visit the imprisoned, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick, and to bury the dead (191).

Lent is a time to seek balance in our spiritual lives through the love of God, by prayer and worship and by reaching out to our neighbors in need. The trick is to keep the two in balance. †

Source: *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter*, 2013

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “The Ten Commandments: Sounds of Love from Sinai”

By Alfred McBride, OPraem

Moses heard the sounds of love as well as the cadences of the law when he went to Sinai. Divine love created us as a people of faith and provided us with ten core values that show us how to love. Covenant is the key to the richest understanding of the Commandments. Covenant is a love bond between God and us. Love liberates the human person. The Ten Commandments propose ten statements of liberty from attitudes and behaviors that undermine love. Far more than being restrictive laws, the Ten Commandments are liberating values and loving directives for our moral lives. †

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*So that we may live lives of integrity, free to be generous, compassionate, and loving, we pray—  
Lord, let us be like you.*

The Redemptorists

## WEEKDAY READINGS

March 4–9

**Monday**, Lenten Weekday:  
2 Kgs 5:1–15ab / Lk 4:24–30

**Tuesday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Dn 3:25, 34–43 / Mt 18:21–35

**Wednesday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Dt 4:1, 5–9 / Mt 5:17–19

**Thursday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Jer 7:23–28 / Lk 11:14–23

**Friday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Hos 14:2–10 / Mk 12:28–34

**Saturday**, Lenten Weekday:  
Hos 6:1–6 / Lk 18:9–14

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March 3, 2024

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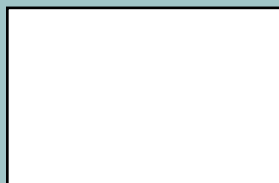
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