

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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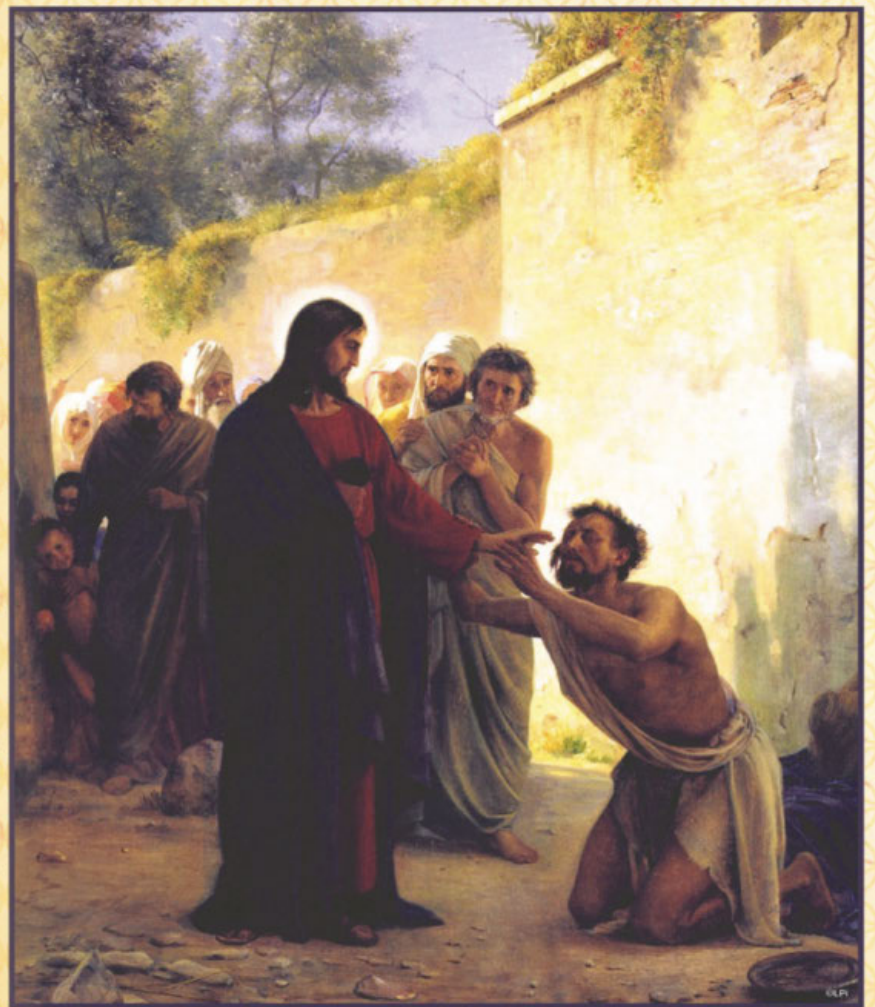
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30th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:52

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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

TALLer Tales



Traveling with Ms. Daisy (Part 6): 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.

Last week, I shared about our experience in Boston. One of the places that had come highly recommended to visit in Boston was Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Quincy Market. What a cool place. It was a Saturday, and even though it was raining outside, it was packed (with many college-aged kids out looking for venues to watch the college football games). Located in downtown Boston, steps away from the waterfront, it has over 80 businesses and food vendors. We got there around lunchtime, and with the rain and crowds, we were having difficulty navigating my mom’s walker/rollator through the crowds. But I have to give a shout-out to the college-aged kids we encountered. It must have been obvious we needed help because help was given at each step of the way. Seeing the college-aged kids willingly offer to help my mom up some steps or maneuver her walker/rollator when I was having difficulties was cool. They were so attentive, and I appreciated that fact.

Once we boarded the ship, it was time for dinner and the 30-hour journey to New York. At some point, my mom decided to book a helicopter ride over Manhattan. This was on her bucket list, and I was amazed she was able to book it. She was SO EXCITED about this. She knew she could handle the helicopter when she conquered the seaplane ride. Our reservation was set for around noon when we arrived in New York. However, I ran into a problem. I didn’t know we wouldn’t arrive in New York until 12:30 that day, which made me somewhat panic because I knew I had to change the reservation. I assumed we would arrive at 6:00 a.m. like we did at the other ports. The noon-ish arrival was to give us that picturesque arrival into New York with

being able to see the Verrazano Bridge, the Statue of Liberty, and the Manhattan Skyline. That made sense, but it messed up the helicopter ride. I tried making multiple calls during the voyage from Boston to New York to change our reservation, but we kept getting cut off. When we finally connected the morning of our arrival, I got a reservation for 3:30 that afternoon. All was good until mid morning when I got a call that their last ride would be at 1:00 p.m. as the air space was being closed down as President Biden was going to be in town for the UN Meeting. This was undoubtedly messing up all our plans.

now.” When I told her we would come back to New York again, she said, “Mike, that’s NEVER going to happen. I’m old and would be dead soon. But that’s okay; we’ll look for a helicopter ride someplace else.” UGH!

But that didn’t stop me. I then started making a bunch of phone calls with a few helicopter tour companies to see if there was ANY way I could make this happen in the few hours we would have on the last day of our trip. Added to the complexity was that we had to be off the ship by 8:00 a.m. and would be dropped off in lower Manhattan by 10:00 a.m. to wander around until we had to take a bus to JFK at 12:30 p.m. for our eventual flight back to Detroit.

Timing was everything. But WHERE we would be dropped off in Manhattan was crucial, too. When I saw we would be dropped off in Manhattan right at Wall Street, and the heliport was only a mile away, I called the tour operators to see if I could make this happen for my mom! I pleaded my case and told them the whole story. This one tour agent was so sympathetic, and she worked some absolute magic for us. She booked us for an 11:30 a.m. helicopter ride on that Tuesday. I was breathing a sigh of relief.

The voyage into the New York harbor was SPECTACULAR. I knew then why our arrival was timed so we could see the sites of New York and New Jersey as we pulled into the harbor. Sailing so close to the Statue of Liberty was such a phenomenal

experience. The Manhattan skyline was so beautiful, too!

Now we had to prepare ourselves for all the security and commotion of a UN meeting and all those world leaders being in town (with all their motorcades and security details) while Ms. Daisy and her son were visiting this auspicious city! We could have used our own motorcade and security detail!

More to come! Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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While I was making all these calls, my mom kept wanting an update as it was happening. When we finally figured the helicopter ride wouldn’t happen that day, and given our final day was the next day, and they had no openings, the thought of accomplishing the helicopter ride was quickly vanishing. I wanted this to happen for my mom. She eventually gave in to the fact that it probably wouldn’t happen and I assured her that we would return to New York again to make it happen.

To understand my mom’s response, you have to understand that her standard line lately to us has been, “You have to understand, I’m in the checkout line of life! It probably will never happen if I don’t do it

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of October 27, 2024



The Catholic Take on Halloween

Remembering the dead in purgatory, celebrating the Saints, and the Catholic perspective on Halloween.



Brother Francis - All Souls Day

In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.



Who is St. Jude? | Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. James Prothro discuss this lesser-known apostle St. Jude.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

Warning!! I'm going to comment in this article on an issue related to the upcoming election. So, if you just can't take it anymore, I seriously suggest that you skip reading this and find something else to read or do. Seriously. The whole reason I am writing *this* particular article is because I was trying to do just that: *not* think about the brain-eating election that is upon us – *but* the political machine managed to dump on me anyway. In fact, I was at the parish office trying to do some work. The usual background office noise was distracting me, so I stuck some earbuds in my ears and did a search on YouTube for “instrumental background music.” Everything was fine until I realized that part of what you get with YouTube content is something that I was trying desperately to escape – ADVERTISEMENTS! And not just any old advertisements, but *political ads!* Ahhhh!

But it didn't end there. The message of the political ad, that felt like an ice pick sticking through my ear into the center of my mind, was insisting that I vote for someone who would ensure that victims of rape and incest have access to “medical options.” Yeah. Got it. I didn't know rape and incest – or medical care – were on the ballot. Turns out, they're not. But abortion most certainly is, in every possible sense. And that's what this ad was actually about – protecting abortion. The intentional confusing of rape, incest, abortion, and medicine by political opportunists, who care *nothing* about the truth and *only* about power, is absolutely unconscionable. Their tactic is cunning and effective. Yes, the Devil is so slick at what he does! He can make bad look so good! He must be laughing himself silly every time he sees or hears one of those ads. Advertising's coupling of abortion to rape and incest is custom made for what advertisers do: they induce us to run on pure emotion so that we will do what *they* want us to do. I fell for this exact pro-abortion argument hook-line-and-sinker when I was in my late teens and early twenties. I was “pro-life”. . . but there

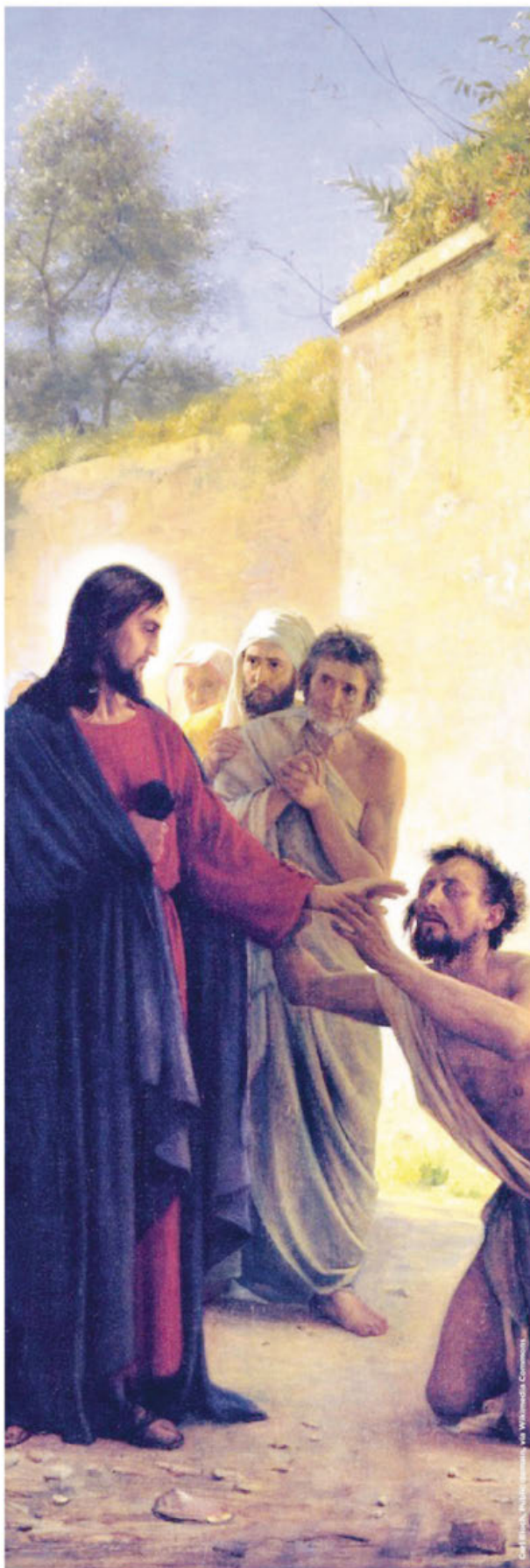
was **no way** any one of my sisters would have to carry some creep's baby if they were raped! I can still feel the rage rise in me when I think of that to this day. But it was *all* rage. All emotion. No thinking involved. The concept of what abortion *actually entails* wasn't even part of the equation. In fact, my thoughts and actions flowed directly from my emotions without concern for anything else. This is precisely how we are sucked into the ads that promote abortion as a solution to our problems. Indeed, it doesn't even matter *what* the specific solution to our problems is. “I'm worried about ME!” Anything beyond *our* personal experience is irrelevant.

The tragedy of a rape resulting in a pregnancy is no different. If killing a *rapist* who caused a pregnancy would make pregnancy go away, we'd be all over that, just like we are with abortion. But the catastrophe that we find ourselves floundering in now is the inability to engage obvious truth. Like it or not, abortion is *the* fundamental issue of our time – an issue which we are *not* allowed to logically think about. We are not allowed to think about what abortion *is*: the destruction of a human life. In *2024-speak*, abortion is “a solution, health care, a reproductive right, a woman's choice, something to shout, a constitutional right in the ‘great’ State of Michigan.” To confuse matters further, for those who think that there *might* be something not-so-great about abortion, it is “just one issue among many” that could be part of public debate. As a matter of fact, for some folks with a globalist view, abortion is too much of a distraction from other life-*threatening* issues. They would prefer we just drop all of the abortion talk. For them, climate, health care, economic justice, violence, immigration, and political rule all outrank the violence of abortion. Sure, all of these earthly concerns merit discussion. But if they are ranked equally with the direct taking of life through abortion, addressing those worldly issues is an utter waste of time. If we cannot get the value of human life right, nothing

else matters. If we have a constitutional right to kill a child in the womb, plenty of people won't think much of pulling a gun on somebody who ticks them off in traffic. Aborting a child is like getting into an argument on the side of the freeway and pulling a gun on someone *driving by* – and killing her. Or, it is like being diagnosed with skin cancer and committing suicide because we can't take the pressure. Abortion is an overreaction. It is a compounding of evil. Rape and incest are vile. There should be a steep price to pay for these violent crimes. But the *criminal* should pay – not an innocent human.

The crucial truth to face is one that will never go away: a child *inside* its mother is just as human as a child *outside* its mother. Those who *choose* to *believe* otherwise, should at least have the decency to let frightened, desperate women get accurate information about what is happening inside their pregnant bodies. Abortion *always* hurts a woman. It is a sin against her and her child. Truth must be told, not lies. The taking of innocent life cannot be justified by feelings of fear, anger, or selfishness. Our hearts need to soften so that a true end of abortion might come – that we might welcome mothers with problem pregnancies and help their children live.

On a completely different subject: We are looking to restart our Ministry to Homebound and Senior parishioners. First, we need to make a number of phone calls to find out who needs the help that we are able to offer. At the same time, we will be determining if we have accurate contact information for the sick and elderly. Would you be willing to help make phone calls to fellow parishioners? And, down the road, would you consider taking Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners? We can give you the details about what is involved if you call or email the Parish Center at 586-777-3670 or info@sjascs.org Thank you!
Blessings in Christ,
Fr. Bob



October 27, 2024

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31:7-9 | Heb 5:1-6 | Mk 10:46-52

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Although today's Gospel recounts the healing of Bartimaeus' physical blindness, the story is a summons for each of us to be healed of our spiritual blindness. Spiritual blindness, an effect of sin, clouds our ability to perceive who we are and who God is. Paradoxically, Bartimaeus' spiritual eyesight is clear; he recognizes who Jesus is and he sees his own desperate need for Jesus' help. For us, however, sin acts like dust, obstructing our vision and preventing us from perceiving God's presence. We find it difficult to recognize God in other people and in the sacraments; and we likewise become incapable of perceiving ourselves as God sees us. If we wish to have our spiritual eyesight restored, we would do well to imitate Bartimaeus' humble, confident prayer: "Master, I want to see." Acknowledging our need before God and begging for his help, we invite him to heal our hearts, so that we, like Bartimaeus, may follow Jesus "on the way."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Where can we seek the healing of our "spiritual sight"? We should look for it from the same person from whom Bartimaeus begged to be cured of his physical blindness: Jesus. But whereas Bartimaeus' encounter with Jesus took place amid noisy crowds of followers and curious onlookers, our most intimate relations with Our Lord take place in the quiet context of prayer and the sacraments. Above all, confession and Eucharistic adoration offer us opportunities to meet God and petition him for the cleansing of our hearts. In confession, we humbly acknowledge our need for conversion and invite God to heal us. In Eucharistic adoration, we approach Jesus with the faith of Bartimaeus, seeing past the appearance of bread and declaring that the consecrated host is indeed God himself. Through these eyes of faith, the Lord heals any blindness, and we can see "and [follow] him on the way."

PRAY Choose a regular time to take advantage of the two opportunities for healing we've discussed - confession and Eucharistic adoration. If you do not already go to confession regularly, consider making it a monthly commitment. Finally, set aside time this week to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, either in Eucharistic adoration or before the tabernacle in your church. Try visiting him weekly - and then watch how your time in his presence transforms you.

Readings for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOVEMBER 3 B

Reading One – Dt 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

Responsorial – Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Reading Two – Heb 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters: The Levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

Alleluia – Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my father will love him and we will come to him. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mk 12:28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Safety of Darkness

Leprosy and blindness and deafness — oh, my. The disabilities cured by Jesus in his public ministry really are quite something, aren't they? Vividly symbolic and rich food for reflection. It just wouldn't be the same if Jesus had cured eczema or athlete's foot or compulsive nail-biting.

Blind Bartimaeus, sitting by the side of the road, in particular captures my imagination. Because I have a confession to make, sometimes, I like to sit in the darkness, even though I know it isn't very good for me.

Well, listen: it's just easier, isn't it? You don't have to care about or fix the problems you can't see. No one expects you to rush to someone's aid if you don't see their injuries. The darkness is a good place to be, if you don't feel very brave or very smart or very able.

And when Jesus passes you by, if your whole world is darkness, it's easy enough to pretend you just didn't notice him at all.

But Bartimaeus chose not to stay in his darkness. More than that, he cried out to be released from it, even when everyone around him told him to shut up. He was so persistent that he caught the notice of Jesus, and when he heard those words — "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you!" — what did he do? He didn't stammer and run away. He had courage. He got up.

It takes courage to ask for what you need to follow Christ. Because if you ask for it, you'll get it. And then begins the terrifying, wonderful journey of discipleship — testifying to what you have seen. Life in the light, no longer sitting by the side of the road but on the road, journeying toward the greatest destination of all.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks us.

Do we have the courage to answer him?

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

November is called the month of All Souls. More recently, it has been called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Can you tell us more about this feast and the remembrances of this month?

Answer:

November 2, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, dovetails with November 1st, the feast of All Saints. The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory.

While the Western Church has emphasized the cleansing and purifying nature of purgatory, the Eastern Orthodox Church has emphasized the growth and development aspect of it. Today, belief in purgatory allows one who has died in Christ to continue growing and developing before meeting God face to face. God continually invites communion with these loved ones, but some feel the need to continue growing and developing before entering into full communion with God.

These November feasts vividly remind us of the rich reality known as the communion of saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death.

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.

www.stjoan.net



CONTRIBUTOR FORM

DUE DATE: **OCTOBER 10, 2024**

Donor: Please print clearly so we may accurately acknowledge your company

Name: _____ Date: _____

Company Name: _____ Phone# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Email: _____

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

Donation Description: _____

Total Donor Value: \$ _____ Gift certificate included _____ Event committee to create _____

Program Ad: Please email print ready ad to EmilyARadatz@gmail.com

_____ Back Cover Ad in Full Color \$1,500 _____ ½ Page Ad Color \$250

_____ Inside (Front or Back) Cover Full Color 1,000

_____ Full Page Ad Color \$500 _____ Business Card Color \$100

Event Tickets: \$125.00/ea. (Sold online. Available September 2024. Check 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

- Parish Center at 586-777-3670 or gala@stjoan.net

- Pam Graskewicz at 313-443-9059

- Emily Radatz at 586-873-3183



\$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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K of C Feather Party



Order of Alhambra Galicia Caravan #77
Grand Commander Don Kaiser
and
St. Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus #8695
Grand Knight Andy Marter
proudly hosts



An evening of fun at the
Aldo Cardosi / Don Champine

FEATHER PARTY

Celebrity Bingo Caller
Fr. Rich Bartoszek



WIN! WIN!

TEN \$50 & \$30
BINGO GAME PRIZES
At our Charity Event

ASSUMPTION
CULTURAL CENTER
21800 Marter Road
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
(between Greater Mack & Jefferson,
Vernier & Nine Mile)

BUFFET MENU
Chicken Piccata
Penne Bolognese
Fettucini Alfredo
Green Beans Almondine
Salad & Bread
Desserts & Coffee

All Proceeds to Benefit St. Joan of Arc Exceptional Children Religious Program
Tickets \$45 Per Person
Please make checks payable to St. Joan of Arc K of C

Tickets Available After St. Joan of Arc's Weekend Masses on November 10th & 17th
Includes Dinner, 10 games of Bingo and Dauber

For Reservation and Tickets: Bill Marchiori (586) 871-2929

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, October 28th

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

Tuesday, October 29th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, October 30th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
5:00 PM Reconciliation
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed
6:30 PM Catholic Biblical School - EH

Thursday, October 31st

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
2:00 PM Hearts Afire - EH
6:30 PM Light of the Spirit Prayer Mtg.
7:00 PM Vigil Mass - All Saints Day

Friday, November 1st—All Saints Day

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed
12:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed
7:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, November 2nd

11:00 AM Reconciliation
4:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed
6:00 PM SJA Gala and Auction - Yacht Club

Sunday, November 3rd

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed
11:00 AM Family Faith Formation - Gym
12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

October 27, 2024 – Seeing is Believing

It's easy and all too human to take for granted the blessings that surround us every day. The gift of life. The love of family and friends. The beauty of the world that surrounds us.

But we do. And so it's helpful to step back, sometimes, and see things through different eyes.

The *Detroit Free Press* recently started a series of stories in which they'll be exploring "the universal firsts in our lives." A few weeks ago, they wrote about a Canton woman who is, for the first time, receiving chemotherapy to battle a recent breast cancer diagnosis.

The treatments began earlier this summer, the story said, and as that first date approached, the woman "noticed a change in her surroundings, though maybe it was a change in how she saw things. Everything she encountered seemed more vibrant. Outdoors, the birds seemed to sing sweeter, the air smelled fresher, the sun shone brighter.

"I was noticing the bees pollinating. It was just stuff like that I would never pay attention to," the woman was quoted as saying. "I wasn't thinking about being sick. I was just thinking about how beautiful everything was."

It's unfortunate it took a cancer diagnosis to affect the change, but, again, we know stories like this are common. And so the story of the blind man from Jericho is good for reflection.

Jesus said to the man, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, 'Master, I want to see.' Jesus told him, 'Go your way; your faith has saved you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way."

Regardless of our circumstances, in good times and in bad, it's a great reminder that our most important duty is to keep God forever in our sights.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	October 28, 2024 Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles (Red)
7:00 am	Hugo Calisi
Tuesday	October 29, 2024 Weekday (Green)
7:00 am	Pam Smith
Wednesday	October 30, 2024 Weekday (Green)
7:00 am	Carlos Mallare
6:00 pm	Nick DiCresce
Thursday	October 31, 2024 Weekday; Vigil for All Saints Day (Green/White)
7:00 am	Sr. Marie Houle, O.P.
7:00 pm	Samson DeLeon
Friday	November 1, 2024 All Saints (White)
7:00 am	The living and deceased members of the Rogier and Detloff Families
12:00 pm	Richard Adamcik
7:00 pm	George Rupinski
Saturday	November 2, 2024 All Souls Day; Vigil for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (White/Green)
4:00 pm	Antonio Calisi, Bianca Calisi, Aniello Mazzella, Antonietta Mazzella, Hugo Calisi, Sr. Silveria Conte, the living and deceased members of the Rogier & Detloff Families, Bonnie Batche, Beverly LaMountain, Roseann Coules, Arlene & Lawrence Szeffler, Marie Ann Easley, Patrick Lamkin, Richard Sheldon, Gary Sheldon, Virginia T. Sawyer, Maria Hopkins, Fernando Hopkins, Kathy Barkora, Dolores Merecki, David Damm, and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, Anthony LaPorte, and Rachel Allemon and Prayerful Appreciation for the work of the Priests and Staff of St. Joan of Arc
6:00 pm	Deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese of Detroit
Sunday	November 3, 2024 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 am	The Intentions of SJA Parishioners
10:00 am	Michele DeLeeuw
12:00 pm	Ron Lagodna, Pamela Smith, Richard Adamcik, the deceased members of the Bryk & Kidon Families, Marie Byrski, & Virginia T. Sawyer

Daily Readings

Monday, October 28	Friday, November 1
Ephesians 2:19-22 Luke 6:12-16	Ephesians 4:1-6 Luke 12:54-59
Tuesday, October 29	Saturday, November 2
Ephesians 5:21-33 Luke 13:18-21	Ephesians 4:7-16 Luke 13:1-9
Wednesday, October 30	Sunday, November 3
Ephesians 6:1-9 Luke 13:22-30	Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 12:28b-34
Thursday, October 31	
Ephesians 6:10-20 Luke 13:31-35	

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.”

“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

Minnie Louise Haskins



Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

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.

Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

Annual Memorial Mass



On Thursday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church, we will celebrate our annual Memorial Mass. Through a moving presentation and the lighting of memorial candles, we will remember by name each of the people whose funeral was celebrated at SJA during the past year.

You also have an opportunity to submit the names of deceased relatives and friends you would like to have remembered at this Mass and throughout the month of November.

Please write the names of those you would like to have remembered in the spaces below. Please return this sheet to the basket found at the St. Joseph Altar in Church or to the Parish Center. Extra copies can be found in Church and at the Parish Center.

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Almighty God and Father, it is our certain faith that your Son, who died on the cross, was raised from the dead, the firstfruits of all who have fallen asleep. Grant through this mystery that your servants who have gone to their rest in Christ, may share in the joy of his resurrection. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



 **St. Joan** *of* **Arc**

Call for *Helpers*

Can you help us make some phone calls to help us update our homebound ministry?

Leave your name and number at the Parish Center 586-777-3670 or sign up online at sjascs.org/homebound

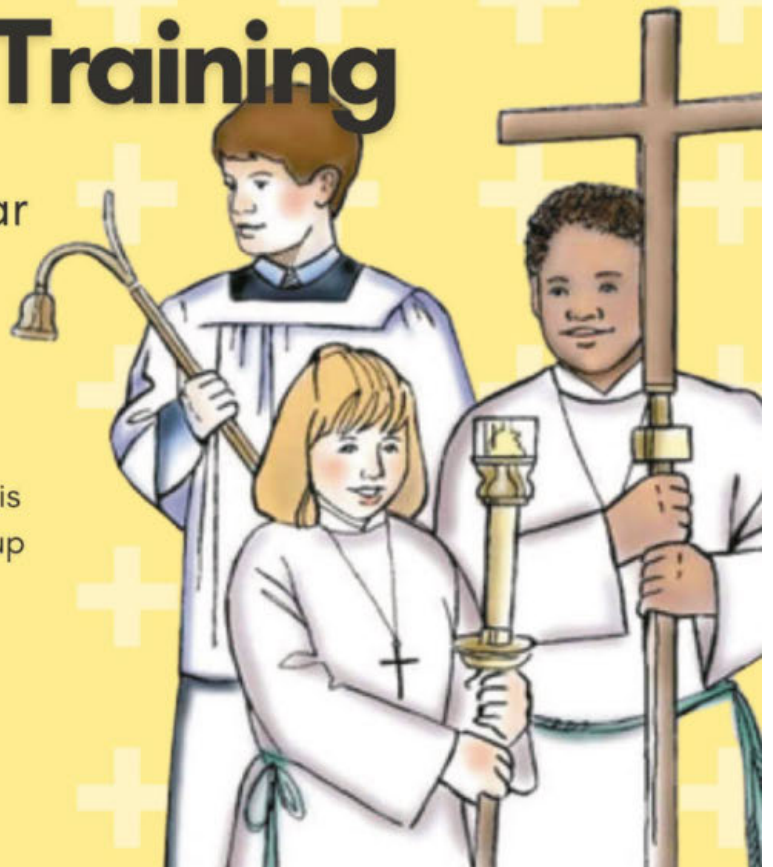
Altar Server Training

We are reinstating our Altar Server Ministry for students in grades three and up.

See the website for details and requirements and to express interest in this important ministry. (The deadline to sign up for first group of training is Nov. 4)

sjascs.org/altar-servers

 **St. Joan** *of* **Arc**



Prayers Needed

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
October 27, 2024

Shout with Joy

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

After the previous Sunday's focus on suffering, today's readings depict excitement. Refugees are coming home. They had been locked away and now they are free. These were vulnerable people that others did not value. Now they are going home. They have been gathered in God's embrace. Who wouldn't rejoice?

The Gospel tells of Bartimaeus who is blind and begging. However, his blindness did not prevent him from seeing. He seems to have known who Jesus was and that Jesus could help him. And so, he cries out, "Have pity

on me" (Mark 10:47). This man was begging outside of the city. Because of his blindness, he was shunned and rendered unemployable. All that was left for him was to beg—and beg he did. Not for money, but for sight. Jesus very clearly tells him that his faith saved him. Only then was the man healed. He had believed that Jesus has the power of new life. Like the people in the first reading, he was given a chance for a new life. No longer was he an outcast; he could now join the community. No longer was he confined to begging. He could now flourish in life.

These are not merely awe-inspiring stories. As disciples we have been called to continue Jesus' ministry in our lives—to embrace those who are lost and help them find the warmth and security of home. We are called to help those struggling with life's hardships to see the compassion of Jesus. †

Sunday Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the Lord, "I will gather them from the ends of the earth, the blind and the lame in their midst..."

Hebrews 5:1-6

It was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him: "You are my son; this day I have begotten you..."

Mark 10:46-52

[Bartimaeus] threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.... "Master, I want to see."



The blindness of Bartimaeus did not prevent him from seeing; he knew who Jesus was.

A Word from Pope Francis

[Jesus] sends us forth to say to each person: "God is asking you to let yourself be loved by him." How often, instead of this liberating message of salvation, have we brought ourselves, our own "recipes" and "labels" into the Church! ... How often do people feel the weight of our institutions more than the friendly presence of Jesus!

Homily, Rome, October 28, 2018



REFLECTION QUESTIONS



- Do you know what it is to finally see clearly when before you were blind?
- Ask God to show you what you cannot see now.

The Virtues of Fitness

Kevin Vost

Virtues are essentially good habits that enable us to make the most of ourselves, to do the right thing, to help others, and to enjoy the process. Four essential virtues can serve as foundational “virtues of fitness.”

Fortitude is the perfection of our passions that gives us the courage to endure hardships to achieve good. Fortitude enables us to endure the physical discomforts that can accompany the intense rigors of strength training and the less intense but longer-lasting travails that accompany aerobic or cardiovascular workouts. The good it achieves is bodily strength, energy, and endurance.

Temperance helps us keep our desires in check when they would lead us into excess and sin. In the realm of health and fitness, temperance most directly relates to diet and nutrition. Temperance will allow us to combat gluttony and find joy



in eating healthy proportions of our daily bread (and yes, our chocolate and pasta). Temperance is not about special food supplements or crash diets. It’s about developing sensible habits that we can practice throughout a lifetime.

Prudence is that practical wisdom that determines reasonable and ethical means

to attain ethical ends. In the context of fitness, prudence develops when we learn, through reading and personal experience, how to craft sensible, healthy routines for our lives, including strength training, endurance training, our daily work and chores, and a reasonable diet.

Justice involves giving all people their rightful due. In the realm of fitness, we can see that justice also considers the special goals and needs of individuals within special groups. Teenage boys seeking biceps need to be aware of the potential pitfalls that await them, from steroids to harmful supplements to regimens of overeating and overtraining that can bring them physical and spiritual harm. Teenage girls need to know that how they feel and how they function are far more important than how they look. Seniors need to find safe and healthy ways to build and retain healthy muscle tissue, sturdy bones, and sufficient energy for their golden years.

Regardless of our age or physical condition, we can all treat our bodies as temples for God’s glory and dynamos for charity. †

Wisdom from Catholic UPDATE

From “Blessed Carlo Acutis: Saint in Sneakers” by Matt and Colleen Swaim

In his preteen and teen years, Carlo strove to maintain a proper balance of friends, family and school commitments, care for others, and a relationship with God. This key stage of moral and spiritual development is crucial in forming the kind of person one is going to be. Carlo’s care for others and his heart for service continued to shine as he approached high school. Carlo surely asked himself a question each of us must pose to ourselves: “Will I live only for myself, or will I live for others?” †

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God of light and love, give us the courage to see what we would prefer to avoid, to face what we fear in the light of your love.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

October 28—
November 2

Monday, Sts. Simon and Jude:
Eph 2:19–22 / Lk 6:12–16

Tuesday, Weekday: Eph 5:21–33 /
Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday, Weekday: Eph 6:1–9 /
Lk 13:22–30

Thursday, Weekday: Eph 6:10–20 / Lk 13:31–35

Friday, All Saints: Rv 7:2– 4, 9–14 / 1 Jn 3:1–3 /
Mt 5:1–12a

Saturday, All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls’ Day): Wis 3:1–9 / Rom 6:3–9 /
Jn 6:37–40

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