



# 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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**27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

"From the beginning of creation, God made them  
male and female." - Mk 10:6

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## Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

### ST. JOAN OF ARC DIRECTORY

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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](http://stjoan.church) and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during office hours.

#### Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

**Go to: [livestream.stjoan.church](http://livestream.stjoan.church) to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.**

#### Weekday Masses

Monday thru Friday @ 7am  
Wednesday @ 6pm

#### Weekend Masses

Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm  
Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

#### Holy Hour

Thursdays @ 7pm

## TALLer Tales



**Traveling with Ms. Daisy (Part 3):** This is a continuation of my travelogue about my journey with “Ms. Daisy” (aka my mom) on our Eastern Seaboard Journey on board the Viking Mars.

During the trip, we met a delightful couple from Rochester, Michigan, Lottie and Al, who go to St. Irenaeus Parish. Lottie is a retired public and parochial school teacher, and Al worked in the automotive industry. We had fun chit-chatting with them and joining them for dinner several times during our trip. During one of our many conversations, they asked about what happened with the emergency calls for anointings or funerals while I was gone. Well, I got to tell them about an experience I had just the previous day. I told them that emergencies are emergencies and that I like dealing with them no matter where I am. So, those calls come to my phone, and I’ll call Father Bob or someone else to help if I’m not in a spot where I can deal with the situation myself. But this one particular call was sad and cute at the same time.

My mom and I were in Saguenay and had just finished our seaplane ride. Since we had some time, we decided to stroll around the little city and walk along the beautiful boardwalk just outside where we were docked. Since I had run out of snacks (and I’m all about my snacks), I wanted to see if there was a grocery store or some store open on this beautiful Sunday afternoon where I could replenish my supplies. We eventually found a tiny drugstore that was open. While we were shopping, the emergency line rang. It was a son calling in to let us know his father had just passed away. They were beginning to make funeral arrangements and wanted to discuss some details. He then told me he was putting me on speakerphone so his mom, Lynn, could also hear. When Mrs. Timmreck heard my voice, she immediately said, “Monsignor, aren’t you supposed to be

in Canada right now?” “Yes, that’s where I am,” I said. “I’m in the middle of a store buying snacks and other things.” “Why and how are you answering the parish’s emergency line then?” “Well, that’s what I do! How’d you know I was in Canada?” “Well, I was at Church last night and then read TALLer Tales when I got home before all this happened.” After she shared with me the details about the sudden death of her husband, she wanted to know more about my trip and how my mom was handling the journey. She then shared that the greatest gift she had in the whole nightmare of the death of her husband was knowing that the last thing she and her husband did together was to be at the 4 PM Mass the night before. As I shared with Lottie and Al on the ship, it

little leery of the whole adventure because it looked like it would be small 6-person power rafts, which would have been a bit much for her. But it ended up being a larger boat that held about 40 of us. My mom was pretty bummed when she found out it was a larger boat because she definitely would have gone on the journey. So, what did I do? I turned to my bag of technology tricks and brought out my Starlink Satellite dish ... No, I didn’t have that stuff with me (remember, I was limited to one suitcase, and I had to bring a few day’s worth of clothes). But, I noted we had decent cell service out in the water (which was amazing), so I decided to allow my mom to experience the whale-watching adventure by Zoom! The people sitting near me on the boat were utterly amazed I was doing this, and I could only whisper quietly, “You don’t know Monsignor!”

The whale-watching experience was pretty cool. Thankfully, we were able to see not only a bunch of whales but a couple of sharks and lots of seals. The whales were majestic. We were told we would hear the whales before we saw them because they breathed through their blowholes before appearing above the water’s surface. Sure enough. We would hear the infamous sound and then go racing toward the spot where it was heard. We would wait a bit, and the whales would come up for some more air before they would do a deep dive, and we would see the flip of their tail fin as they took the graceful dive back into the water. The scene would be repeated every six minutes, the average time the whales would stay submerged before they needed air. The

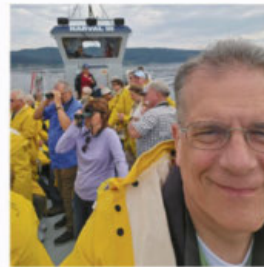
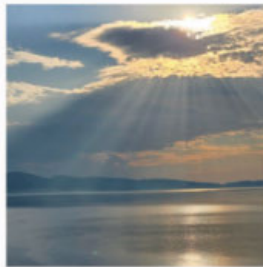
scenery around the Gaspé Peninsula was breathtaking, and seeing these majestic whales was an incredible treat.

Next week, the journey continued to Halifax, Nova Scotia, with a visit to the Titanic Grave Site.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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was a sad but cute phone call, and technology allows those emergency calls to be handled wherever I might be ... even in a remote village in Saguenay.

After we left the little drug store, my mom and I walked along the boardwalk near the ship and enjoyed seeing all the families out for a stroll on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. We boarded our ship and headed up to dinner.

The following day, we docked in the Gaspé Peninsula. The excursion that day was a whale-watching experience. Based on the excursion’s write-up, my mom was a

# THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of October 06, 2024



## Paint By Heart | Benjamin Cello | Episode 5

Man looks on the outside, but God looks on the heart! The beauty of painting takes center stage as Giovanni Angelico or "Mr. Gelly" teaches Benjamin Cello and his friends how to "paint by heart".



## The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ w/ Jonathan Roumie

This filmed presentation of the theatrical production movingly recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death. The play has been seen by thousands worldwide, not only as a live performance but also in live streams and televised broadcasts.



## I Am Who I Am | Lectio: God | Episode 1

Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.

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You may recall the story Jesus told about a rich man and a poor man named Lazarus. The rich man lived a life of luxury – fine clothes, rich foods, and no worries. Lazarus was a poor, sickly beggar who lacked clothing, had open sores, and who starved for food. Both died, as we all do. The rich man ended up in the flames of hell. Lazarus found himself comforted in Abraham's arms in heaven.

It would be easy to see this story as a simple case of payback. We like stories like that. The lucky rich guy finally gets a taste of reality, while the poor sap who always ended up with the short end of the stick finally gets to gloat over some long-awaited good fortune. But if we see the story as a simplistic fairytale, we miss deeper meaning in Christ's parable. The parable is not only about class envy – the age-old conflict between the rich and the poor. If that were the case, we wouldn't need to read Jesus' parable. We could just watch one of the non-stop political ads currently blaring at us from every direction. No, the stories of Lazarus and the rich man are about much more: heaven and hell, life and death, right and wrong, suffering and pleasure.

As lousy as Lazarus' life was, he was better than the rich man. *No one* would have said as much while Lazarus was alive. He was a stinky, no account beggar who contributed nothing to society and, if anything, drained valuable resources from it. If the rich man noticed him at all, and that is a big IF, he would have quickly averted his eyes and dismissed the beggar as insignificant. But, in fact, the *beggar's* life was more valuable than the rich man's because the reward he merited was eternal heaven; the rich man was lost to the flames.

This seems backwards. What is it about this story of Lazarus and the rich man that flips the worldly

understanding of what it means to be a successful person? The difference appears to be *suffering*. Lazarus lived a life of suffering: physical nakedness, lack of food, no housing, illness, sores, loneliness, rejection, overall misery. The rich man seemed to coast through life, wearing the finest clothes, eating sumptuously, calling the shots – *not* suffering. Neither were necessarily evil men in and of themselves, aside from the rich man's apparent ignoring of Lazarus. They simply seem to be two guys who lived different lives – one ends up in heaven, the other in hell. Even Abraham seems to address their situation in a very matter-of-fact way.

When the rich man in hell sees Abraham holding Lazarus in paradise, he asks for a drink to quench his aching thirst, and Abraham addresses the rich man as "son." He doesn't tear into him, telling him how vile he is. He is really quite mild and explains to the rich man that he had plenty to drink on earth – and was consumed by his excesses. Basically, he said, "Sorry, son, you blew it." He further explained that Lazarus had received a gut-full of hurt while on earth that moved him to depend on God to get him through. Lazarus' suffering ultimately guided him into God's lap while on earth. The beggar's pain was transformed into comfort in eternity in Abraham's arms.

Pain is often a part of our lives. It comes in many forms – physical for sure. But emotional, psychological, and spiritual pain can really hurt, too. Mental illnesses, depression, verbal abuse, profound loneliness, spiritual attacks, and other such conditions can be devastating. Complicating the pain of Lazarus' lack of food, his broken body, dogs licking his sores, his persistent thirst for water, was his desperate thirst for someone to care about him. Sadly, *nobody cared*. So, "the poor man died and was carried by the angels to

Abraham's bosom" (Luke 16: 22). Yet, in what seems like a twisted way, the poor man's suffering was his ticket to paradise. It led him closer to God.

This is the mystery of suffering. We avoid it at all costs. We run from it. We hide from it. We curse it. We scream at God because of it. All the while, the image of our Catholic faith is a man – the God-man – *suffering* to death on a cross.

Are we crazy . . . ? We are **not**. We are part of the Mystery. We have been drawn into the Mystery of Jesus Christ. We are Christ's body now on earth. And, as much as we might not like it, Christ's body still suffers – *in us*. It is the suffering that St. Paul speaks of in Colossians 1:24, the suffering that "completes what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, the church." Simply put, we share in Christ's pain because we are so closely united to him, just like we share the pain of anyone we love deeply and wholeheartedly.

The question of suffering continues to be thrown in the face of believers as an argument against God. "How could a loving God allow suffering in the world?" As natural as the question might seem, it ignores reality. The better question is, "Why would God himself enter into our world to suffer for something he did not cause?" God created *nothing* evil, *nothing* painful, *no* suffering. **We** did that. (*Why* he would allow us to do that is another discussion.) But, again, why would he come to suffer and die for something he didn't cause? Love. Crazy, insane love. *That* is Mystery my friends. That is Jesus Christ.

In Him,

Fr. Bob



October 6, 2024

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## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24 | Heb 2:9-11 | Mk 10:2-16

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

Everything in God's creation is intended to reflect his goodness and proclaim his glory. It's not hard to understand this idea when we behold the majesty of the sea. It can be more difficult, however, to remember this is also present in each of us and in our relationships – including that relationship God designed for man and woman: marriage. Our ability to turn away from God means that we sometimes reject, rather than reflect, him. This is one reason why Jesus responds to the Pharisees' question by revoking Moses' allowance for divorce, a concession God had made to the Israelites in the Old Testament. Jesus' statement might be unsettling because, in our time, divorce has affected nearly *everyone* in one way or another. But his words indicate the strength of the covenant the Lord has made with us: his love is permanent and unbreakable. We learn that the unbreakable bond between spouses reflects, in an imperfect way, God's perfectly faithful love for us.

**GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We find this truth about love in the wisdom of the Church. Love is not a "feeling." It is an action – a virtue – in which we consistently *will the good of another*. After all, this is who and what God is: a continuous outpouring of love. Our triune God is a relational community of love, and Jesus offers us the preeminent example of this: As the Son and out of love for the Father, he *chose* to remain on the cross, regardless of how he *felt*. Such was his love for us that he willed our redemption and sent us the Spirit to help us remain with him. Marriage, designed by God to mirror this triune communal, covenantal love, likewise requires a *decision to love* that is firm and constant, despite how we might *feel*. If we wish to be capable of the fidelity required for marriage, family life, or simply for our relationship with God, we must make the deliberate choice to love – *and we must do it over and over*. With time and with God's grace, the habit of choosing another's good becomes easier, and we experience the joy of a stable and authentic love.

**PRACTICE** We can reflect God's faithful love by becoming faithful ourselves. Choose one or two ways to exercise fidelity in little things this week. Examples might be getting up at the same time every morning without hitting the "snooze" button; spending five extra minutes in prayer each day; or offering a prayer of thanksgiving to God every time you are tempted to check your phone unnecessarily.

# Readings for the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – OCTOBER 13 B

### Reading One – Wis 7:7-11

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire.

Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

### Responsorial – Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

**R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

**R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil.

**R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children; and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

**R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

### Reading Two – Heb 4:12-13

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

### Alleluia – Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia.

### Gospel – Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*" He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

# St. Joan of Arc Gala Advertisement Form



## Auction & Dinner Gala

EVENT DATE: 11/2/2024



## PROGRAM ADVERTISING



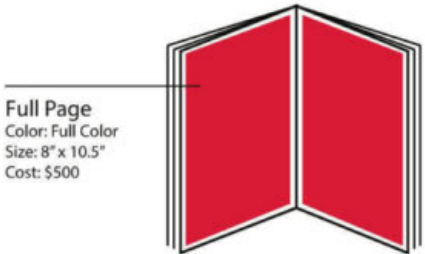
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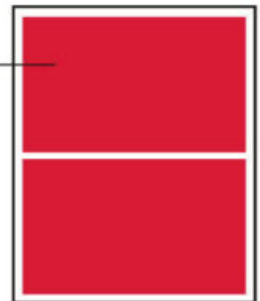
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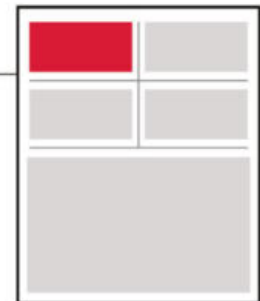
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### Publication Notes:

The program trims to 8.5" x 11". The entire booklet is no-bleed and will carry a 1/4-inch margin throughout.

**DUE DATE:**  
October 10, 2024

Please email print ready ad to [EmilyARadatz@gmail.com](mailto:EmilyARadatz@gmail.com)

QUESTIONS: Emily Radatz at 586-873-3183, or Parish Center at 586-777-3670 or [gala@stjoan.net](mailto:gala@stjoan.net)

# St. Joan of Arc Gala Donor Form



## Auction & Dinner Gala

EVENT DATE: 11/2/2024



### AUCTION ITEMS

One of the greatest sources of revenue for the Gala event comes from items that are auctioned. These items are donated by local businesses as well as from private individuals, many of whom are families of St. Joan of Arc School. If you would like to donate an auction item, or know of somebody that you can ask... this would go a long way to helping this year's auction be especially successful.

### RAFFLE TICKETS

Our grand prize raffle is the backbone of this fundraiser. Only with steady sales of tickets for this raffle over several months can the Gala committee bring you the Gala dinner and auction event. For ticket sales information, check with the Parish and School offices. Help by buying tickets or becoming a ticket agent, selling them to friends, family or coworkers.

### DINNER & AUCTION TICKETS

Come to the Gala event on Nov. 2, 2024. Party with your friends and members of the School and Parish community. Enjoy a gourmet dinner, open bar, live entertainment, live and silent auctions, raffles and much more. The event will be held at the prestigious

Grosse Pointe  
Yacht Club



### ADVERTISE

Advertise your product or service in our keepsake Gala Auction item catalog.

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## CONTRIBUTOR FORM

DUE DATE: **OCTOBER 10, 2024**

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Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

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**Auction Item/Cash Donation:** Please include any restrictions and expiration dates.

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**Event Tickets:** \$125.00/ea (Sold online. Available September 2024. Check [www.stjoan.net](http://www.stjoan.net) for details)

Please make all checks payable to St. Joan of Arc School. Please submit donations and ads no later than October 10, 2024 to ensure recognitions in the Gala program. The Gala committee reserves the right to hold any item received after the deadline for the 2025 Gala.

For any questions regarding donations, tickets or advertising please contact:

- Kathy Kalich at [kkalich@stjoan.net](mailto:kkalich@stjoan.net)

- Parish Center at 586-777-3670 or [gala@stjoan.net](mailto:gala@stjoan.net)

- Pam Graskewicz at 313-443-9059

- Emily Radatz at 586-873-3183

## GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

**\$5,000 in prizes:** one(1) \$3000,  
one (1) \$1000 and two (2) \$500  
cash prizes. Tickets are available for  
\$20 each or six for \$100.

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## Weekly Calendar of Events

### **Monday, October 7th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
10:00 AM Walking with Purpose - EH  
6:15 PM Confirmation 1 Class – EH  
7:00 PM Walking with Purpose

### **Tuesday, October 8th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
10:00 AM Funeral for Frank Seleno

### **Wednesday, October 9th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
5:00 PM Reconciliation  
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed  
6:30 PM PTG Meeting - Rm. 10/11  
6:30 PM Catholic Biblical School - EH

### **Thursday, October 10th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
1:00 PM Hearts a Fire - EH  
6:30 PM Light of the Spirit Prayer Mtg.  
7:00 PM Holy Hour - Live Streamed

### **Friday, October 11th**

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed  
10:00 AM Funeral for Matthew Nowicki

### **Saturday, October 12th**

10:00 AM Funeral for Nancy Barkley  
11:00 AM Reconciliation  
12:30 PM Baptism of Claire A. Lenz  
1:30 PM Baptism of James W. Murray  
2:30 PM Baptism of Grace Ryan Dittmer  
4:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed  
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

### **Sunday, October 13th**

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

## Words on the Word

### ***October 6, 2024 – Till Death Do Us Part***

Marriage is a vocation. We know that.

Marriage is a covenant between husband and wife, in front of God. We know that.

Marriage is a profoundly serious commitment intended to be for a lifetime. We know that.

And yet, somehow, we're not particularly surprised when we see stories in the media about well-known people who don't treat marriage in this way. This is not something limited to well-known people, of course, but those are the ones who make the headlines.

A few weeks ago, media was tripping over itself reporting about a well-known national political figure – already a divorced father of five – who was seen on what looked to observers very much like a date. Romantic dinner in a cozy restaurant; the usual visual cues.

The interest in this situation would already have been keen of course, but it was amplified because, as it happens, this particular person already is known to be engaged to another quasi-celebrity, and so speculation was rampant.

Since the time this story first appeared, it's altogether possible things have been “resolved” or otherwise figured out. These things move quickly, after all.

But the key takeaway for people of goodwill is a reminder that marriage is not an entertainment event, not a throwaway, passing, season of life.

“But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female,” Jesus says in today's gospel passage from St. Mark. “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.”

Let us pray, then, for all married couples – and for couples preparing for marriage – that their vocation may be strengthened daily, fortified with the glue that only God can provide.

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# Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 7, 2024 Our Lady of the Rosary (White)</b>
7:00 am	Donald and Tracy Kowalewski & A Special Intention for Lori Kowalewski
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 8, 2024 Weekday (Green)</b>
7:00 am	A Special Intention for the Mecha Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 9, 2024 Weekday Saint Denis, Bishop &amp; Companions; Saint John Leonardi, Priest (Green/Red/White)</b>
7:00 am	Mary J. Rademacher
6:00 pm	Anthony Comito
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 10, 2024 Weekday (Green)</b>
7:00 am	Special Intention for the Family of Tina Calisi
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 11, 2024 Weekday Sant John XXIII Pope (Green/White)</b>
7:00 am	Michael Marsiglio
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 12, 2024 Vigil for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>
4:00 pm	Teresa Marzolino, Bonnie Batche, Thomas Stundon, Virginia Burasinski, Martin Krall, Irene C. Ancypa, Clemens Ancypa, Mary Ann Easley, Joel VanDenbussche, Mary Steele, Nancy Barkley, Norman Dolinski, Anthony Zynel, Helen Plath Tribble Shalk, and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, Tom & Diana Ziolkowski, Lori Becker, Debbie Kunath
6:00 pm	Lawrence & Rosemary Schenden
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 13, 2024 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)</b>
8:00 am	The Intentions of SJA Parishioners
10:00 am	Josephine & Eugene Ziolkowski
12:00 pm	Jerry Brennan, Dennis Lex, Daniel Bommarito, Kathleen Murphy and a Special Intention for Catherine C. Champine

## Daily Readings

### Monday, October 7

Galatians 1:6-12  
Luke 10:25-37

### Friday, October 11

Galatians 3:7-14  
Luke 11:15-26

### Tuesday, October 8

Galatians 1:13-24  
Luke 10:38-42

### Saturday, October 12

Galatians 3:22-29  
Luke 11:27-28

### Wednesday, October 9

Galatians 2:1-14  
Luke 11:1-4

### Sunday, October 13

Wisdom 7:7-11  
Hebrews 4:12-13  
Mark 10:17-30

### Thursday, October 10

Galatians 3:1-5  
Luke 11:5-13



## I Am The Resurrection & The Life

“Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families.”

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**Gloria Strzelecki (Sister of John Smigels)**

**Beverly Freismuth**

**Steven Terlescki**

**Frank Seleno**

**Jeanette Franke**

**Lori Spindler**

“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

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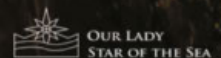
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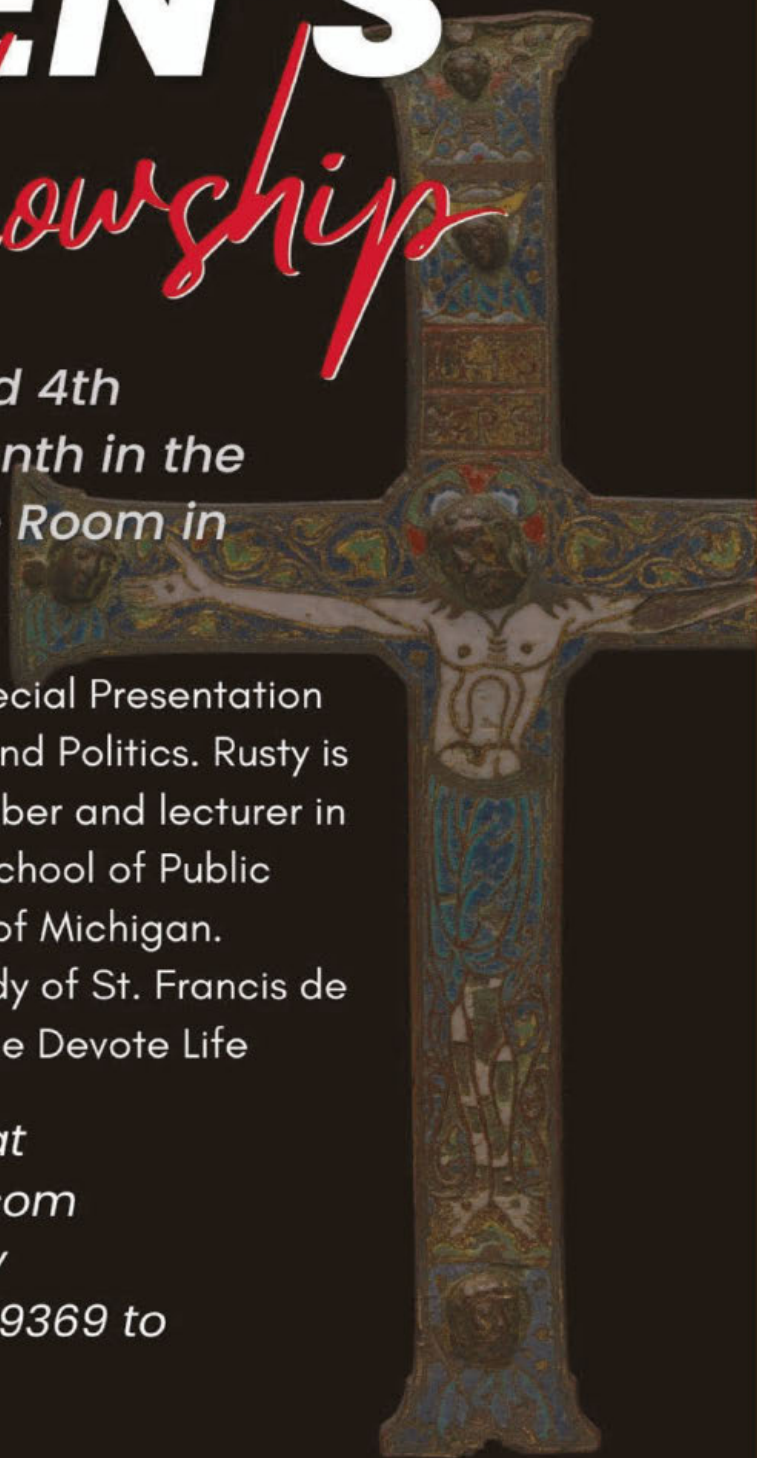
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Monday of each month in the  
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- October 14 and 28: Special Presentation by Rusty Hills on Jesus and Politics. Rusty is an adjunct faculty member and lecturer in at the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan.
- November 11: Begin Study of St. Francis de Sales' Introduction to the Devote Life

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# Prayers Needed

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Marie Therese Belloli	Jeanne Fleming	Delaney Kraemer	Frank Poeschel	Mary Surmont
Kristen Benedict	Linda Frank	Shirley Kraemer	Vicky Pranger	Paul Szymanski
Edna Burton	Jeanne Gainer	Laurie Krim	Carol S. Provencal	Terri Szolach
Marie Byrski	John Galbo	Maria Krzesowski	Tracy Rauch	Kim Thomas
Maryann Carlin	Larry Gehrke	Charles LaCombe	Fe Reyes	Bernadette Thompson
Ed Cole	Larry Graham	Patricia LaCombe	Sr. Alice Riegel	James Thompson
Toni Glaeser-Collins	Peter Grantz	Concetta Leone	Paulette Russia	Linda Vitale
Joan Combellack	Chris Gretchen	Mila Lictawa	Jenna Rose	Eileen Wallace
Maura Corrigan	Geoffrey Greve	David Lott	Victoria Rydholm	Elaine Walters
John Crawford	Helen Waltz-Gutowski	Dominik Mackowski	Lily Saith	Tom Ward
Olivia Crimando	Pam Haisenleder	Patrick Maher	Barbara R. Scharneck	Larry Weber
David Damm	Judith Hasten	Ilene Manning	Dianne Schelosky	Adrienne Weidenbach
Jerry Dedene	Leland Helzer	Joan Mannino	Thomas Sloan	Joan Weitz, O.P.
Joan DeDene	Ilona Higgins	Dennis McCarthy	Terri Smigels	Robert Werthman
Anita Dembeck	Ted Hinz	Cyndy McMahan	Kathleen Smith	Joseph Whalen
Debra Dembeck	Joan Ireland	Heather A. Miller	Cathy Spindler	Marilyn Wicker
Grace Dickerson	Chris Janutol	Mark Moffitt	Frances Stafford	Joyce Wiekrykas
George Dickerson	Lorraine Jonas	Nina Mondalek	Wendy Stevens	Loretta Williams
Kainoa Dunn	Rosemary Jonas	Jennie Mooney	Patty Stevenson	Jenny Wojcik
Jean Edwards	Zayne D. Kapinski	Marco Julian Moro	Palma Strussione	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](mailto:info@sjascs.org).

## PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN IN THE MILITARY

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# Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

October 6, 2024

## A Suitable Partner

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

In the story of the creation of the first woman, the Hebrew word *ezer* is used to describe her relationship with the first man. Many Bibles translate that word as “helper” or “helpmate,” thus making the woman an addition to the man. The lectionary translates the word as “suitable partner,” emphasizing mutuality rather than subservience. Since the word is generally used for divine assistance, it certainly does not imply inferiority.

Another important Hebrew word is *bad*, usually translated as “alone.” A common meaning is “separated from,” implying incompleteness in a

relationship. This incompleteness is remedied when the man is given a suitable partner, one who is as intimate a companion to him as are his bones.

The intimacy of this relationship of mutuality is found in the Gospel passage as well. There the focus is on the endurance of the relationship. Jesus insists that the bond that joins the couple together must not be severed. Many today might find this ruling too rigid. Things can happen in intimate relationships; partners can grow apart; staying together could become dangerous. While these are valid concerns today, women in the patriarchal society of the time would see Jesus’ interpretation of the law as protecting them. By law only men could divorce their wives, and reasons for doing so could be as trivial as poor cooking.

Today’s readings remind us of our need for intimate relationships of mutuality. They further underscore how important it is to cherish such relationships and to nurture them by respecting our partners. †

***His incompleteness is remedied when the man is given a suitable partner, one who is as intimate a companion to him as are his bones.***

## Sunday Readings

### Genesis 2:18–24

The LORD God said: “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suited to him.”

### Hebrews 2:9–11

He who “for a little while” was made “lower than the angels,” that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

### Mark 10:2–16 or 10:2–12

[Jesus said,] “But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.... So they are no longer two but one flesh.”

## A Word from Pope Francis

Love needs time and space; everything else is secondary. Time is needed to talk things over, to embrace leisurely, to share plans, to listen to one other and gaze in each other’s eyes, to appreciate one another and to build a stronger relationship. Sometimes the frenetic pace of our society and the pressures of the workplace create problems.

On Love in the Family (*Amoris Laetitia*), p. 224



## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

## ONE QUESTION REFLECTION

- Are you a nurturing person?
- Are you as kind in private as you are in public?

# What Do You Want Me to Do for You?

Paige Byrne Shortal

**T**he Gospel passages we hear these October Sundays are challenging. On the first Sunday, the issue is adultery and divorce. I serve in my archdiocese as an advocate – someone who helps people through the annulment process. At a talk after mass, I said, “I’m going to ask five questions. When I’m finished, I’m going to invite you to stand—only if you’re comfortable—if you can answer yes to one or more of these questions: Are your parents divorced? Are any of your children divorced? Are any of your siblings divorced? Are any of your friends divorced? Are you divorced?” Well, you can guess what happened. Everyone stood—the congregation, choir members, servers, deacon, presider, everyone. After they all stood, I asked quietly, “Why do divorced Catholics feel so alone?”



The second Sunday’s Gospel is about the rich young man who went away sad because he couldn’t detach from his many earthly possessions even though what he really wanted was eternal life. On the third Sunday, James and John try to finagle a higher place in heaven. Jesus

responds with a teaching on the nature of Christian leadership. And on the fourth Sunday, we hear blind Bartimaeus beg by the side of the road. When he hears Jesus is coming, he cries for mercy. Jesus stops and invites Bartimaeus to come to him. A small detail is included: Bartimaeus threw off his cloak, unlike the rich young man, forsaking his only possession. Jesus asks Bartimaeus, “What do you want me to do for you?” It’s the same question Jesus asks of James and John. What do you want me to do for you?

Jesus respects our free will. He always asks permission before he heals, because not everyone wants to be well. Not everyone wants to see. Not everyone is willing to give up riches, importance, power—or even the familiar—to follow Jesus. Until maybe we see Jesus’ kind, knowing face and hear him ask us, “What do you want me to do for you?” †

## Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “An Examen for Married Couples” by Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC

**T**he Church teaches that marriage and the family constitute the original cell of society and likewise that of the Church. If the cells of a body are healthy, the body tends to be healthy. Holy, healthy marriages tend to produce holy, healthy families, which in turn give rise to a healthy society and contribute to a holy, healthy Church. Indeed, the Christian family is a school of love, teaching kindness, generosity, patience, gratitude, sacrifice, and forgiveness, all for the glory of God and in the service of God’s people. †

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*Faithful God, help us to be faithful in our relationships, and fulfill our promise to seek the wellbeing of others, to love as we wish to be loved.*

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## WEEKDAY READINGS

October 7–12

**Monday**, Our Lady of the Rosary:  
Gal 1:6–12 / Lk 10:25–37

**Tuesday**, Weekday: Gal 1:13–24 /  
Lk 10:38–42

**Wednesday**, Weekday: Gal 2:1–2, 7–14 /  
Lk 11:1–4

**Thursday**, Weekday: Gal 3:1–5 /  
Lk 11:5–13

**Friday**, Weekday: Gal 3:7–14 /  
Lk 11:15–26

**Saturday**, Weekday: Gal 3:22–29 /  
Lk 11:27–28

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