



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 OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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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



Outdone by a Centenarian: As many know, I'm still doing physical therapy at David Gilboe and Associates. I'm trying my best to get back on the road to

walking without a limp or issue, but it's been somewhat of a challenge lately. I know both knees are "struggling" because I haven't yet fully dealt with the foot issue. As my mom likes to remind me, had I called the foot surgeon when we started talking about this last year, I would be approaching the "first anniversary" of that appointment today (okay, I was hoping things would just go away). The foot issue stems back from 10 years ago when I broke my foot in multiple locations. Avid readers of TALLer Tales will recall that my foot fell asleep during an appointment at the Parish Center. When I got up to walk the person to the door, I fell flat on my face; I had no idea my foot had "fallen asleep." What followed was months on a knee scooter! Based on the fractures, my surgeon felt the foot would heal without surgery as long as I didn't put weight on it for a few months! I was game for the old college try!

Fast forward to today, there is some speculation my foot structure has deteriorated a bit and is the cause of many of my "issues." So, the goal of my physical therapy has been to strengthen my legs, hoping it would help both my knees and feet. Father "I'll call them tomorrow," here will be seeing the foot specialist this week. I don't think I need surgery, but I'm hoping for some corrective measures to help get everything back into alignment. For now, the physical therapy has been essential.

A couple of weeks ago, I was having a bad knee/foot day and just completed physical therapy. As I was walking out of therapy and saying my round of goodbyes, I passed a "little ole lady" just walking in for therapy. For the sake of this article, let's say her name is Rachelle (well, actually, her name IS Rachelle, and I have her permission to use her name). Because I was hurting a bit, I wasn't paying much attention. But her daughter, who was three steps behind her, stopped me and told me her mom was 102! I did an immediate about-face and talked to the eager and happy centenarian! We exchanged a bit of talk, and then I blessed her on her forehead as she was about to go in for her round of physical therapy. As I got into my car, I

thought there was a bit of irony here. What's wrong with this picture: the 59-year-old is moaning and groaning while leaving therapy, and in walks a 102-year-old quite eager and anxious to start therapy! I wanted to put up my hand in the shape of an "L" on my forehead for LOSER.

This past weekend, I had somewhat of a bad knee weekend. The knee with the bone spur and bone fragment locked on Sunday, which caused me a bit of an issue. So, when I walked into PT on Monday, I first declared to Sue that it was going to be a "wimpy executive spa day," meaning that I would only do heat therapy and no work on any machines. I wasn't in the mood to handle the bike, leg press, or other machines. When Julie, my physical therapist, came to me, she listened intently to my tales of woe from the weekend and was sympathetic to my "I didn't want to do much" attitude. So we settled for 10 minutes with all the heat packs on my knees and legs, and then we would do some simple stretches on the table.

As I was lying on the table and being an absolute wimp and loser, out of the corner of my eye I see this lady quickly pass my area doing a lap with Josh, another physical therapist. A few seconds later, she quickly passes my table again. There was no stopping this spry little lady. Then it dawned on me that the spry little lady was Rachelle. I asked Julie if it was Rachelle, and she took a quick look and confirmed my hunch! There was something wrong with this picture; again the 59-year-old is being a wimp and loser lying on a table and the 102-year-old is outpacing everyone doing laps. I quickly got off my table and had to chat with dear little Rachelle! She is amazing. When I was recovering from my knee surgery, I had Rachel (another centenarian) outpacing me in the neighborhood, and now Rachelle is outpacing me at Gilboe's. I have no reason to be a wimp! If they can do it at 100 and 102, I can certainly do it!

As I was leaving Gilboe's, Rachelle and her daughter were already in their car and ready to go. I walked up to the car and started to chat with Rachelle again. She told me she had a good session but was hurting a bit. She then had this cute little smile and said, "I wonder if I can use my age as an excuse." I laughed and said, "Dearie, YOU HAVE an excuse, I don't!" Once again, I was outdone by a centenarian!

Halfway through Lent: Believe it or not, folks, but we've passed the halfway point of our Lenten Journey. If the

realization that Lent is practically half over hasn't jolted you, the thought we moved to Daylight Savings Time this weekend should bring it home too.

As we mark this halfway point on our Lenten journey, we need to ask ourselves the question: How are we doing with our Lenten retreat? What about all of those Lenten resolutions? I am sure many of you have faithfully fulfilled those resolutions. Others may be in my camp where you have fallen a little (or a lot). No matter what side you're on, this is the time to start anew if needed.

A simple resolution could be to spend more time in prayer. Prayer is such an essential aspect of the Christian's life. Yet, the busy lives so many of us lead can often pull us away from the good intentions to be people of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that "Prayer in the events of each day and each moment is one of the secrets of the kingdom.... It is right and good to pray so that the coming of the kingdom of justice and peace may influence the march of history, but it is just as important to bring the help of prayer into humble, everyday situations; all forms of prayer can be the leaven to which the Lord compares the kingdom (CCC, 2659-2660)."

We need to follow the example of the Lord, who often went off to a deserted place to pray not only before significant decisions in his earthly life but also in the midst of his busy day. If you have 15 minutes, then give those 15 minutes to prayer. If you only have 5 minutes, then give those 5 minutes to prayer. Your day will be greatly blessed because of your commitment to prayer. Don't let the activities of the day become an excuse for not spending SOME time ... even 10 minutes ... with the Lord!

Your prayer could be silent and just sitting in the presence of the Lord. Your prayer could be time spent reflecting on the readings of the day. Your prayer could be listening to something on Hallow or Formed. Prayer ultimately can take on many forms. It doesn't have to be the same form each time you pray either. It's just important that you pray!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of March 10, 2024



Fear and Spiritual Warfare w/ Fr. Chad Ripperger | Fearless | Episode 5

Exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger joins Chris to discuss fear and spiritual warfare. God calls us to walk confidently in his victory over the Evil One, not be slaves to fear. Reject fear's lies and live in the full freedom that comes from claiming the truth of Jesus Christ. Learn from Chris and Fr. Chad how to let Christ's power unshackle your heart and overcome sin in your life.



Week Four | Restore: Lent with Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

In week four of Restore, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, reflects on almsgiving and how it heals your relationships with others. One of the most powerful ways to heal your brokenness is to give—not only money or clothing, but also your presence and love—to those whom God has placed in your life, even those who have wounded you.



Where are You?

This captivating series explores Catholic themes of redemption, grace, and forgiveness through compelling storytelling and thought-provoking narratives. It offers a profound understanding of the transformative power of forgiveness and its significance in personal growth and spiritual renewal.

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Along the Way

A Little History Lesson on Lent

The word “Lent” has been in use in English since at least the 13th Century. It comes from the Middle English word *lente*, meaning “springtime.” In Latin, Lent is referred to as *Quadragesima*, meaning 40. Historians generally agree that the 40-day period before Easter, known as Lent, emerged shortly following the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. (Perhaps you have never heard of the Council of Nicaea, but you do commemorate it every Sunday at Mass. This Council is where the Church solidified the Nicene Creed, which we proclaim together at each Mass.)

Earliest observances of Lent seem to have focused particularly on the practice of fasting. Council records suggest that the fast applied at first mainly to new converts as a period of repentance and reflection before baptism at Easter. In any case, Lent quickly became a general practice churchwide.

The actual 40-day period varied region-to-region, even church-to-church; some including weekends, some not; some fasting Sundays, others not. But in every case, the fast was strict: one meal a day after 3 p.m. with no meat, fish, or dairy. It was Pope Gregory I (590 - 604) who finally regularized the period of the fast churchwide, to begin on a Wednesday 46 days before Easter with a ceremony of ash, and not to include Sundays, which were perennial days of celebration.

Other historical records indicate that a pre-Easter season of fasting, had actually been in practice already, as far back as the second century, and perhaps even earlier. In “History of Lent,” Father William Saunders writes that early church father, St. Irenaeus (c. 130 - 202), in a letter to Pope St. Victor, mentioned a dispute about the number of days for the pre-Easter fast. St. Irenaeus noted that such “variation in observance did not originate in our own day, but very much earlier, in the time of our forefathers.” St. Irenaeus himself was a third-generation disciple



after the Apostles, so his dating of Lenten fasting back to the time of his “forefathers” establishes it as a practice from the very earliest days of the church. St. Irenaeus’ letter references the idea of a fast lasting 40 days before Easter, strongly suggesting the concept predated St. Irenaeus’ own time. Jesus fasting 40 days and 40 nights in the desert to prepare for his public ministry is thought to be the primary inspiration for such a timeframe.

Nonetheless, following the Council of Nicaea, Lenten practices remained essentially unchanged for centuries. However, by the 800s, the strictness of the fast began to relax. By the 1400s, Christians had begun eating the one meal earlier in the day, and later began to add a smaller meal to keep up their strength for work. Eventually, the one-meal restriction was lifted altogether, and new practices emerged, like the idea of giving up some luxury or need as a personal sacrifice for the season. Over time, “giving something up” or “sacrificing something” became the centerpiece of Lent.

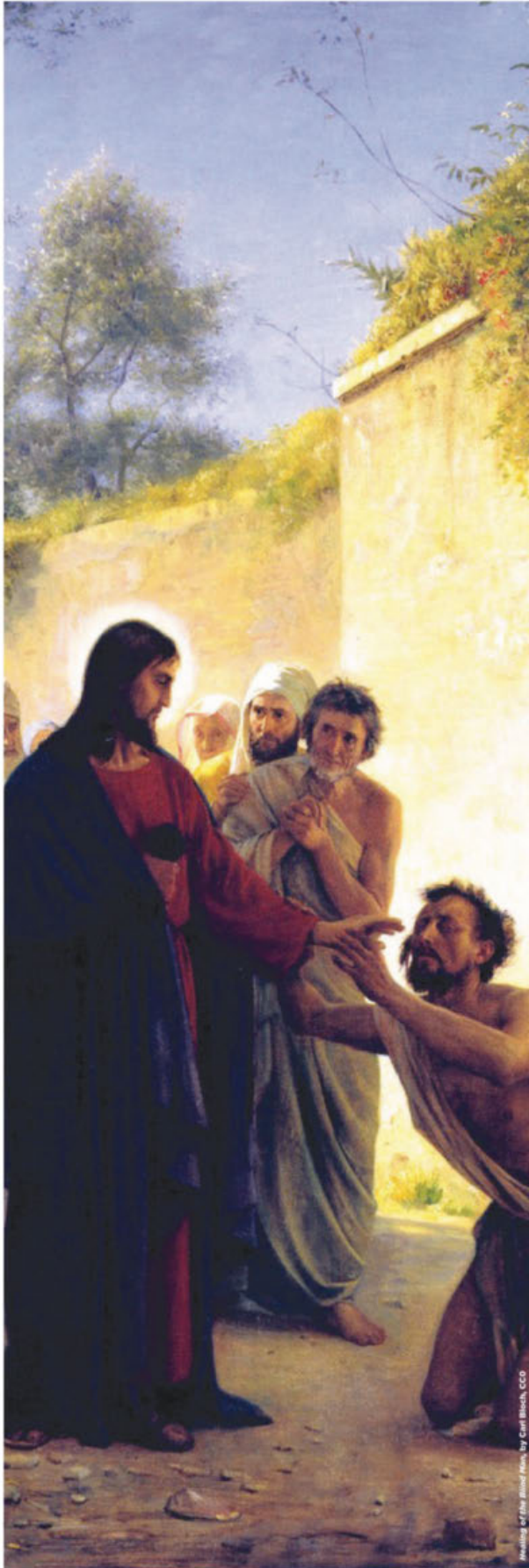
How is My Sacrifice?

Sacrifice is an important part of what it means to be a Christian, especially during the Lenten season. Even though we are well into Lent at this point, we should ask ourselves, “Is the thing that I sacrificed bringing me closer to Jesus? Is it helping me to unit my offering with His self-offering?”

As we heard a couple weeks ago in our first reading for Sunday Mass, Abraham was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac to show his love of God. Abraham said that he would, and God believed him, allowing him to sacrifice a sheep instead. God Himself sacrificed, giving His only Son to show us His love for us.

Is my sacrifice truly a sacrifice? Is it difficult? But most importantly, is it drawing me deeper into relationship with God?

Blessings,
Fr. Adam



March 10, 2024 - Year A Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a | Eph 5:8-14 | Jn 9:1-41

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

Five days, five minutes of sunshine: That's how the city where I live greeted 2023. As the month wore on, the gloom seemed unrelenting with only momentary breaks in the clouds. When the sun did return, people posted photos on social media with a combination of joy and relief. That experience hints at the effect Jesus had on St. Paul and the early Christians. As he writes, "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord." Today, just as then, Jesus brings light and healing to the darkness within us and within our world. Unlike the elusive sun, we can see the light of Jesus every day – in the people we love, the kindness of strangers, moments of prayer, unexpected joys. In turn, St. Paul encourages us to "live as children of light" by being the face of Jesus to others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Even in the midst of Lent as a penitential season, the Sunday readings offer us much hope. Consider today's familiar story of Jesus healing the blind man. He doesn't just tell the man to open his eyes. Instead, Jesus smears clay on the man's eyes and has him wash in the Pool of Siloam; only then does the blind man see. He was transformed through Christ. Through our baptism we, too, have been transformed and "enlightened," becoming sons and daughters of light (CCC 1216). As we continue to observe Lent, perhaps we're working on areas in our life where we have been spiritually blind – or at least not seeing 20/20. Through our baptism and the sacraments, we can be healed and transformed by Jesus, the "light of the world." In turn we can share that light with others, as we continue to grow in the virtues of "goodness and righteousness and truth" of which St. Paul speaks.

PRAY Psalm 23 is a favorite of many and for good reason. Read or listen to it this week as encouragement on your Lenten journey:

*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.*

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 17 (Cycle A Readings)

Reading One – Ez 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial – Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand? But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Reading Two – Rom 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will

give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Verse Before the Gospel – Jn 11:25a, 26

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

Gospel – Jn 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this, he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if

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you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

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LENT 2024

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Reconciliation in the Sr. Carol Center

- Tuesdays at 1 pm
- Wednesdays at 4:45-6 pm
- Saturdays at 11 am

Vicariate Reconciliation Services

- Wednesday, March 20 at 1 pm, Our Lady of Hope
- Monday, March 25 at 7 pm, St. Joan of Arc

Holy Hour with Music in the church

- Thursdays from 7-8 pm

Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7 pm in the church

Livestream Stations and Holy Hours at stjoan.church

Trivia Night At St. Lucy's

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TRIVIA NIGHT

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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
or contact Vicky at 586-321-4509

- ? Entrance
- ? Pizza and Salad Dinner
- ? 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.

- ? Prize for Winning Team
- ? 50/50
- ? 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.

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, March 11th

No School Professional Development
7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
10:00AM Walking with Purpose - EH
5:30 PM Baptism of Amelia M. Celcev
7:00 PM Walking with Purpose - EH

Tuesday, March 12th

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

Wednesday, March 13th

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

Thursday, March 14th

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

Friday, March 15th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
7:00 PM Stations of Cross - Live Streamed

Saturday, March 16th

8:30 AM Exceptional Faith Formation
11:00 AM Reconciliation
12:30 PM Baptism of Brayden W. Jamieson
2:30 PM Baptism of Grant E. Decker
4:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, March 17th

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 10, 2024 – Rest in a Chaotic World

As if life isn't already complicated enough, along comes a new theory about people who thrive on making the world even more chaotic.

A recent story on a national news website explored what the authors described as a growing phenomenon of people seeking discord.

Researchers explored people's responses to several statements, one of which was: "I need chaos around me; it is too boring if nothing is going on."

Difficult as it may be to believe, nearly 33% of respondents concurred.

"The researchers came up with a term to describe the motivation behind these (people)," the story said. "They called it the 'need for chaos,' which they defined as 'a mindset to gain status' by destroying the established order."

Not surprisingly, of course, much of this manifests itself on social media. As does the tendency to be cruel just for the sport of it.

Another recent story pointed out the increase in what it called "modern outrage culture." People who subscribe to this mindset create a spiral effect of angst and hatred. "People wanting clout compete to produce the meanest and most over-the-top commentary," the story noted, "stifling open dialogue and demonizing those who make mistakes."

It's in this environment that we as Christians are called to work for change. It means taking precisely the opposite approach. An approach articulated in today's psalm response:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want," we pray. "In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. 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."

Repose. Rest. Refreshment. Peace. It may not be the trendy path these days, but it's the right one.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	March 11, 2024 Lenten Weekday (Purple)
7:00 am	Stephen & Nancy Fattore
Tuesday	March 12, 2024 Lenten Weekday (Purple)
7:00 am	Josephine Lucchese
Wednesday	March 13, 2024 Lenten Weekday (Purple)
7:00 am	Leona Mecha
6:00 pm	Dorothy Shuder
Thursday	March 14, 2024 Lenten Weekday (Purple)
7:00 am	Lorraine Wolanski
Friday	March 15, 2024 Lenten Weekday (Purple)
7:00 am	Robert Swalec
Saturday	March 16, 2024 Vigil for the Fifth Sunday in Lent (Purple)
4:00 pm	Bonnie Batche, Gerald Ellar, Edward, Helen and Henry Blind, Paula Nagel, Mary Lafata, and Special Intentions for Debbie Kunath, the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank
6:00 pm	Angeline Calus
Sunday	March 17, 2024 The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Purple)
8:00 am	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 am	Joseph and Sylvia Thomas
12:00 pm	Aniello Mazzella, Jose' Silva, Louisa Sarra, Mary Ellen Blondin, Marie Shaheen, Mary & Leo Lamparski, Roger Rodlin and Special Intentions for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank.

Daily Readings

Monday, March 11

Isaiah 65:17-21
John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
John 5:1-6

Wednesday, March 13

Isaiah 49:8-15
John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 14

Exodus 32:7-14
John 5:31-47

Friday, March 15

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 16

Jeremiah 11:18-20
John 7:40-53

Sunday, March 17

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45



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We hope to see you in the garden!



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Diane DeSantis	James Gutowski	Christa Maes	Kathleen Smith	Jenny Wojcik
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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.

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Bringing Home the Word

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)
March 10, 2024

You Decide

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions, we demonstrate we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself, but in the options given to us. And there is the rub. Often these options are not of our choosing. This can cause decision-making to be very difficult.

Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, or harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will likely keep society as is. Which will it be? You decide. †

We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life that he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society.

A Word from Pope Francis

The coming of Jesus into the world leads to a choice: whoever chooses darkness will face a judgment of condemnation; whoever chooses light will have a judgment of salvation....This is what we are called to do with greater dedication during Lent: to welcome the light into our conscience, to open our hearts to God's infinite love....

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 14, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Have you ever compromised your religious values in order to get by in life?
- Might God be asking you to choose something new?

Sunday Readings

2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23

But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy.

Ephesians 2:4–10

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast.

John 3:14–21

[Jesus said,] "Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

Sacrificers Are Fed By Their Own Sacrifice

John Shea

When I was a young child, my grandfather used to play a game with me as old as the dawn of time. He would take a cookie in his hand and show it to me. He proceeded to put both hands behind his back and then bring them to the front. Both hands were closed into fists.

"If you can guess what hand the cookie is in, you can have it," he would say. I would walk around his hands trying to catch a glimpse of the cookie. But his hands were large, and the cookie was well-tucked inside. Finally, I would venture a guess and tap a hand. Both hands would open and turn over, flat as plates.



On each hand was half a cookie. The scoundrel had broken the cookie in half behind his back.

I would say, "Pop, you cheated!" But by that time he had eaten one of the halves. With his mouth full, he would say to me, "You had better hurry."

I think we break both bread and life like that, half for us and half for others. Jesus ate the bread he broke and fed himself on his own life. Sacrificers are fed by their own sacrifice. This is a secret we seldom acknowledge. There is more love when we give it away rather than keep it, more love for those who give it and more love for those who receive it. In the world of Spirit, what is shared does not divide. It becomes more abundant. †

Source: *Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter*, 2008

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Understanding Sin Today" by Richard M. Gula, SS

We talk about sin differently today because the relational model of the moral life has replaced the legal model. One thing that hasn't changed, though, is our concept of God's love and mercy. We do not believe God wants us to be weighed down with a distorted sense of guilt and responsibility. Rather, we believe we are invited to participate more fully in the creative power of God. He accomplishes this by calling us to reconciliation, to reconnect with our best selves, with others, with the world, and with himself. The sacrament of reconciliation is an opportunity and invitation to heal the brokenness in our lives and to set relationships right. †

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and do, we may choose
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Lord, let us be like you.*

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WEEKDAY READINGS

March 11–16

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