



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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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." - Jn 15:10

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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



Working Around the “NEW” Me:

This aging stuff is for the birds! I had a little incident a couple of weeks ago that I’m so grateful I didn’t break or

bruise anything. Some know we’ve had issues with the main church electronic door locks lately. So, some work had to be done on them. It happened to be a Thursday, a day we had one of our 85+ Dinners. The guys who work on all this stuff for me were doing some of the wiring, and I happened to be talking to them just outside the entrance to the Sr. Carol Center. I was paying attention to some work that was taking place at school and started to walk backyards to get a better visual of what was happening. As I stepped backward, I fell over the planters that were situated in front of the pillar. I went entirely backward and landed on my back and elbows. Chris, who was working on the door, came over right away and started to help pick me up. At the same time, a parent yelled across the parking lot to ask if I was okay. I remember telling Chris I needed a minute to see if anything was broken. I wasn’t in pain, so I figured everything must have been okay. Chris then bear-hugged me to help me up because the “new” me can’t get up easily anymore once on the ground. I paused a moment and realized all seemed fine. My elbows hurt, as did my tailbone. I went home, took some Tylenol, made sure I didn’t rip any holes in my suit, and then walked right back over to party with the 85+ group! No one but Chris and that parent knew anything had happened. By the grace of God, I didn’t break anything. Imagine the new stories that would have been circulating around the parish about the old Monsignor if something had happened that day! I was so lucky!

But the reality of being unable to stand back up again from being on the ground takes some work to get used to! Even the littlest things I took for granted become a chore. I now have to sit in a chair and lower myself onto the ground with my arms to get down on the ground. To get back up from the ground, I position myself close to a chair, raise myself unto the chair, and from there, I can stand back up again. It’s a bit annoying but also humorous at the same time!

The other day, a freeze warning popped up on my phone. It happened to be the day we had confirmations. The freeze warning

concerned me as I had already “de-winterized” my mom’s RV. It’s a Sprinter Van that was converted into an RV. Given that my mom’s Crohn’s and colitis have gotten worse since COVID, the traveling bathroom has been a Godsend in allowing her to travel without much worrying. We call the RV “Daisy Loo.” I always say I’m driving “Ms. Daisy,” hence the “Daisy” part. Father Andrew helped with the “Loo” part because Loo is a British word for toilet! So, we call her Daisy Loo.

Given the freeze warning, I had to re-winterize Daisy Loo. It’s a relatively straightforward process, but it takes about 2 hours and requires you to get on the ground. Since we had confirmation that night, I could only attack this project well after confirmation. After everything was cleaned up after confirmation, I went back to my house and gathered all my supplies. It was now about 11:00 p.m. I had two dilemmas, though. The first dilemma was that with the Ring cameras, I would get “caught” for having done this so late and would have gotten chewed out by many. The second dilemma was that I had to get on the ground to accomplish many of my tasks.

The first dilemma was solved relatively quickly. I decided to go onto the Ring camera system and turn off all motion recording and motion detection on all the cameras and lights outside my house. That was a very “James Bond” move on my part, and I was pretty delighted with my stealthy move! So now, I could do what needed to be done without any evidence. I loved that part of this project. The second dilemma was more challenging. I bought a low-profile mechanic’s “creeper” / bed to lie on and move around near the bottom of the RV’s carriage. But getting onto and up from this mechanic’s creeper was my issue. I also bought a rolling mechanic’s chair, but I had ONE problem: it rolls. Whenever I would position myself to get on the ground, the crazy chair rolled, and I didn’t want to risk landing on the ground and hitting my tailbone again. So, I decided to wedge the rolling chair up against the side of my house and leverage my feet against the van so the chair wouldn’t roll. With this acrobatic move, I could lower myself onto the rolling creeper. It took a few tries, but it worked, and I was able to re-winterize Daisy Loo. Thankfully, my little escapades were relatively unknown until now, so few could yell at me. But I found a clever way to work around the “new” me! I was pretty proud of my antics that night!

Congratulations First Communicants:

I wish to congratulate all our young people who are celebrating their First Communion this weekend. This annual celebration is always a highlight in the life of a parish. I want to thank the parents, our Faith and Family Formation staff, teachers, catechists, and all those who helped prepare these young people for this beautiful day. Your witness and example inspire these young people, and at the same time, your witness and example enrich their faith journey more than you will ever know.

Now, more than ever, we need to teach our young people the importance of the Eucharist in their daily lives. We live in such a complex world, and we need to help these young people to be people of prayer and people who know they are disciples of Jesus Christ. They need to be a people of the Eucharist! We have come to celebrate with these children and have placed significant emphasis on this great and holy day. Now, we must continue our catechesis and show them in our own words and examples of the importance of the Eucharist in our daily lives.

One of the clearest ways to show these young people the importance of the Eucharist is to make the Eucharist and weekend participation at Mass an absolute priority in our lives, even beyond all the activities that occupy the weekend!

The second graders making their first communion this weekend have incredible faith, yet their faith is only in its infancy stage. As much as we have to protect and nurture a young budding plant, we have to nurture and protect the faith life of these precious little ones. We must do all we can to help them on their journey to the Lord. Let us celebrate with them EVERY weekend around the table of the Lord. Let us show them the importance of Eucharistic Adoration. Let us show them the importance of prayer. Let us show them that God needs to be the center of their lives! Walking together on the road of life, we can encounter Jesus in many different ways. But these young people need our help by pointing out His presence. They also need our help in showing them that Jesus truly is the way, the truth and the life!

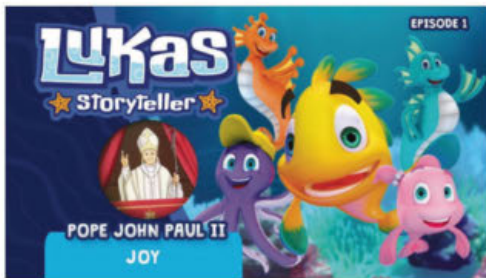
Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of May 05, 2024



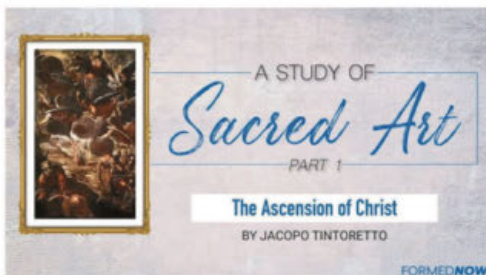
Saint John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller

Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyła, who would one day become Pope John Paul II! The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day.



The Fountain of Salvation | The Bible and Baptism | Episode 1

Dr. John Sehorn, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, sits down with Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College, to discuss Fr. Isaac's book *The Bible and Baptism: The Fountain of Salvation* (Baker Academic). This episode dives into how Baptism is the fountain of salvation for the Christian.



The Ascension | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss *The Ascension of Christ* by Jacopo Tintoretto.

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The Importance of the Eucharist, Part II

One of the greatest gifts that I have received as a priest is celebrating Mass every day. To make Jesus present is a privilege beyond belief. And yet, as is with many things, we can start to take such a gift for granted. Admittedly, there are some days when I do not think much about the great mystery of Jesus present in the Eucharist... and then I'll look down at Mass and think, "wow, I'm literally holding Jesus in my hands."

There is a great quote by G.K. Chesterton from his book *Orthodoxy* that I have printed out and placed in my Bible as a reminder that I should not, nor cannot, get "used to" the gift of the Eucharist. "Because children have abounding vitality, because they are in spirit fierce and free, therefore they want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, 'Do it again!'; and the grown-up person does it again until he is nearly dead. For grown-up people are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning, 'Do it again' to the sun; and every evening, 'Do it again' to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately but has never got tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we."

God does not tire of giving Himself to us each day in the Eucharist. As we prepare for First Communion with our students (and the upcoming National Eucharistic Revival) I thought it would be good to continue reflecting on the Eucharist, as I did last week, especially by looking at the Bread of Life Discourse in John 6. Moses, the great leader of the Exodus, makes a profound statement in the book of Deuteronomy: "not by bread alone does one live." As human beings, our nature is a marvelous mix of body and soul, matter and spirit. It is quite natural for us to grasp the need to nourish our body with

food and drink. (When was the last time you went 24 hours without eating?) However, it is much harder to grasp that we have an equal need, or truly, an even greater need, to nourish the soul.

The human soul is nourished by engaging in a personal relationship with Jesus, our Creator and Redeemer, and by pondering God's truth, goodness and beauty. Without this nourishment, we are greatly deprived, become quite ill on the spiritual level, and run the risk of dying from malnourishment of the soul. The Psalmist says it this way, "As the deer longs for running waters, so my soul longs for you, O God. Athirst is my soul for God, the living God."

Jesus, fully aware of this deep human hunger for God, gave Himself in the Eucharist as His parting and most precious gift to His disciples. He greatly desires to nourish us at the family dinner table, set by the Father, served by the Son and made possible in the Holy Spirit. Jesus lays out for us a absolute feast with two main courses; we are fed every Sunday, and every day if we choose, at the table of His Word and of His precious Body and Blood.

We all know what a treat it is to sit at the table in the home of someone who has a real heart for hospitality. My mother had a passion for feeding our family and friends. I have countless memories of days where she poured herself out to clean the house, set a magnificent table, create a welcoming atmosphere, and prepare an amazing meal that brought joy, strength and unity to the family. It is certainly one of the many gifts that I miss since her passing.

One outstanding element of the meal that God serves us at Mass is that God does not provide us with a fine dinner of perfectly grilled salmon, sautéed asparagus and homemade garlic mashed potatoes, as nice as that might be. Rather, Jesus chooses to feed us with His very Self. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

Jesus, in His infinite wisdom and love, chooses to give His Body and Blood for our nourishment. It is hard to grasp the beauty of this eucharistic mystery. Love does the most amazing things.

A second element of this meal, described in Scriptures as the "breaking of the bread," is the gift of presence. When Jesus took on our human flesh 2000 years ago and was born of the Virgin Mary, He chose very definitively to draw near to us. Throughout His public ministry, Jesus engaged His disciples in an intimate way. He joined His disciples for a walk, called the children to Himself, served the apostles breakfast, and grasped the blind man by the hand. Our Lord drew close because He wanted His relationship with us to be real, personal and life changing. Jesus, in fact, desires that same intimacy with you and me. So, Our Lord fashioned the precious sacrament of the Eucharist where He bestows upon us the gift of His divine presence. As a result, in our own day, Jesus continues to draw near in the Mass: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." When we come in faith to receive the Eucharist and are disposed properly, we are brought into a profound union with Christ, a holy communion. The magnificence of this gift is hard to comprehend. It demands great faith. It brings extraordinary grace.

Furthermore, the Eucharist carries us up into eternal life. "Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." The Eucharist, because it is Christ Himself, is not only food for the journey to heaven, it actually carries us to heaven, our true home. This, too, is one of God's great marvels that needs to be proclaimed boldly.

Jesus, thank you for the precious, parting gift that you made of Yourself to us in the Eucharist, help me never to take this gift for granted.

Blessings—Fr. Adam



May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48 | 1 Jn 14:23 | Jn 15:9-17

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

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you ... If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love.” We don’t earn God’s love – it is freely given to us. But only by loving God and others, and by keeping his commandments, do we *remain* in that love as our source of life and joy. It becomes the air we breathe, and the breath we exhale. Today’s second reading and Gospel reassure us of the love of God, but also give us a few specifics for how to live in and remain in that love – self-sacrifice and prayer. We are to love one another as Jesus loves us, and we know what that looks like from his life: feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, forgiving one another, and more. Living in the way Jesus instructs is not simply completing a checklist of things to do, however. It’s a way of life – to live in God’s love and to demonstrate his love with our outward actions. When we do so, we are helping bring about the kingdom in a very real way. It’s not complicated. We begin by acting in accordance with the truth that the person in front of us is loved by God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The message of the Gospel is countercultural and upends many convictions about what is true, good, and beautiful. What Jesus says can seem upside down to us, as it certainly did to the people of his time! Even the disciples, who walked with Jesus, didn’t fully grasp all of what Jesus had told them until after he had been raised from the dead and appeared in their midst and shared food with them. And even after they understood, they didn’t live it perfectly, nor do we. The things of this world we can mistakenly think are important get in the way of loving as we ought, and they shape our behavior and vision of the world. To counter that, we must focus in on what the Lord is saying and what that demands of us. What exactly that will look like in our lives is the provenance of prayer. Ask for God’s help in loving all those we come across, even (and especially) those we may not particularly care for. He will answer our prayers and show us the way.

WITNESS Think of someone you know personally or whom you know of, who is particularly difficult to *like*. Create a plan to *love* them this week – either through praying for them, or interacting with them in a charitable, selfless way.



THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD – MAY 12 B

Reading One – Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

Responsorial – Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Reading Two – Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Alleluia, alleluia. (Mt 28:19a, 20b)

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mk 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

As I Love You

This week my children were learning about energy. We set up an experiment with toy cars — one was placed in front of another, and a third was pushed into the two stationary ones.

The forward motion caused the front car to move, but not much. "Most of the energy goes into the car in the middle, not the car on the end," my daughter concluded.

I asked her why she seems to have so much energy, and I seem to have so little.

"Because you're old," she replied confidently.

Most days I feel like that first car, barreling at life with all my energy and love and good intentions, only to have it almost entirely absorbed by the proverbial middle car. It's so easy to be discouraged. The devil so badly wants us to feel discouraged.

But the law of love is not unlike the law of conservation of energy. Love is neither created nor destroyed. It is only transferred from one form to another. And yes, sometimes it certainly seems like it disappears. It appears to get lost between my hands and the plate of dinner that goes uneaten or evaporates off of my lips as words I fear are never heard. It is spat upon as a commandment the world would prefer I do not keep.

But we are not called to simply love one another — to love when it seems effective and productive and appreciated. We are called to love as Christ loved: recklessly, selflessly, and yes, even without logic. We are called to love with a love that doesn't give up and is never withdrawn. A love that doesn't fear death or the world's hatred. A love that stands willing to argue, to be reviled, to be dismissed.

We are called to be that first car, hurtling ourselves against a world that isn't ready to accept or understand us. And we trust that, even when we can't see how, the love that seems to disappear simply changes forms.

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."
— John 15:12

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

My neighbor is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?

Answer:

Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbor become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can't be close to someone we don't know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbor might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don't know how to answer. If your friend hasn't yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbor's current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbor to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbor to feel welcomed and supported. Our Church is vibrant and alive!

From Fr. Rich ...

I am sure I do not have the adequate words to express my gratitude for all the compassion, kindness and love shown to me at the recent unexpected death of my sister, Mary Lou.

Holy Thursday - no matter what the date is - will always hold the memory of that shocking phone call that she had gone home to heaven in her sleep. While my brain knows she is in a beautiful place, home with the Lord, my heart is heavy with grief, as I am the last of our immediate family.

I am so grateful to God for the blessing of my St. Joan of Arc family. You have been so kind to be there when I needed you, and you respected my privacy in the early days of this change in my life.

I can't imagine how I could have ever gotten through this without the support of Msgr. Mike and Fr. Adam. They were there when I needed a shoulder, a listening ear or help in making decisions. Their presence with me to concelebrate the funeral in Manistee helped me get through the most difficult funeral I would ever have to celebrate.

I am so grateful for all who made the trip to Manistee for the visitation and funeral and for all who joined in through the live stream. Msgr. figured out how to make it all happen with no Wi-Fi in the church. Dina Ciaffone operated the cameras, and John and Colleen Schulte helped set up and take down all the equipment, making it possible for all of you who were able to join me in prayer for the funeral and wake service. I know it was through your prayer that I was able to get through those difficult days.

Thank you for all the cards, gifts to the memorials in her name, Mass cards and memorial gifts. I know the next few months will be difficult so I ask for your continued prayers. It feels good to get back to a regular schedule. Once again, know how grateful I am to God for the gift of your love and support.

*"The loveliest
masterpiece of
the heart of
God is the
heart of a
mother."*

-St. Therese of Lisieux

**Right to Life
Flower Sale after each
mass Mother's Day
Weekend, May 11-12**

**Carnations will be sold in the Sr.
Carol Center. Proceeds support
efforts to protect the dignity and
sanctity of all life.**



Calendar of Events / Words on the Word

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, May 6th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

NO SCHOOL

10:00 AM Walking with Purpose - EH

10:00 AM Funeral for Jean & Gerald Higgins

7:00 PM Walking with Purpose - EH

Tuesday, May 7th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Wind & Fire - Emmaus Hall

Wednesday, May 8th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, May 9th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, May 10th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

8:15 AM Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea - EH

Saturday, May 11th

10:00 AM Funeral for Joan Cadieux

11:00 AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Giuliana M. Monticciolo

1:30 PM Baptism of Lucas & Emma Sims

2:30 PM Baptism of Zane I. Forinash

4:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, May 12th

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

May 5, 2024 – All You Need is Love

It should be such a simple concept – love one another. But that's easier said than done.

Every day's headlines are filled with stories of people doing the exact opposite of loving one another. One day a few weeks ago, for example, media outlets contained stories examining the potential for experiencing, in reality, the type of contemporary civil war being portrayed in a new movie. The reason given: that citizens in the United States are becoming increasingly polarized in their political views; those on the left vs. those on the right.

And many people do, indeed, take such sides, thinking the worst of those on the "other side."

Closer to home, a story in *The Detroit News* reported on the sentencing of an Eastpointe man for the deaths of two neighbors. The counts included murder, felony firearm possession, and drug charges.

It would be easy for well-meaning citizens to look at a story like this and assume they know all there is to know about the perpetrator, wishing him nothing but ill will.

And yet, as followers of Jesus Christ, we're called to a higher standard. We're called to love others in the truest sense, which means willing their good for their own sake.

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God," we hear in today's second reading from the first letter of St. John. "Everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love."

Jesus, for his part, puts it even more concisely and without any chance of misinterpretation in today's gospel passage from St. John:

"This I command you," he says. "Love one another."

And so, we must, whether on an immediate, one-to-one scale, or writ large, toward the community as a whole.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	May 6, 2024 Easter Weekday (White)
7:00 am	Caroline Leininger
Tuesday	May 7, 2024 Easter Weekday (White)
7:00 am	Special Intention for the Family of Tina Calisi
Wednesday	May 8, 2024 Easter Weekday (White)
7:00 am	Evalene Elliott
6:00 pm	Andrew, Rita & Gerald Kopacko
Thursday	May 9, 2024 Easter Weekday (White)
7:00 am	The living and deceased members of the Rogier & Dettloff Families
Friday	May 10, 2024 Easter Weekday; Saint John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church (White)
7:00 am	Angelamaria DiBerardino
Saturday	May 11, 2024 Vigil for the Ascension of the Lord (White)
4:00 pm	Grace & Sam Valenti, Joseph Lucchese, Bonnie Batche, Sophie Rupinski, Angeline Calus, John Burasinski, Mary Lou Racine, Dorothy McIntosh, Kristi Kennedy, Rosann Coules, and Special Intentions for Jack Shaughnessy, the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, Alison Reslow, Lorraine Jonas, Pam Haisenleder, Linda Frank and Gracie & Ted on their 60th Wedding Anniversary
6:00 pm	Anna Fazi
Sunday	May 12, 2024 The Ascension of the Lord (White)
8:00 am	For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 am	Rita Snyder
12:00 pm	Anna Dolunt, Antonietta Mazzella, Bianca Calisi, Geraldine Rogier, Catherine Graebert, Marie Rogier, Helen Sadler, Joseph Paluzzi Jr., Charlotte McQuillan, Juilette Zaranek, C. Pat Walters, Louisa Sarra, Virgini Prill, Florence Semany, Mary Margaret Ortisi, Margaret Segodnia, and Special Intentions for Alison Reslow, Pam Haisenleder, Lorraine Jonas, and Linda Frank and for Richard & Gloria Iminski on their 65th Wedding Anniversary

Daily Readings

Monday, May 6

Acts 16:11-15
John 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday, May 7

Acts 16:22-34
John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 8

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 9

Acts 18:1-8
John 16:16-20

Friday, May 10

Acts 18:9-18
John 16:20-23a

Saturday, May 11

Acts 18:23-28
John 16:23b-28

Sunday, May 12

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Mark 16:15-20



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“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*



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WHAT: Inquiry Meeting

**Meet with Council members to learn more about us
and join us for prayer and fellowship.**

WHEN: May 19, 2024 at 12:30 P.M.

WHERE: St. Hubert Parish Activity Center
Harrison Township, MI.

TO REGISTER: **Contact Judy (586) 222-6872**

Prayers Needed

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

May 5, 2024

God's Call

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God. All who were listening to Peter's words were baptized and became one with the community of believers.

Faith, baptism, and incorporation into

the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The question is not, "Who does God favor?" but, "Who favors God?"

The Gospel story reinforces this point, insisting God's love for us is the foundation of everything: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm. †

*The question is not,
"Who does God favor?"
but, "Who favors God?"*



A Word from Pope Francis

To love as the Lord loves us means to appreciate the people beside us, to respect their freedom, to love them as they are, not as we want them to be.... Where does this abiding in the Lord's love lead?... Jesus told us: "That my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 9, 2021



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Can you pray for the grace to accept the goodness of people with whom you disagree?
- Can you listen to them?

Sunday Readings

Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48

They could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God.

1 John 4:7–10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

John 15:9–17

[Jesus said,] "Love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Easter Wisdom from Henri Nouwen

Listen to the Church—I know that [listening to the Church] isn't a popular bit of advice at a time and in a country where the Church is often seen more as an obstacle in the way than as the way to Jesus. Nevertheless, I'm deeply convinced that the greatest spiritual danger for our times is the separation of Jesus from the Church. The Church is the body of the Lord. Without Jesus, there can be no Church, and without the Church, we cannot stay united with Jesus. I've yet to meet anyone who has come closer to Jesus by forsaking the Church. To listen to the Church is to listen to the Lord of the Church. Specifically, this entails taking part in the Church's liturgical life. Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Ascension, and



Pentecost—these seasons and feasts teach you to know Jesus better and better and unite you more and more intimately with the divine life he offers you in the Church.

Listen to Your Heart—It's there [in your heart] that Jesus speaks most intimately to you. Praying is first and foremost listening to Jesus who dwells in the very depths of your heart. He doesn't shout. He doesn't thrust himself upon you. His voice is an unassuming voice, very nearly a whisper, the voice of a gentle love. Whatever you do with your life, go on listening to the voice of Jesus in your heart. This listening must be an active and very attentive listening, for in our restless and noisy world Jesus' loving voice is easily drowned out. †

From *Lent and Easter Wisdom* by Henri J.M. Nouwen, compiled by Judy Bauer, © 2005, (812866) available at Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From "Acts of the Apostles" by Ronald D. Witherup, SS

“What is your church like?” I have heard this question posed at gatherings of large groups of Catholics. The responses to this question often begin with comments about church buildings and only later shift to descriptions of the congregation. Yet that experience of the congregation, of the People of God everywhere, is what the Church is really about. The story is told in the Acts of the Apostles...the only New Testament document devoted exclusively to the story of the early Church. It is the companion volume to the Gospel of Luke (compare the Prologues, Luke 1:1–4 and Acts 1:1–5). The Church uses this book at Mass almost exclusively throughout the Easter season, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. †

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Lord Jesus, grant us the grace of open hearts and minds that we may be receptive to the promptings of your Spirit, we pray. Amen! Alleluia!

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

May 6–11

Monday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:11–15 / Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 16:22–34 / Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1 / Jn 16:12–15

Thursday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:1–8 / Jn 16:16–20

Friday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:9–18 / Jn 16:20–23

Saturday, Easter Weekday:
Acts 18:23–28 / Jn 16:23b–28

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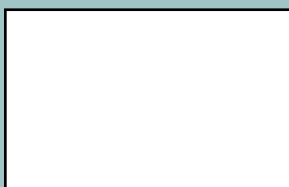
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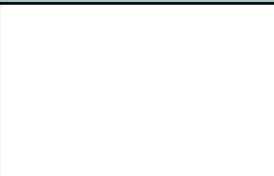
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