

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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"BE OPENED!" - MK 7:34

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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: 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



The Golden Child: If there are kids and grandkids, there's a Golden Child or Golden Grandchild. It's not necessarily a title one places on him or herself but

is given to you by your siblings or cousins. It's funny to watch and hear the banter that happens (at least that's what happens in my family) between the other siblings or cousins when the "Golden One" is perceived as getting special attention or treatment. "OH, there's the Golden Child," or "There's the Golden Grandchild." The "shout out" usually includes massive eye-rolling or "air quotation marks."

According to my sisters, when the "Golden One" (okay, me) makes a mistake, does something wrong, or accidentally does something foolish, it usually gets quickly forgiven or brushed off. Okay, I'll admit it's true! But I'll also be quick to fix whatever I did!

Unfortunately, this "Golden Child" has had a few significant mishaps lately with mom's stuff, and the mishaps haven't been simple!

When my mom and I visited Tahquamenon Falls in July, we saw a guy traveling around the park in this slick wheelchair. He was zipping around the boardwalks and uneven paths with great ease. The power chair caught my mom's attention, and she stopped the guy at one point to have a conversation with him about it. We ended up meeting him at his car, and he gave us all the details about the make and model of the chair and why he liked it so much. At the top of the list was that it folded compactly and didn't weigh that much.

As soon as we returned to Daisy Loo, my mom started doing her research. After reading all the positive reviews, she started on the hunt to see where she could find one close to home to try it out. Her search led her to a wonderful place a few miles from her condo: Mobility Plus on Mound Road in Shelby Township. Neither of us knew the place existed! It was a gem of a find! My mom bought the chair directly from Mobility Plus, and with the help of Alan, the owner, the power chair was put in the back of my mom's car.

Later that day, my nephew J.J. swung by the condo and got the chair out of the car and into my mom's garage. That gave my mom a chance to practice with her new motorized vehicle! She drove it around the garage, up the ramp, and around the house. It's pretty powerful and moves quickly! It's pretty impressive.

Equally impressive is how it folds up and how lightweight it is. With its battery, it only weighs 43 pounds. So, for those of us who help my mom, the chair is easy enough to get in and out of a car. While she doesn't intend to use it for shorter excursions it's perfect for some of our touring around or like going to Michigan Central Station.

On Friday, August 16, my mom, Jackie, Lonnie, and I decided to make the journey to Michigan Central Station. As you know from my mass announcement about the Michigan Central Station exhibit, our family had an incredible time there and was so impressed with the whole experience!

Now, Daisy Loo has all kinds of awesome features, but because it's a Class B RV, it has almost no storage space. While there are small storage bins inside the van, there is no outside storage. So, with the help of Facebook Marketplace, we bought a used Thule hitch-mounted storage container. The Thule is big enough to store my mom's walker, a few duffle bags, and my tools when we're on the road. But the task now was to determine how the new power chair would fit in the Thule.

I already knew the power chair couldn't lie down in the Thule. So, I decided to put the power chair on its side. I disconnected the power chair's joystick and safely tucked that away. I then tilted the wheels, hoping to quickly close the Thule's lid. When I went to close the lid, it wouldn't latch all the way. I reached inside and tried to determine how much clearance I had; then, with a bit of a heave-ho force, I got the lid securely latched. Eventually, I knew I needed a better solution, but this would have to do for our excursion to Michigan Central.

We eventually found parking on a grass field that many were using. I felt like we were parking at a country fair! We got out of the RV and then got out my mom's new toy. She sat down and started working the joystick like she had been using it for years. I was impressed by how it handled the various terrains with ease.

While going through the exhibit, Jackie and Lonnie pointed out that the power chair's back left tire was wobbling severely. I thought it was loose, so I didn't give it much thought. We continued with our little experience and eventually returned to Daisy Loo. My mom loved being able to experience the whole exhibit without becoming too tired or sore from what would have been a lot of walking.

I then lifted the power chair back into the Thule and immediately noticed that the lid closed easily. Considering the force I used to close it when we left, I thought it was odd that it closed so easily now. We went to dinner, and then, after Jackie and Lonnie had taken off, I decided to pull the power chair out of the Thule to work on it. I thought this would be a quick fix with a few turns of a screwdriver or allen wrench. Was I wrong!

When I pulled the power chair out of the Thule cargo carrier, I immediately saw that the wheel wasn't loose; it was cracked ... and cracked pretty severely. My initial thought was that the wheel was defective. But then I quickly recalled the force I used to close the Thule's lid and how easily I could close the lid after our experience at Michigan Central. Right away, I knew I wasn't dealing with a defective wheel but rather a defective driver who should have known better than to give the Thule's lid the old "heave-ho" to make it work. Ugh! The power chair wasn't even a few days old and was broken already!

I then timidly went inside my house and shared the bad news with my mom. I felt SO BAD. My mom was gracious about the whole matter and simply said, "Oh well, accidents happen."

After our family dinner that Sunday (and it happened to be my sister Cindy's birthday), my sisters and I went to Daisy Loo so I could show off my latest mishap! I opened the Thule container and showed them the wheel. "WOW, you did a number on that thing," one of them said. Cindy then turned to Jackie and said, "Thank God it happened to the 'Golden Child.' Could you imagine if one of us had done that?"

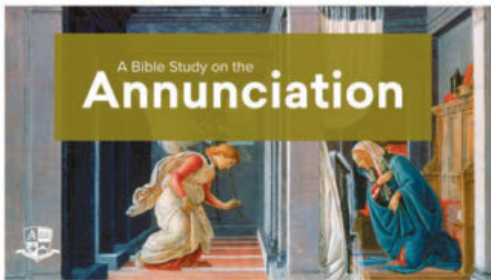
Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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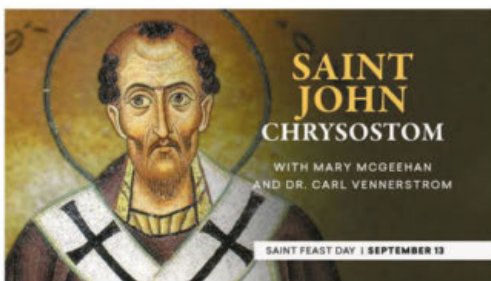
THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of September 08, 2024



A Bible Study on the Annunciation

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26–38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.



St. John Chrysostom | Catholic Saints

From Antioch, the political center of the fifth-century world, arose a golden-tongued preacher and bishop: St. John Chrysostom. Listen to Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan discuss the life and preaching of this great doctor of the Church who gave us countless powerful prayers and homilies.



The Eyes Have It | Benjamin Cello | Episode 2

Glow Worm is losing her glow, and her eyes are going with it! It'll take the ministrations of mother and expert Lady Iris to help Glow Worm fix her eyes on Jesus and see with a heavenly perspective.

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When I began taking classes at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, one of the first classes I took was called Introduction to Spirituality. It was a good class and what I learned in it was very important to me. There were a few things that I took away from the class that were indeed life-changing. One of those things has taken a number of years to develop. It has to do with Sacred Scripture and prayer.

A bit of explanation about the Spirituality class itself is helpful to provide context for the learning experience I'd like to share. The final exam for the class was an oral exam. The way the exam worked was that the professor asked the test-taker a series of questions which got progressively more difficult. When we got to a question we could not answer, the test was over. The farther one got in the question-answering process, the better the test score. Now, I don't remember any of the questions I answered correctly. But I do remember the one I got wrong, that stopped me: "What is the masterwork of prayer in the Old Testament?"

Huh? The masterwork of prayer? I thought about some of the prophet's conversations with God. I thought about the books of Wisdom and Proverbs. I thought about the how much I wished I knew more about the Old Testament. Finally, I thought I was not going to get this question right. I didn't. The answer was the Psalms. Never crossed my mind. Not only did it never cross my mind to consider the Psalms to be a "masterwork of prayer," the Psalms never really crossed my mind much at all. Like much of the Old Testament, I found the Psalms difficult to read. They are structured much like poetry, and I was never particularly good at reading poetry. So, it followed that

I was not drawn to reading the Psalms. The Psalms were primarily written to be set to music. They are more like hymns, with the words being lyrics. Thus the poetic nature of their composition and the artistic flair that went into creating them demands a more thoughtful spirit when reading them – maybe even a prayerful spirit – in order to appreciate them. Even so, I still had a hard time thinking of them in terms of prayer . . . much less a masterwork.

Well, like it or not, I was to become much more intimately involved with the Psalms. For one thing, we already are constantly exposed to the Psalms – the Psalm Response – after the first reading at every Mass that is celebrated. Furthermore, deacons and priests are required to pray the Psalms as part of the Divine Office every single day. One of the vows taken by a deacon or priest at ordination is that we promise to pray a prescribed set of prayers, the Divine Office, at least five times a day, but as many as seven times in a day. Every set of prayers includes some of the Psalms, on a rotating basis. Day in, and day out, clergy and many religious brothers and sister pray the Psalms.

There are days when reading so many words is challenging. Torturous, maybe? When one feels drained from a non-stop day of difficult ministry, stopping to read some rather complex poetry is not so appealing. But other days, when there is time of sit with the texts, to figure out who is speaking to whom; to detect when God is angry or pleased with his subjects; to follow the whole history of the Israelite people in a tight little lyrical package; to hear Christ cry out from the cross before he was even born; to be struck by a phrase that explains the

nature of man; reading the Psalms can be pretty cool.

What I personally found about the Psalms is that I had to read them a lot before they started to bear any fruit for me. I'm sure there are many folks who have a natural affinity for the Psalms, who find themselves naturally propelled into their beauty. They would find someone like me to be a pathetic neanderthal. So be it. But I've managed to rise ever so slightly from the muck. My promise at ordination to recite the Psalms daily has forced me into a relationship with them that does bear fruit. Certainly, the times persist when cracking open the Breviary (the book with the Divine Office prayers) to pray is last thing I want to do. But there are other times, actual sublime experiences, when a phrase jumps off the page into my dim mind and lights it up. The author of the Psalm transcends time and shows me something that I have been unable to see before. That's fruit! Nice, ripe fruit. For anyone hungry for a deeper relationship with God, it is worth it to consider the psalms as a possible source of conversation with him. This conversation would be what we call prayer. It might take a while to build a relationship with the Psalms themselves. It has taken me a while – and it is still developing. If you try, you might have to take small bites and chew on them longer. You might have to pick the right time of day for your mind to be open to the form of the Psalms. But think about giving them a shot. I found there is more there than I ever expected. The Psalms are probably even a masterwork. But I'll just keep plodding along, picking up my little bird crumb insights from them along the way.

In the Master's Love, Fr. Bob

CHILDREN'S CHOIR STARTS SEPT. 11

Join our children's liturgical
choir *Grace Notes* for
students from our parish
and school in grades 1-5

Weekly practices begin Wednesday,
September 11, from 6:15-7 pm in the
Church Music Room (off the parking lot
between the church and school).

For details and to register go to
sjascs.org/childrens-choir

Contact Mrs. Catherine Trudell with
questions at ctrudell@sjascs.org or
call the Parish Center at 586-777-3670.



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 15 B

Reading One – Is 50:5-9a

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let that man confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?

Responsorial – Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
I love the LORD because he has heard my voice in supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me the day I called.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
The cords of death encompassed me; the snares of the netherworld seized upon me; I fell into distress and sorrow, and I called upon the name of the LORD, "O LORD, save my life!"

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
Gracious is the LORD and just; yes, our God is merciful. The LORD keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
For he has freed my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I shall walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Reading Two – Jas 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

Alleluia – Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia.

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mk 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

September 8, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a | Jas 2:1-5 | Mk 7:31-37

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

Our oldest son is deaf. I vividly remember watching him notice sounds for the first time in the days after his cochlear implant was activated: the “caw” of a crow, a doorbell, the low rumble of the furnace kicking in. Our job as parents was to provide a running commentary to help him understand the meaning of each sound that so many of us take for granted: “See the birds? That is a crow!” “Your dad is home.” “The heat is coming on.” I’m reminded of those early days when I read Mark’s account of Jesus restoring hearing to the deaf man. While most of us can hear, so often we take the sounds all around us for granted or relegate them to background noise – including the Scripture we hear at Mass each week. As Bishop Robert Barron writes, “This deaf man stands for all of us who do not hear the word of God, who have grown oblivious to it.” As we listen to today’s readings, we can ask Jesus to open our ears and our hearts to the word of God.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Mark spares no detail in describing Jesus’ encounter with the deaf man who had a speech impediment. Jesus places a finger in his ear and spits, touching his tongue, then utters the word “*Ephphatha!* (“Be opened”) Immediately, the man can hear and speak clearly. When listening to this reading, I often focus on the man’s hearing. But Jesus also cured the man’s speech impediment, which I think indicates we’re not supposed to just hear God’s word, we are to speak to it, and speak of it. Once we allow Jesus to open our ears and hearts to the Good News, sharing it will begin to come naturally. There may still be times when our Catholic tongues feel tied, but “Be strong, fear not!” Jesus will give us the words.

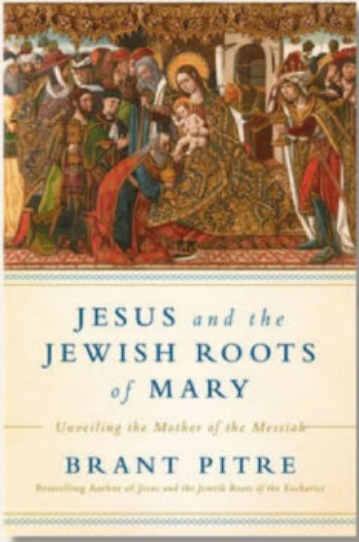
ACTIONS Next time you take a drive, listen to the day’s Scripture readings. Ask Jesus to open your ears and hearts to his words and show you how best to share them with others. And most teachers would agree: The more senses we engage, the more we take in. If you have trouble following the readings at Mass, open your missalette and read along silently.



JESUS CURING A DEAF MAN

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NEW!



STUDY AND PRAYER MINISTRY Thursdays from 1-2:30

Beginning on **September 19**, this newly formed learning and intercessory prayer ministry, *Hearts Afire*, will begin the first in a series of studies of interest regarding our Catholic teachings.

The first nine-week study will look at Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary. (*Ignatius Press*)

There will be an optional outing and day of prayer at the Solanus Casey Center in November. *There is no book fee for this first study.*

All are welcome!!

Contact Susan Hughes at 313-410-9504 or Sandy Walters at 586-241-8677 with questions. Sign up at sjascs.org/hearts-afire



SAVE THE DATE

18th Annual Gala for St. Joan of Arc School

SPARK *the* NIGHT

RED *and* WHITE

November 2, 2024

Our annual Gala is the largest fundraiser to benefit St. Joan of Arc School!
We **ENCOURAGE** everyone to wear a SPARK of red and white!!

Here are ways you can support this great event!

- ✦ **Attend the event!** Tickets are \$125/person and will go on sale in late September.
 - Your ticket includes a plated dinner, open bar, DJ & dancing, and a front row seat to our silent and live auctions...and a chance to win from our Charger Corner raffle!
- ✦ **Buy raffle tickets!** \$5000 in prizes to four lucky winners!
 - Raffle tickets will be on sale after all masses beginning the weekend of October 5th/6th
 - Tickets are \$20/each or 6 for \$100. Cash or check accepted. Payable to: St. Joan of Arc
- ✦ **Auction Donations!** Contact the School or Parish Center offices to donate auction items.
 - Give Back Boards will be available beginning the weekend of Sept 7th/8th.
 - PLEASE NOTE: We are only able to accept new and wrapped items.
- ✦ **Be a Sponsor or Advertise!** Promote your business thru our various sponsorship & advertising opportunities. Contact Emily Radatz for further information.

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Mark your calendar for a great time...

NOVEMBER 2, 2024 | GROSSE POINTE YACHT CLUB

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, September 9th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

6:30 PM 8th Grade Parent Mtg. - Emmaus Hall

Tuesday, September 10th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, September 11th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM Reconciliation

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

6:30 PM PTG Meeting - Emmaus Hall

Thursday, September 12th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, September 13th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, September 14th

11:00 AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Calvin J. Adams

1:30 PM Baptism of Logan T. Bellish

4:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, September 15th

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

September 8, 2024 – Have and Have Not

In his letter to the Philippians St. Paul notes that he had “learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need.”

That perspective is remarkably helpful for all of us as we navigate the financial circumstances of our lives. Whether we have or have not, do we always keep God as the center of our lives?

Local media reported a few weeks ago on a Jackson County woman who recently won \$4 million in the Michigan Lottery. According to a story in *The Detroit News*, the woman won “on a whim” after “she randomly bought the tickets;” apparently, she only occasionally buys a ticket or two.

Her plans for the money: “to donate part of her winnings, continue working and save the remainder for her retirement.”

Solid. Simple. Sensible.

And a great reminder that wealth can accrue for those whose talent, drive and good fortunes allow. And money and wealth can be lost, as well, for a variety of reasons. And God has a hand in both scenarios.

It applies to us, and, just as importantly, it applies to our brothers and sisters. We’re reminded to treat others accordingly.

“Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ,” we hear in today’s second reading from St. James. “For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, ‘Sit here, please,’ while you say to the poor one, ‘Stand there,’ or ‘Sit at my feet,’ have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs.”

People’s worth is not measured by the size of their bank account, to be sure. Everyone deserves to be loved.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

- Monday September 9, 2024 Saint Peter Claver, Priest (White)**
 7:00 am Martha Gray and Catherine Reeb
- Tuesday September 10, 2024 Weekday (Green)**
 7:00 am Dennis Fleming
- Wednesday September 11, 2024 Weekday (Green)**
 7:00 am Jesse F. Champine
 6:00 pm Allen Laturno
- Thursday September 12, 2024 Weekday (Green)**
 7:00 am Marlina Sunga
- Friday September 13, 2024 Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (White)**
 7:00 am Ann Marie Rogier
- Saturday September 14, 2024 Vigil for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)**
 4:00 pm Mary Hobig, Marion Malloy, the deceased members of the Pacini Family, Bonnie Batche, the deceased members of the Kiwak Family, Thomas J. Pollack, Martin Krall, Thomas Benoit, Souraya Nehro Moses, Dennis Lex, Maggie Mae Douglas, and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, Diana & tom Ziolkowski, Alison Reslow and Donna Lawrence
 6:00 pm Martin Gray and a Special Intention for the Reeb and Gray Families
- Sunday September 15, 2024 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)**
 8:00 am The Intentions of SJA Parishioners
 10:00 am Audrey Benedis
 12:00 pm Ralph Mastay, Pearl Doetsch, Joseph Cottore, Joan Stewart, Margaret Hartung, Gabriel Nehro, Robert Boesiger, Nick Dicresce, Daniel Bommarito and Special Intentions for Alison Reslow, Ray Dinser, Patrick Urso, Courtney Jurek, and Sammy Manalo

Daily Readings

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| <p>Monday, September 9
 1 Corinthians 5:1-8
 Luke 6:6-11</p> <p>Tuesday, September 10
 1 Corinthians 6:1-11
 Luke 6:12-19</p> <p>Wednesday, September 11
 1 Corinthians 7:25-31
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 Luke 6:27-38</p> | <p>Friday, September 13
 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27
 Luke 6:39-42</p> <p>Saturday, September 14
 Numbers 21:4b-9
 Philippians 2:6-11
 John 3:13-17</p> <p>Sunday, September 15
 Isaiah 50:4c-9a
 James 2:14-18
 Mark 8:27-35</p> |
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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.”



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.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse.

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Are you or anyone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? A new group is starting soon.

What is OCIA?

OCIA is the process through which a person becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Faith. It's for

- Adults and children of catechetical age (over 7 years) who have not been baptized
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian denomination who want to become Catholic
- Those who were baptized as infants in the Catholic Church but have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist and/or Confirmation) and who have had no faith formation

How long does it take?

Each person is on a personal journey in his/her relationship with God. Time varies depending on the individual. We walk with you in this process.

Do I have to commit to becoming Catholic if I enter the OCIA process?

No, the OCIA process is marked by opportunities for discernment along the way, and ultimately it is about one's readiness and desire to be received into the Church.

Fill out the contact form for our OCIA coordinator, Patty Chase, at sjases.org/ocia or call the Parish Center at 586 777-3670

A prayer for conversions

O blessed apostle, St. Paul, greatest of all converts, who labored unceasingly for the conversion of other souls, inspire me with the ardor of your zeal that I may pray and work for the conversion of my brethren, redeemed in the blood of Christ but not as yet blessed with the full light of his truth.

Mindful of the loving concern of the Divine Shepherd for the salvation of the "other sheep that are not of this fold," I now beg your intercession to obtain the grace of conversion for those who do not know you and your church.

May God, the Holy Spirit from whom alone this gift can come, hear my humble prayer and thus enable me to share with others the riches of my heritage of faith through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



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Funds raised will help those in need within Lapeer, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, and Wayne counties.
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For more information and to register visit ssvpusa.org/fop-walk

Light of the Spirit Prayer Group

Meets on the 2nd and 4th
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Prayers Needed

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Gerri Beaugrand	Frank Faiss	Delaney Kraemer	Carol S. Provencal	Mary Surmont
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Toni Glaeser-Collins	Chris Gretchen	David Lott	Lily Saith	Eileen Wallace
Joan Combellack	Geoffrey Greve	Dave Lucas	Barbara R. Scharneck	Elaine Walters
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Jean Edwards	Catherine Konen	Vicky Pranger	Cathy Sullens	Joan Wright

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

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
September 8, 2024

He Has Done All Things Well

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Deep in the heart of each of us is a desire for a perfect world—a world of peace and harmony, where life flourishes and people care for one another. From beginning to end, our religious tradition promises that such a world is just ahead of us. Today’s readings assure us that physical obstacles will not prevent its accomplishment, because the graciousness of God is stronger than any other power.

Today’s reading from Isaiah instructs us: “Be strong, do not fear!” (35:4). It encourages us to believe in this promise of ultimate fulfillment and to trust that God will see it through. Our focus changes slightly in the Gospel passage.

What was a promise of the future for Isaiah bursts forth as a reality in the Gospel, where the healing of broken bodies and troubled lives is realized by the warm words and gentle touch of Jesus.

Do such miracles really happen? Or are these fanciful stories that provide hope for people with little scientific understanding? Are miracles real? Of course they are. However, their true meaning might be much more profound than we realize. A miracle is a manifestation of divine power far beyond human control or comprehension. It is an experience of being made whole again, an occurrence in which peace and harmony are reestablished. Sometimes a miracle is spectacular; at other times it is far too deep to be seen. But always it is God working in our lives to create us anew. †

A Word from Pope Francis

There is an interior deafness that we can ask Jesus to touch and heal today. It...is *the deafness of the heart*. Taken up with haste, by so many things to say and do, we do not find time to stop and listen to those who speak to us. Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going?

ANGELUS, ROME, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



Sunday Readings

Isaiah 35:4–7a

Say to the fearful of heart: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.

James 2:1–5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

Mark 7:31–37

And [immediately] the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

Our religious tradition promises that a world of peace and harmony is just ahead of us.



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- Is there someone you wish could hear you?
- Who is speaking to you, longing to be heard?

Longing to Be Heard

Paige Byrne Shortal

Once, I was the privileged witness of the deaf singing while those who could hear remained oblivious to the music. It was at the installation mass of an archbishop. As a cantor, I was seated near the pulpit in the cathedral, as it happened with those who were deaf. As the cathedral filled with several thousand people, there was a great noise of gathering and greeting. The choir, which was located out of sight, was singing the prelude music, but so great was the noise, that no one knew they were singing—except the deaf. The interpreters, wearing headphones, were signing the songs. Those who were deaf joined in and soon, they were the only ones in the whole vast cathedral singing with the choir.

I don't know what it is to be deaf in a hearing world, but I know the frustration of the mute. Anyone who has lived with



a two-year-old or a teenager knows this experience. I witness loving parents who feel helpless as their child is unable to hear them. Loving spouses who cannot get through to their alcoholic partner. Friends who look on helplessly as one they hold in high regard continues in patterns of self-destruction. Teachers who cannot inspire a talented student.

Therapists who cannot convince a patient that life is worth living. Confessors whose penitents cannot accept the words of forgiveness.

Whenever there is someone deaf—whether the president of a country or an apathetic electorate; a pastor or a dulled congregation; a concerned parent or a hurting child—there is someone who loves them who is rendered mute. The root of such deafness is fear: fear of losing a fix or freedom or privileges or position or power or prestige. Such deafness rooted in fear can stifle not only the human voice, but the very voice of God. Even God is rendered mute. Do not the scriptures tell us that Jesus could work no miracle in his native land? While he made the deaf hear and the mute speak, his own were deaf to his message. Our brother, Jesus, knows the pain of the mute. †

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From *"In the Words of Henri Nouwen: How to Live a Happier, More Fulfilled Life"*

If you want to be a better friend, spouse, parent...listen. The word listening in Latin is *obedire*, and *audire* means "listening with great attention." That is where the word obedience comes from. Jesus is called the obedient one—the listener. The Latin word for not listening is *surdus*, the root of the word absurd. Somebody who is not listening is leading an absurd life. †

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Healing God, open our minds and hearts that we may hear those longing to be heard, and bless those who are unable to hear us. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 9–14

Monday, St. Peter Claver:

1 Cor 5:1–8 / Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday, Weekday:

1 Cor 6:1–11 / Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday, Weekday:

1 Cor 7:25–31 / Lk 6:20–26

Thursday, Weekday:

1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13 / Lk 6:27–38

Friday, St. John Chrysostom:

1 Cor 9:16–19, 22b–27 / Lk 6:39–42

Saturday, Exaltation of the Holy Cross:

Nm 21:4b–9 / Phil 2:6–11 / Jn 3:13–17

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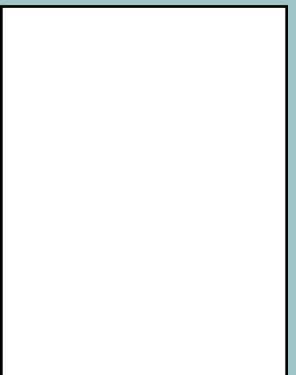
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