



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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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Lk 12:39-40

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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 - 4:00pm
Friday: Closed During the Summer

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



A Day with the Sisters: On the day of our mom's surgery, we were ready to camp out in the surgical waiting area. My sister Jackie had a brilliant idea: she was going to

bring a bunch of work and spend most of the hours at the hospital on her laptop. I was prepared to bring my toolkit of electronics to make it all happen, but then I realized that with us there, we'd probably do nothing but talk the entire time. It took some convincing, but Jackie finally gave in to my suggestion that bringing work-related items would be futile. I promised her that if we got boring, we could always go back to the car and grab her laptop.

While I was sure we'd spend the time talking, I wasn't prepared for the fact that we'd spend most of it eating. My sister Cindy brought a small insulated bag that seemed to be an endless reservoir of food. It was like a bottomless pit! She pulled out a batch of cookies my niece McKenzie had made, followed by trail mix, and a barrage of other snacks. Seriously, this little bag seemed magical. Cindy just kept pulling out more and more.

Of course, I was the leading consumer of all the snacks they brought. There was no need to talk because there seemed to be an endless supply of chocolate in that bottomless bag! Eventually, it was time for lunch, and the girls set out to find food. My recommendation was simple: check out the cafeteria, and if they didn't like the options or couldn't find anything to bring back, they could go out and find a Subway or Jimmy John's. After about 15 minutes, the decision was made for Cindy to go off-site and find a Subway. When I asked what was wrong with the cafeteria, they said they couldn't find it. At first, I rolled my eyes, wondering how they could miss it (surely there were signs everywhere). But then it hit me: we were sending one of the most directionally challenged people in the world on a mission to find a place she'd probably never locate, and the other one was just along for the ride, laughing the whole time.

When they admitted they couldn't find the cafeteria, I asked if they had looked hard enough or checked for any wall signs pointing the way. The best response came when one of them (you can probably guess who) said, "Well, we even tried to smell where the cafeteria might be, but we

couldn't smell any food." Once they couldn't "smell" their way to the cafeteria, they decided they'd wandered around the hospital long enough (probably laughing the entire time) and opted to send Cindy out to Subway instead.

Eventually, we got word that our mom was being moved to a room. They suggested we move our vehicles to the front of the hospital and enter through the main entrance. After gathering our snacks and tidying up our area, we made the move. Keep in mind, I was still struggling to walk, and Jackie was in a boot because of an Achilles tendon tear. We finally made it to the parking lot (though they forgot their older brother, who could barely walk, and left me trailing behind), moved our cars, and began the journey to our mom's room. As we approached the section, it dawned on us that we were heading to a part of the hospital almost directly above the surgical waiting area! We could have saved half an hour of maneuvering if we'd just paid attention to the signs.

My niece McKenzie joined us, bringing even more food! We were now ready to meet our mom after surgery and help her settle in for the night. Any adventure with the Bugarin kids has always been, and will always be, an adventure filled with laughs and food. And, needless to say, Jackie never once asked for her laptop to do any work!

Thankfully, our mom has been doing well since her surgery. Hopefully, she'll be out of her hard neck brace by the weekend and into a soft neck brace for the next few weeks. Now, we just have to wait for the once compressed nerves to heal. Thanks for your prayers!

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – A Holy Day of Obligation: On Friday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. We will have a vigil Mass at 7 PM on Thursday, and Masses on Friday at 7 AM, 12 PM, and 7 PM.

What exactly are we celebrating with the Assumption of Mary? First, let's look at the word "assumption." The word "assumption" comes from the Latin word *assumere*, meaning "to take to oneself." Thus, with the Assumption of Mary, we celebrate that moment when Christ took the Blessed Virgin Mary home to Himself at the end of her earthly life. Over time, and in other rites or Orthodox traditions,

the Assumption of Mary is referred to as the Dormition of Mary or the Glorification of Mary. As stated by Pope Saint John Paul II in his general audience on July 2, 1997: "The dogma of the assumption affirms that Mary's body was glorified after her death. While for other human beings the resurrection of the body will take place at the end of the world, for Mary, the glorification of her body was anticipated by a special privilege."

Belief in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary dates back to the earliest days of Christianity. The most substantial evidence we have comes not from Scripture but from ancient liturgical texts, iconography, and poems honoring the mother of Jesus Christ.

Mary's Assumption into heaven was well-established theologically and was part of the devotional life of the Church by the Middle Ages. While the concept of the Assumption of Mary was undoubtedly part of the life of the Church, it wasn't proclaimed as dogma until 1951 by Pope Pius XII in his Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*.

Pope Saint Paul VI, in his Apostolic Constitution *Marialis Cultus* (For the Right Ordering and Development of Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary), offered a beautiful reflection on Mary's role in our lives (#57): "Contemplated in the episodes of the Gospels and in the reality which she already possesses in the City of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary offers a calm vision and a reassuring word to modern man, torn as he often is between anguish and hope, defeated by the sense of his own limitations and assailed by limitless aspirations, troubled in his mind and divided in his heart, uncertain before the riddle of death, oppressed by loneliness while yearning for fellowship, a prey to boredom and disgust. She shows forth the victory of hope over anguish, of fellowship over solitude, of peace over anxiety, of joy and beauty over boredom and disgust, of eternal visions over earthly ones, of life over death."

Mother of the Church, pray for us!
Queen assumed into Heaven, pray for us!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

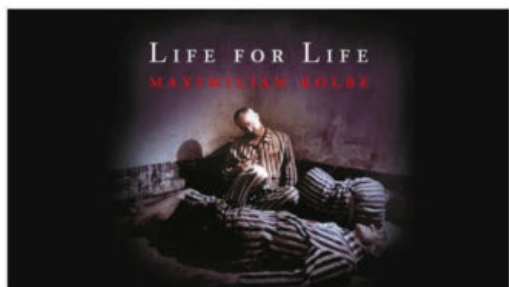
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This Week on Formed

Week of August 10, 2025



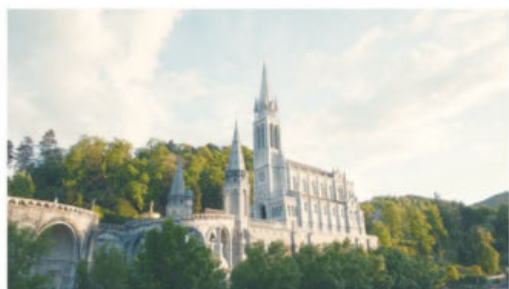
Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe

After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape—one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.



Clare and Francis

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.



The Assumption of Mary

The Assumption of Mary, body and soul in Heavenly glory, highlights the power of God and Christ's victory over sin and death for Mary's soul. Learn about this great mystery in Mysteries of the Rosary.

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As a young boy, I was fascinated with electricity. I loved to read what Thomas Alva Edison managed to do with electricity – and he did more than just create just a light bulb! Edison was a contemporary of, and collaborator with, Alexander Graham Bell, who patented the first practical telephone. My dad worked as a lineman, and later as a test man, for Michigan Bell Telephone Company. I think it was my father's work in an industry that enabled people to send their voices long distances over copper wires that spurred my interest in electricity. I loved hooking a little light bulb, a switch, and a battery together with some wires to make the bulb light up! It is safe to say, technology has advanced a little since then.

It is amazing to think about how much more complicated life has become in my mere sixty-five years on earth. As a teenager, my interest in light bulbs and batteries shifted to solid state electronics. At the risk of boring a person with too much uninteresting history, my teen years were a time when electronic vacuum tubes, which made TVs and radios work, were being completely replaced by transistors. (Remember transistor radios?) It was a one-for-one exchange: one transistor would replace one vacuum tube. Vacuum tubes generally ranged in size from your little finger to a small cucumber. Transistors, on the other hand, were the size of your baby fingernail, or smaller. So, transistors had big advantages in space-saving and power consumption. Nowadays, in modern electronics devices, like the phones we carry in our pockets and purses, a tiny silicon wafer, smaller than a postage stamp, contains *tens of billions* of transistors.

The point of this article is not to ramble on about the wonders of technology. Who cares, as long as our stuff works? What this article *is* about is complexity. Our lives have become incredibly complex for more reasons than advancement in computer circuitry. The complications we face on a daily basis are largely due to our *allowing* them to sneak into our personal lives. All too often, we invite unnerving complexity into our day-to-day routine . . . and it spells trouble. We find ourselves flailing about in a swirling sea of confusion and exhaustion. Such overwhelming overload is the result of lives that simply contain **too much**.

The oppressive sense of defeat that plagues many of us comes from a seeming inability to keep up with everyone else in the world. What appear to be basic tasks that any kid could do end up being unclimbable mountains of defeat. But as much as it might seem otherwise, being unable to retrieve our email or order a meal at a restaurant is not a reason for sadness. Doing just those simple things has become a complicated process. Both searching for an electronic message or finding a menu on an internet webpage present a multitude of opportunities for failure. Between problems with our phone/computer, accessibility to the internet, constant changes to computer programs, our personal memory lapses, and a host of other unpredictable variables, our food may never get ordered nor our messages ever received. In many ways, we are at the mercy of our complicated systems.

We don't even need machines to complicate our lives, though. We can do it all by ourselves. Consider how much we tangle up our lives by making unrealistic demands on each other. In our "it's-all-about-ME-society," we easily take others for granted and expect them to be at our beck and call. This heaps tons of pressure on kind and generous people whom we think are just waiting in the wings for us to *let them* help us. They have lives, too. But we stress our relationships by making them into a series of transactions, rather than simply being with others for the sake of spending time in each other's presence.

Excessive complexity in our relationships and our everyday dealings has an insidious way of showing up in the first place. Take credit cards, for example. It seems simple to insert, swipe, or tap a plastic card or smart phone on a screen to purchase a gallon of milk, rather than digging a five-dollar bill out of our wallet, then waiting for a clerk to give us change that we don't much want to carry. Yet, assuming our card isn't rejected, there will a bill that has to be paid in the future; concern about whether we have used our credit card too much; did we use the right card to get the biggest 'cash back' deal; are there any fraudulent charges on our account; are we wasting extra money on finance charges; how's our credit score doing; are our bank statements actually accurate; and where *did* I put my credit card anyway?

Compared to all of this, if we can scrape up a five-dollar bill, the milk buying thing gets done pretty simply.

This line of thought may seem excessive, but it truly is not. Even though our use of credit has become so second nature to us that we don't think about it, all of the associated concerns with doing so are constantly rattling around in our subconscious brains. All of this background activity takes energy and taxes our mental capacity. And almost *everything* we do now involves a heightened level of complexity, just like purchasing with credit. "What's the latest way the school is going to communicate with me: Email? Text? Robocalls? Social media? What will it take to find out from my doctor what is wrong with me? Do I even have someone I can honestly call 'my doctor?'" How do I get this 'livestream' thing to work? Why am I so dumb?"

Well, you're not dumb. We're not dumb. The problem is that we have *way* overcomplicated just about everything we possibly can. Doing so is contrary to the way God made us as human beings. Although our physical, human bodies are the most complicated thing we know of that God created, we are not meant to live complicated lives. We are meant to have a "poverty of spirit so that we might inherit the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). We can possess an increasing share of God's kingdom now, on earth, if we would learn to simplify as much as possible. This will mean rejecting much of what the world and its culture insists that we absolutely **must** have to be 'happy, successful, beautiful, powerful, rich, sexy, influential, smart, famous . . . whatever.' Hogwash!

What the world does not give a hoot about is us being: wise, peaceful, holy, gentle, spiritual, content, thankful, generous, humble, sacrificial . . . *actually* happy. All of these things are what come from living the life of Christ. Excessive complexity steals our opportunity to even think about these things. Reject the excessively busy, soul-stealing complications of "modern" life. These distractions are a massive waste of our precious God-given time. Slow down. Choose the better thing.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Bob

August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9 | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 | Lk 12:32-48

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

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

If we're honest with ourselves, we often want God to give us exactly what we ask for in prayer, or to provide immediate comfort in moments of need. But from the beginning, God revealed that the life of faith would entail trusting in his promises even as we wait for their final fulfillment. The example of Abraham in the second reading can be our model. We are called to emulate Abraham's obedient trust: "for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." Throughout the Scriptures God promised his people that he would prepare a place for them. This promise propelled the Israelites through famine, exile, and agony, until God brought them to their earthly homeland. Jesus promises a new and everlasting place of rest, where we will live with God forever. We wait in joyful hope that one day he himself will bring us to our heavenly home. Amid the difficulties of life, in seasons of grief, pain, or confusion, it is easy to let doubt creep in. This is when, more than ever, we must cling to our faith, which Paul describes as "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Trusting in God, we are called to wait with hope and prepare ourselves to readily receive him when he comes. Today's Gospel from Luke provides an image for us to imitate: the faithful servant dutifully awaiting his master's return. What does Jesus say about these servants who keep close watch, always prepared for the moment their master will return? "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival." The faithful witness of the servants in the Gospel reminds us not to overcomplicate our faith. We simply need to remain diligent in carrying out the work that God has given us to do here and now and to keep ourselves alert as we wait with patience for the coming of the Lord.

PRAY

Our faith strengthens us as we wait for the Lord — as we hold on to the radical belief that our destination is heaven, and our God keeps his promises. Wherever you find yourself on the journey today, cling to his promises! Ask for the grace for deeper trust in him and for greater faithfulness to the work of building up his kingdom as you wait for God to bring all things to their ultimate fulfillment.



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Readings for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 17 C

Reading One – Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

Responsorial – Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

The LORD heard my cry. He drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp; he set my feet upon a crag; he made firm my steps.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and trust in the LORD.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

Though I am afflicted and poor, yet the LORD thinks of me. You are my help and my deliverer; O my God, hold not back!

R. Lord, come to my aid!

Reading Two – Heb 12:1-4

Brothers and sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

Alleluia – Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Lk 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."



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**Do you
love me?**
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my sheep.**

Jn 21:15-17,19



Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: We all love a message about The Right Thing To Do. We all love when a priest or a nun or any Catholic with a microphone gets up and talks about the truth. We rise to our feet and applaud. And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else.

Are You Talking to Me?

Last summer I was at the National Eucharistic Congress when Fr. Mike Schmitz delivered an impassioned call to repentance in his keynote address during an evening revival session. The crowd received his message with great enthusiasm. Their applause and the cheers shook the Lucas Oil Stadium.

The next night, Sr. Josephine Garrett took the stage and, in her address, got into the nitty-gritty of what it means to be a disciple, what it means to live repentance — or, as she so beautifully put it, to *embrace the hunger*.

And in doing so, she called back to the previous night's thunderous approval of Fr. Mike's message.

"When I heard you clapping when Father said we need repentance, I was worried you thought he was talking about your neighbor's repentance," she said. "He is not."

In other words: he's talking about your repentance.

We all love a message about The Right Thing To Do. We all love when a priest or a nun or any Catholic with a microphone gets up and talks about the truth. We rise to our feet and applaud.

And then, too often, we take a deep breath and walk to our car and forget all about it — because we think they were talking to someone else. You know...the *others*. The ones who need to hear it. The ones who aren't being vigilant.

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, "Is this parable [of the absent master] meant for us, or for everyone?" (Luke 12:41). And Jesus answers him with a question. In so many words, he says this: "Do you want it to be for you? Are you ready to hear it?"

Whoever we are. Wherever we're from. Whatever our life looks like. However we pray. He's talking to us.

Are we ready to hear him?

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

Registration is now open for *Faith Formation*

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sacrament preparation information
and materials fees.**

**Register by Aug 10 for early registration savings.
Online registration ends Sept. 5.**

**Our monthly Sunday school is designed for all
parish families with children in grades K-6.**

**Please visit our website to view the full schedule
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students enrolled in our two-year Confirmation
formation program. (Grade 7 and older.)**

Questions?

Contact Kristine Hass
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 **St. Joan of Arc**
FAITH & FAMILY FORMATION



Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, August 11th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

Tuesday, August 12th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, August 13th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM: Reconciliation

6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, August 14th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM: Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

Friday, August 15th (Assumption)

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, August 16th

11:00 AM: Reconciliation

12:30AM: Baptism of Symone Sandra Smoyer

1:30 PM: Baptism of Giovanna Florence

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4:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM: Baptism of Wells R. Sterba, Cormac Schrage, Brooks Schrage & John Schrage

6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, August 17th

8:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

August 10, 2025 – Home Sweet Home?

Whatever our housing arrangements, we understandably think of our home as our castle.

For some, home might mean a literal castle with more bedrooms, bathrooms and common areas than can be imagined.

For others, home might mean a studio apartment with a stove a few feet from the bed, which in turn is a few feet from the bathroom.

Regardless, when we're home, we're safe, secure, and separated from the outside world. Or at least that's the way it should be.

Local media reported a few weeks ago on a woman found deceased in her Shelby Township apartment. According to a story in *The Detroit News*, the situation was being treated as a homicide and there was a suspect in custody.

No other details were provided at the time of this writing, such as who the suspect was and under what circumstances he or she may have been in the woman's apartment.

Nevertheless, the idea of falling victim to such a suspected crime at all, let alone in one's own home, is disconcerting.

It was as true for the people in Jesus' time as it is for us today, and so Jesus uses that scenario to draw our attention to a much larger truth.

The need to be ready.

"Be sure of this," Jesus says in today's gospel passage from St. Luke, painting the picture for his listeners, "if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

That eventuality should be something we anticipate with confidence and joy, not fear or dread. Jesus' point: It's entirely in our hands.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	August 11, 2025 Saint Clare, Virgin (White)
7:00 am	Special Intention for the St. Vincent DePaul Volunteers
Tuesday	August 12, 2025 Weekday; Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious (Green/White)
7:00 am	John G. Champine
Wednesday	August 13, 2025 Weekday; Saints Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest and Martyrs (Green/Red)
7:00 am	Tina Calisi
6:00 pm	Special Intention for Christine Bugarin
Thursday	August 14, 2025 Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr; Vigil for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Red/White)
7:00 am	Marie Champine
7:00 pm	Jim Gutowski
Friday	August 15, 2025 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)
7:00 am	A Special Intention for the Rogier & Dettloff Families
12:00 pm	Michael Timmreck
7:00 pm	For the Intentions of St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
Saturday	August 16, 2025 Vigil for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
4:00 pm	Domenica & Serafino DiBerardino, Bonnie Batche, Edward, Helen & Henry Blind, Terri Smigels, Jack Vandenboom, Joan Weber, Dr. Lori Karol, Dennis Lex, Susan Duff, Ronald Dichtel, Danny Adam Kozick, Ricky D. Baron, and Special Intentions for Nancy Dichtel, for the living & deceased members of the J. Champine Family, for the Thomas Family
6:00 pm	Charlotte Power
Sunday	August 17, 2025 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 am	The Intentions of SJA Parishioners
10:00 am	Lewis McQuillan
12:00 pm	Tom Sheppard, Rosemarie Houghton, Thomas Weinbeck, Rita Corradi and Special Intention for Beth Agnello, Laurie Ruda and Sam Baur

Daily Readings

Monday, August 11

Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday, August 12

Deuteronomy 31:1-8
Matthew 18:1-14

Wednesday, August 13

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Matthew 18:15-20

Thursday, August 14

Joshua 3:7-10a
Matthew 18:21-19:1

Friday, August 15

Revelations 11:19a-10ab
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

Saturday, August 16

Joshua 24:14-29
Matthew 19:13-15

Sunday, August 17

Jeremiah 38:4-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53



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.

Concetta Leone
Evelyn Fredereck

“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.

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James Belloli	Taylor Fisher	Carolyn Kunz	Joan Persichini	Cathy Sullens
Kristen Benedict	Jeanne Fleming	Rosalie Lewakowski	Art Pieper	Bernadette Thompson
Edna Burton	Larry Gehrke	Mila Lictawa	Connor Pieper	James Thompson
Sarah Catanzaro	Anthony Genova	Beverly Lievens	Vicky Pranger	Jeff Trudell
Maryann Carlin	Larry Graham	David Lott	Carol S. Provencal	Linda Vitale
Ed Cole	Chris Gretchen	Randy Lyczynski	Tracy Rauch	Eileen Wallace
Toni Glaeser-Collins	Pam Haisenleder	Ingrid Manalo	Fe Reyes	Elaine Walters
Joan Combellack	Judith Hasten	Sam Manalo	Sr. Alice Riegel	Tom Ward
Maura Corrigan	Pat Haver	Ilene Manning	Paulette Russia	Larry Weber
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Olivia Crimando	Ilona Higgins	Sandy McCabe	Marilyn Rose	Robert Werthman
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Ray Dinser	Rosemary Jonas	Nina Mondalek	Josh Schultz	
Liana Doe	Lorraine Kilroy	Jennie Mooney	Rosa Silva	
John Donovan	Catherine Konen	John Morrison	Kathleen Smith	

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

August 10, 2025

Live By Faith

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

The story of Abraham is one of extraordinary blessing. However, his story is also one of extraordinary faith. At major points of his life, Abraham had no idea what was in store for him or his family. He was directed to leave his home and become a wandering herder. He was an immigrant in a foreign land, bereft of social support structures. He was promised descendants but waited many years for that promise to be realized. Once he had an heir, he was then told to sacrifice that son of promise without any assurances

of a favorable future. Time and again, Abraham was asked to live by faith.

The phrase “seeing is believing” is misleading. It is really an expression of skepticism that means, “I won’t believe it unless I see it.” However, true belief means that we accept something even though we don’t see it, don’t understand it. That is a very difficult way for most of us to live. Yet, live like this we must, whether we are believers or unbelievers, because so much of life is beyond our control or understanding.

So, how do we learn to live by faith? We have something that Abraham did not have. We have his story to encourage us. In that story, we see that again and again he stepped forward in faith, and God brought things together. If God did this in Abraham’s life, surely God can and will do it in ours. We must only live by faith. †



*Live by faith we must,
believers and unbelievers,
because so much of life
is beyond our control
or understanding.*

Sunday Readings

Wisdom 18:6–9

In secret, the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and carried out with one mind the divine institution.

Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19 or

Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–12

Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.

Luke 12:32–48 or Luke 12:35–40

[Jesus said,] “Sell your belongings and give alms.... For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.... Their viewpoints...are vital if we are to see the world through God’s eyes.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

ONE QUESTION FOR REFLECTION

- When have I acted on faith in God without knowing what would happen?
- Am I being called to act on faith today?



Angry in August

Fr. Bob Pagliari, CSsR, PhD

Are humans more irritable in the late days of summer than during other months of the year? The ancients certainly believed that the rising temperatures caused a rise in tempers. The so-called “dog

days” of summer made people and animals angry and wild. Climate aside, how “Christian” are we when it comes to dealing with the deadly sin of anger—our own or others’?

Solution #1: Walk away, even if it’s only for a jaunt around the block or just stepping back for a few seconds to take a deep breath and count to ten. This brief “time out” gives the angry person a chance to cool off. You don’t want to say something you’ll regret later. It is impossible to argue with people who are angry, because angry people believe they are right.

Solution #2: Switch perspectives by peering through the other person’s lens for a while. You cannot adopt another person’s viewpoint and also be angry with that person. When you are mad at someone, as soon as you look at the world through that person’s eyes, your anger diminishes.

Solution #3: Recognize and respect where the other person is coming from. More than anything, angry people want to feel understood. This does not necessarily mean agreeing, but it does mean acknowledging and appreciating the person’s experience of the situation.

Solution #4: Accept misplaced anger as a compliment rather than a threat. Anger is a socially repugnant emotion. If adults allow themselves to regress into tantrums in your presence, this may mean that they trust you.

Solution #5: Pray—not as a last resort, but for continual support. Prayer works for two very good reasons. The first reason is supernatural. God hears our prayers and answers them by giving us the graces we need when we need them. The second reason is natural. When we pray, our concentration shifts from selfish to selfless. †

Adapted from *Holy Homework: Putting Our Interior Faith Into Exterior Practice* by Fr. Bob Pagliari, CSsR, Liguori Publications (828638). To order call 800-325-9521 or visit Liguori.org.

Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “From Debate to Doctrine: The Evolution of Christian Creeds in the Early Church” by Christopher M. Bellitto

The Church in any period operates according to an ancient working principle. In Latin, that principle is *lex orandi, lex credendi*—the law of praying is the law of believing. How Christians pray reflects and shapes what Christians believe. So, to get a sense of how early Christians tried to describe or explain what they believed, historians and theologians must turn to how they prayed, especially by looking at creeds and other theological statements that came out of the first general councils. What’s fascinating about this period is how statements of doctrine developed: questions led to answers, which were sometimes incomplete and led in turn to new questions, more answers, and further clarifications.

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Generous God, we give you thanks for all our blessings and dare to ask for one thing more: a grateful heart. We pray always in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 11–16

Monday, St. Clare:
Dt 10:12–22 / Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday, Weekday:
Dt 31:1–8 / Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday, Weekday:
Dt 34:1–12 / Mt 18:15–20

Thursday, St. Maximilian Kolbe:
Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17 / Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab / 1 Cor 15:20–27 / Lk 1:39–56

Saturday, Weekday: Jos 24:14–29 / Mt 19:13–15

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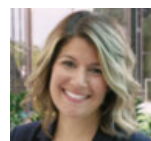
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