



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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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30

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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



Protecting Daisy Loo: As you can imagine, I go to great lengths to protect Daisy Loo, my mom's souped-up van. Originally, we thought the van would reside

most of the time at my sister's house in Allenton, but it has proved much easier for me to keep it on-site so that, at a moment's notice, I can drive my mom wherever she needs to go. Given my mom's medical needs, Daisy Loo is essential, and I take every precaution to protect her. For example, when I hear reports of hail, I drive Daisy Loo under the portico entry leading to the Gathering Space to shield her until the storm passes. I've done that a few times. But protecting Daisy Loo from a host of other issues is a real challenge!

For many years, we had a rather large rat problem around the Parish campus. And these rats were big. The rat population seemed to die down over the last few years, but then construction started on Mack Avenue recently, and we noticed an upswing in the rat population.

Just a few days ago, Father Rich told me he saw a rather large rat crawl out from underneath Daisy Loo. That set off all kinds of alarms for me. I immediately set out to figure out how to protect Daisy Loo from my rat "friends." So, I did what everyone does: I Googled the problem to death and then ran to Amazon to buy whatever Google suggested.

I was lucky enough to come across several articles about rats eating away at wire harnesses and other components underneath cars. I already knew they loved our Christmas lights, but learning that a wiring harness or anything electrical could be destroyed by these critters, and that repairs could get very costly, was a wake-up call. I found two products that caught my eye.

The first was a set of sacks containing a very pungent product that looked almost like super-sized, old-fashioned hard candy. The lemon "flavor" was for indoor use, and the peppermint ones were for outdoor use. You hang them around areas where you don't want rodents. These seemed simple enough. But one thing I've learned: don't bring these little things up to your nose and take a big whiff, or you'll be smelling the scent for DAYS! The

peppermint oil one was strong enough to keep me away for a few days!

The second product was a battery-operated rodent repellent designed specifically for car engines. It supposedly emits an ultrasonic sound that rodents can hear, and it has a series of LEDs that flash when it detects motion. The kit even includes zip ties so you can conveniently secure the unit under your car to scare off these annoying rodents.

Armed with my new products, I went to work. I secured what was needed to scare my "friends" away. With the battery-operated repellent, I was too lazy to crawl underneath Daisy Loo to find a spot for it. If I got down on the ground or back on my car crawler/creeper, I couldn't guarantee I'd be able to get back up without lots of help! So, I just placed the device on the ground near the van's side door. Since we weren't expecting any rain, I figured it could stay there temporarily until I could find a secure spot for it.

Well, the other day, the faithful parishioners who handle all the gardening around the campus (and God bless Debbie, Thelma, and Mary, along with Chuck and Dan, for all their hard work) were working near my house. A few of them came over to the Parish Center, and I overheard them talking to Rachel, Mary Pat, and Dina at the front desk. They were concerned because they noticed a black box flashing a series of lights underneath Msgr. Mom's van. They weren't sure what it was, but in case it was an explosive or something dangerous, they wanted someone to know. All I heard was, "OH, I don't know about that. I'll have to ask Monsignor if he knows about it."

Well, yes, Monsignor knew about it. I had to explain that I was trying to protect Daisy Loo from a bunch of rats. Of course, the very mention of rats creeped out a few people. Now I have a new problem: some humans don't want to be around Daisy Loo or my garage ever since I mentioned the rat issue. Ironically, I didn't have to buy or install anything to make that happen!

The Consequences of Living a Busy, Hurried Life (Part 5): In last week's reflection, I offered three suggestions on how to make prayer possible in the midst of extremely busy lives. The first suggestion was to set a reminder or regular calendar item on your phone. The second suggestion was to remember that how you pray will be different from how others

pray, and that's okay. In other words, don't get too caught up comparing your prayer life to someone else's. The third suggestion was to establish some places of prayer, like a church, a chapel, or even a special spot in your home.

While many churches are closed for security reasons during the day, there are other places to consider. For example, while our church is closed outside of Mass and meeting times, you can always stop by the Parish Center Chapel during normal business hours. The chapel is a very quiet and simple place to spend time with the Lord.

I remember when I was still riding my bike (those days are long gone), I would go on extended bike rides from my sister's condo near 16 and Gratiot. I'd plan those trips to include a stop at the outdoor chapel at St. Hubert's Parish. That was such a great place to pray! I even find a stroll through Resurrection Cemetery and stopping by one of the mausoleums to be a great place to pray.

If you ever find yourself at Henry Ford / St. John Hospital or Corewell Hospital, Grosse Pointe, while visiting someone, both have beautiful chapels; they are larger than some of our churches! I also love going to the Solanus Casey Center. Whether it's going to confession at St. Bonaventure Monastery or simply praying in the chapel there, it's always a meaningful experience. Plus, you can wander over to the café afterward for a cookie and coffee.

My point is, there are plenty of places to consider when establishing places for prayer. But you can also create a prayer place in your own home. Setting up a prayer corner or designating a special chair in your room just for prayer keeps that area separate and dedicated to God. You can keep devotional materials, reading resources, or your rosary handy in that space.

If we go out of our way to create these places of prayer, we're more likely to use them, and our efforts will draw us closer to the Lord ... no matter how busy life may get.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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This Week on Formed

Week of August 24, 2025



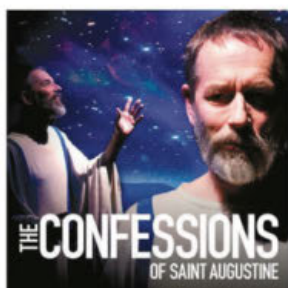
The Confessions of St. Augustine | Littlest Saints

A child, a sinner, a saint. Join us as we share the story of St. Augustine, tailored to our children, as he wrestles with God and comes to the faith.



Feast of Saint Monica | Catholic Saints

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. In a moment of desperation, she even asked for the bishop's help. In response, he said, "the son of those tears surely will not perish." Truly, as this bishop remarked, Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, join Dr. Gray and Dr. Sehorn as they discuss this great Saint.



The Confessions of Saint Augustine

Actor Leonardo DiCaprio captures the poetry and passion of Saint Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430) in a performance that is accessible and deeply moving. The play is astonishingly relevant for our own times. Augustine struggled with promiscuity, fathered a child out-of-wedlock and dabbled in a "new age" style cult. Be inspired by his relentless pursuit of Truth and encouraged by the prayerful perseverance of his faithful mother, Saint Monica.

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We commonly use the term 'news' to refer to information about things of current interest. *Newspapers* are current event stories that are printed on paper and sold to us for some good, old-fashioned reading. Newspapers are on their way to extinction as they fail to financially compete with cheaply transmitted electronic news. Electronic information comes in a variety of forms. The first mass-marketed electronic version of the news was by radio. Families would gather around the radio set in their house to hear about what was going on in places around the world to which they had no other access.

Radio news gave way to television news sources. With the advent of television, we could be informed both audibly and visually. Much more information could be transmitted in a shorter amount of time by using both words and pictures. Now, through the use of computer technology, we can carry a little television screen around with us 24/7/365. The phones in our pockets and purses, and the screens on our desks and on our laps, are all computers that make information of every sort instantly available to us.

Prior to the last few decades, we were not as well connected to a wide breadth of information as we are now. Finding out what was going on in the world took effort. We could buy a newspaper – then carve out time on a work break, or at home, to read it. We could flip on the radio, if there was one around, and listen our way through the commercials to pick up on some newsworthy tidbits. Or we could wait until six or seven o'clock in the evening to hear one of three television newscasters tell us what we needed to know. Nowadays, we can spend every idle moment we have reaching for our phones and searching for "the latest." Not to say that everyone is always fiddling with their phone to be more informed, but the potential to gather news is ever present.

The amount of information that endlessly blares at us is mind-boggling. Aside from the quantity of information available, the sources of this data are incredibly diverse and obscure. Surely, there are still the traditional corporate news agencies that parrot each other on issues that "the mainstream media" insist we should know. Yet, now, with the internet and universal computer access, *practically*

anybody can be a news source. Bloggers, podcasters, foreign governments, businesses, religious organizations, criminal networks, commentators at the bottom of web pages, and anybody else who knows how to type, dictate, or use their camera can broadcast what they want us to see, hear, and know. It is a bit much.

Our information overload is like being a little kid crawling around on a steaming heap of junkyard trash looking for something of value. If we don't get choked by the stench first, we will probably end up getting an infection from the emotional cuts inflicted by exposure to inevitable lies or half-truths. With so much information dumped on us every day, how is a guy or gal supposed to sort out the good stuff?

A big part of the answer is to remember *who* is giving you the information. Back in the day, there was an expectation that journalists delivering the news adhered to their responsibility to deliver information truthfully and without bias. There was greater faithfulness to this responsibility than there is now. The three nightly news anchors on the three major television networks of days gone by, at least made a good *appearance* of telling us "just the facts." We know now that there was more to it than that, but those news broadcasts at least left room for *some* independent viewer thought. Not so anymore.

We can now be assured that most "news" is tainted with assorted political, corporate, or personal, ideological bias. This is reminiscent of the *yellow journalism* of the late 19th century. To sell newspapers, the publisher owners 'juiced up' stories to sell more papers. Truth did not matter as long as profits went up. Like sex and violence which leads news stories today, what stoked reader response then is what got published. What sells now, like it did for the yellow journalists, is emotion. We are continually goaded by news sources to be upset. Sex and violence rile us up as they always have.

But endless political bickering also keeps our adrenaline flowing and our blood pressure up. Absurd cultural demands push us to distraction. And the inversion of traditional lifestyles makes us wonder if we are even on the right planet, some days.

To help keep our heads screwed on straight, we must be attentive to a couple of things. First, we should restrict our overall exposure to news/information/data/commentary. Think again, if you are old enough, about how much information we consumed during a day, thirty years ago. It was nothing compared to today. We are not wired to process the volume of nonsense that cascades down upon us every waking minute. Besides that, there is no value in being coerced by sensational journalism and internet whining about which we personally can do little or nothing.

Keeping in mind the need to limit exposure to all the noise info, think about *what* we are being told by media sources. Little of what we are told comes in a neutral, unbiased, purely informational format. Most news is selected or reported in a way to make moral statements or to incite fear, distrust, hatred, or confusion in us. Hearing about death and destruction in four consecutive news stories does not help much. Shaking our heads and wringing our hands is not productive. This is where we Christians come in.

Moralizing is *our* job and the job of *the Church*. It is up to us to receive information (news) and judge it by considering Church teaching. The media does *not* have the moral right to tell us Catholics, either explicitly or by insinuation, *what* to think about what they tell us. All we want from them is a simple report of the facts of a situation – and such reporting is hard to find. Once we have some accurate knowledge of a situation, we can take it from there. Between the Church, the Holy Spirit, and our consciences, we will be guided to a good moral response.

Attentiveness to how we process all the information that the world throws at us is important for our health – emotional, physical, and spiritual. Letting God's Church be the guide for our minds, rather than some talking head on a screen, will afford us genuine peace – Christlike peace. We need more of that in our world. It is at our fingertips. Turn the noise off and turn Jesus on.

Fr. Bob



August 24, 2025

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21 | Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 | Lk 13:22-30

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

Have you ever felt as though God is punishing you? Throughout the course of our lives, we experience what might seem like a barrage of hardships. This battering down of our interior and exterior fortresses over time can test our faith and weaken our resolve. If you find yourself in this position, read today's passage from Hebrews again: "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord," St. Paul reminds us, "for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines." In our human nature, we may find these "disciplines" painful (and rightfully so). But Paul urges us to shift our mindset, recognizing that just as a good father disciplines his children for their greater good, so our heavenly Father does the same for us. Paul goes on to explain that we may consider every trial we endure in this sense, as a loving "discipline" — a sign of the Lord's attention and desire for our sanctity.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Modern society loves the concept of a God who is soft, inviting, sweet, and tender. Of course, our Lord in his goodness and mercy can be described by those adjectives. But today's Gospel reminds us of an equally important characteristic of the Lord: He is the supreme and final judge, and at the final judgment we will be held accountable for our lives. In the end, we will stand before the Lord, and he will put all things in proper order. Will it be glorious, loving, and merciful? Yes. Painful and piercing? Perhaps. Our Lord's love knows no bounds, and he withholds his mercy from no one. It is precisely from this place of perfect love and profound mercy that rightful judgment emerges. May we live a life worthy of welcome when we meet him face to face.

REFLECT

In addition to accepting the discipline that the Lord sends our way, we can engage in voluntary practices to strengthen our spiritual lives. These practices are necessary, as Jesus tells us that many "will not be strong enough" to enter through the narrow gate that leads to life. Our second reading exhorts us to "strengthen [our] drooping hands and [our] weak knees." What spiritual disciplines have you found helpful to foster your growth in holiness? What areas are weak or need strengthening?



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – AUGUST 31 C

Reading One – Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins.

Responsorial – Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just rejoice and exult before God; they are glad and rejoice. Sing to God, chant praise to his name; whose name is the LORD.

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance; you restored the land when it languished; your flock settled in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy.

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Reading Two – Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a

Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be further addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel.

Alleluia – Mt 11:29ab

Alleluia, alleluia.

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Lk 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you, he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Light of the Spirit Prayer Group

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at St. Joan of Arc from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Sr. Carol Center.

Join us!

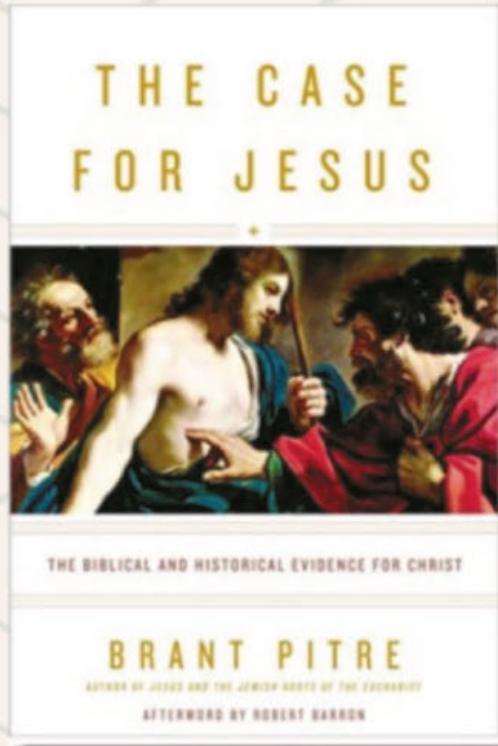


Spend an hour with me.
-Jesus

**HOLY HOUR
SONGS
& PRAYERS**

**Join us for
Eucharistic Adoration
with music at 7 pm
every Thursday
in the church.**





Hearts Afire

STUDY AND PRAYER MINISTRY

Join us for 10-week journey into *The Case for Jesus.*

***Thursdays from 2-3:30
Sept. 18-Nov. 20
in the Emmaus Fellowship Hall
in the Sr. Carol Center***

Discover the historical and biblical evidence for Christ with Dr. Brant Pitre, author of *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*. Together, we'll explore the ancient Jewish context of the Gospels, refute the idea that they were anonymous, and uncover the divine claims of Jesus of Nazareth.

Come deepen your faith and strengthen your understanding of who Jesus is — and why it matters today. There is no cost for this study. Book purchase is optional.

Contact Susan Hughes at
313-410-9504 or Sandy Walters
at 586-241-8677 with questions.



sign up at sjascs.org/hearts-afire

Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Studies

Morning and evening groups are starting in September

7-9 pm: *Beholding Your King* **BEGINNING SEPT 15**

We live in a self-centered culture that all too often leaves us feeling empty and dissatisfied. A fuller view of God and His glory is the perfect antidote, which you will experience in *Beholding Your King*.

We'll study King David, select psalms, the temple, and many Old Testament prophets and see the ways in which they all point to the coming King of kings, Jesus Christ. This Bible study is the second part of a two-part series and is ideally completed after *Beholding His Glory*. What we'll discuss:

- Prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament and their effect on people past and present.
- Psalm 23, the most familiar of all the Psalms which has comforted people throughout the centuries.
- God's steady purpose in both the Old and New Covenants and the promises He kept to all of us.

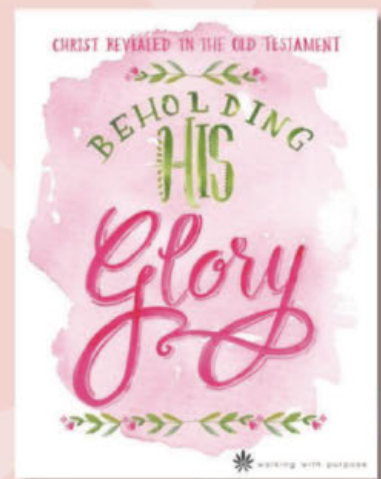
10 am-noon : *Beholding His Glory* **BEGINNING SEPT 22**

As we study the people and events of the Old Testament, we'll encounter problems that only Christ will solve, needs that only He will satisfy, and promises that only He can deliver.

Beholding His Glory shows us how all Scripture points us to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We'll learn to recognize and appreciate God's plan for our own lives, His awe-inspiring majesty, and His desire for personal intimacy with each one of us.

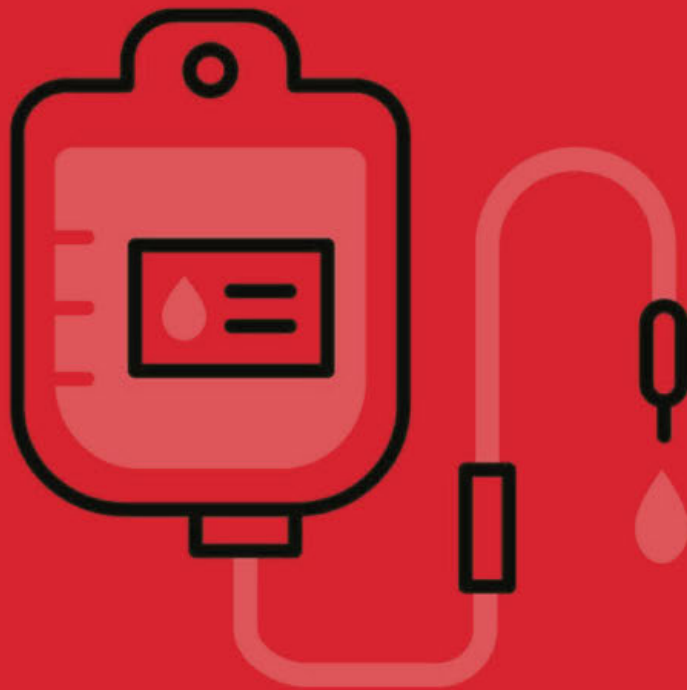
- Learn how our Savior was first revealed in Genesis and how He is the answer to the issues of shame and fear.
- Understand important parallels between the lives of Moses and Jesus, and how they both led their people to freedom.
- Accompany Joseph of the Old Testament on his life journey. The God who proved faithful to Joseph will not disappoint us!

Visit sjascs.org/walking-with-purpose for more information about these studies





American Red Cross Blood Drive



If you are a regular donor, we thank you and hope to see you there. If you've never given before, it takes a little over an hour to donate and can save many lives.

You must have an appointment. There are no walk-ins. To make an appointment, log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: [stjoanblooddrive](https://stjoanblooddrive.org)) or call John Staperfenne at 248-789-8274.



Sunday

September

7th

2025

8 am - 2 pm

In the Sr. Carol Center

 **St. Joan^{of} Arc**

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, August 25th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

Tuesday, August 26th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, August 27th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

5:00 PM: Reconciliation

6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, August 28th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 PM: Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, August 29th

7:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, August 30th

11:00 AM: Reconciliation

4:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, August 31st

8:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM: Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM: Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

August 24, 2025 – Pecking Order

It was no coincidence, to be sure, that a national news aggregation website placed two stories from *The Wall Street Journal* in succession one day a few weeks ago.

First came this headline: “For a Few CEOs, Pay Keeps Growing – by the Billions.”

Then, right beneath it, this one: “Earning More but in Worse Shape: Hardship Overwhelms Many American Families.”

There always has been, and always will be, some disparities in social structure. Through myriad circumstances, some people earn more money, or have more material advantages, than others.

That being said, it’s almost shocking, even by today’s standards, to see a story explaining how two executives in the United States last year held stock-based pay packages that increased in value by “at least 10 figures in a single year,” beyond a billion dollars.

Especially when it’s juxtaposed with a story that explains how “nearly half of kids in the U.S. live in households below the middle class.”

Tools for fixing such situations are potentially very complex, perhaps even impossible. But for now, it’s worth noting that situational disparities are as fleeting as our time on earth. In other words, for those sitting on top of the world, it could all disappear in a heartbeat. And for those on the bottom of the socio-economic stack, there is a promise of something better to come.

A promise from Jesus, based not on the fleeting value of a dollar bill, but on the eternal rewards of surrendering our lives to him, regardless of the size of our bank account.

“And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God,” we hear in today’s gospel passage from St. Luke. “For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	August 25, 2025 Weekday; Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest (Green/White)
7:00 am	Paul Michael Voss
Tuesday	August 26, 2025 Weekday (Green)
7:00 am	Deacon Robert Busch & Marie Rogier
Wednesday	August 27, 2025 Saint Monica (White)
7:00 am	Thomas Sloan
6:00 pm	Giovanni Ciccone
Thursday	August 28, 2025 Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (White)
7:00 am	Hugo Calisi
Friday	August 29, 2025 the Passion of Saint John the Baptist (Red)
7:00 am	Florence Semany
Saturday	August 30, 2025 Vigil for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
4:00 pm	Sophie Rupinski, Bonnie Batche, Palma Strussione, Richard & Joyce Keller, Victoria Marineau and Special Intention for the living and deceased members of the J. Champine Family, for the living and deceased members of the Muer & Thurber Families, for the Thomas Family, for Sam Manalo and Sam Baur
6:00 pm	Charlotte Power
Sunday	August 31, 2025 Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 am	The Intentions of SJA Parishioners
10:00 am	Janet Ternes
12:00 pm	Peter Sarra and Special Intentions for Laurie Ruda and Sam Baur

Daily Readings

Monday, August 25

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 26

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 27

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:27-32

Thursday, August 28

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
Matthew 24:42-51

Friday, August 29

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
Mark 6:17-29

Saturday, August 30

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, August 31

Sirach 3:17-29
Hebrews 12:18-24a
Luke 14:1-14



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

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Minnie Louise Haskins



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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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... and keep in mind the
words of the Lord Jesus
who himself said, "it is
more blessed to give
than to receive."

Acts 20:35



Prayers Needed

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Geri Beaugrand	Jean Edwards	Delaney Kraemer	Rebecca Nehra	Cathy Spindler
Kenneth Beaupre	Geri Ellis	Shirley Kraemer	Rosemary Nickson	Wendy Stevens
James Belloli	Frank Faiss	Laurie Krim	Julius Ohorodnij	Patty Stevenson
Kristen Benedict	Taylor Fisher	Carolyn Kunz	Joan Persichini	Cathy Sullens
Edna Burton	Jeanne Fleming	Rosalie Lewakowski	Art Pieper	Bernadette Thompson
Sarah Catanzaro	Larry Gehrke	Mila Lictawa	Connor Pieper	James Thompson
Maryann Carlin	Anthony Genova	Beverly Lievens	Vicky Pranger	Jeff Trudell
Ed Cole	Larry Graham	David Lott	Carol S. Provencal	Linda Vitale
Toni Glaeser-Collins	Chris Gretchen	Randy Lyczynski	Tracy Rauch	Eileen Wallace
Joan Combellack	Pam Haisenleder	Ingrid Manalo	Fe Reyes	Elaine Walters
Maura Corrigan	Judith Hasten	Sam Manalo	Sr. Alice Riegel	Tom Ward
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Olivia Crimando	Norman Heinrich	Joan Mannino	Jenna Rose	Adrienne Weidenbach
Jerry Dedene	Ilona Higgins	Sandy McCabe	Marilyn Rose	Robert Werthman
Anita Dembeck	Gracie Hinz	Darina McCarty	Victoria Rydholm	Joseph Whalen
Debra Dembeck	Ted Hinz	Cyndy McMahon	Estelle Saelen	Geraldine White
Grace Dickerson	Chris Janutol	Kevin McFarlane	Lily Saith	Marilyn Wicker
George Dickerson	Barbara Jarosz	Heather A. Miller	Barbara R. Scharneck	Joyce Wiekrykas
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John Donovan	Lorraine Kilroy	Jennie Mooney	Rosa Silva	

Pray for the Sick List: Please note that we regularly clear the “Pray for the Sick List” because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don’t always hear from people when they’ve gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at info@sjascs.org.

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Bringing Home the Word

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
August 24, 2025

Membership Is Not Enough

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Just because you belong to a tennis club does not mean you can play tennis. This might sound like a ridiculous statement. Still, it is important to acknowledge that joining a group and paying dues does not mean that you are an active member. Something similar unfolds in the story that Jesus tells in today's gospel passage. The people who have been locked out claim to be known by the householder: "We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets" (Luke 13:26). That may have been true, but evidently

it was not enough. As he tells this story, Jesus is making a point for the sake of his listeners: "Enjoying my company and listening to me is not enough." Then, what is enough?

Returning to tennis, it is not enough to join a club or even to read a book about tennis. You must play it. For many of us, this would mean a lifelong attempt at trying to learn and perfect our game. But then, that is why one joins a tennis club. Christianity is a way of life; we must live it. This is not to say that doctrines and rituals are unimportant. They are very important, but they are important because they inform and then celebrate the Christian life we live. Here too, it might take a lifetime to learn being a Christian. But then, that is why one is a member of the Church—an *active member*. †

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 66:18–21

[Thus says the Lord,] "I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; they shall come and see my glory."

Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13

Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.

Luke 13:22–30

[Jesus said,] "Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."



Joining a group and paying dues does not mean that you are an active member.

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: "My peace I give to you" (John 14:27).... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding first of all that we work on ourselves. Peace is built...by eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.

ADDRESS TO MEMBERS
OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS,
ROME, MAY 16, 2025



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Do I have a desire to live a more authentic Christian life?
- To do so, what changes do I need to make?



Some Assembly Required

Rev. Lawrence E. Mick

The first thing necessary for any liturgy is the assembly of the faithful. Liturgy is, by its very nature, a communal activity, so it requires people to come together with the intention of worshipping together. This is not as simple as it first may seem, especially in our consumer culture, where we tend to approach liturgy as a product we consume rather than as an activity that we help to create. Many people think of the liturgy as something provided by the priest and the other liturgical ministers, and they then decide if they want to “buy” it or not.

Linked to this consumer mentality is our sense of individual rights and preferences. Our culture, perhaps more than any other in history, has exalted the individual above the community or society. While this certainly has many beneficial results in our respect for the rights of the individual, there are also negative effects when it becomes too dominant. The American mythos exalts the Lone Ranger, the self-made men or women, the ones who pull themselves up by their own bootstraps, etc. We are less aware of the vital importance of the community in making and keeping us human and happy. As a result, many people find it difficult to relinquish their individual preferences for the sake of being part of and acting as a community. Any communal activity requires such subsuming of the self into the group, whether it is a sports team trying for victory or a group of farmers at a barn raising. Can you imagine the shape of the barn if every person in the group insisted on doing it his or her own way? In worship, too, we are invited to be part of one communal act, which means none of us really gets to have our own way with it. An assembly is made up of individuals who have agreed to become part of something larger than themselves. †

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Wisdom from Catholic Update

From “Living in the Light of Christ’s Peace” by Most Reverend John C. Wester

When I was installed as the twelfth archbishop of Santa Fe, I never imagined I would publish a pastoral letter on nuclear disarmament. I had not thought about nuclear weapons since the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, when I was twelve years old. Since then, I was like most Americans, lulled into...believing the arms race ended when the Cold War did.... Nonetheless, in January 2022, I issued *Living in the Light of Christ’s Peace: A Conversation Toward Nuclear Disarmament*. It occurs to me now that this letter is indeed about social justice and is quite spiritual—it is about the sanctity of human life, accepting responsibility as stewards of God’s creation, and protecting the common good in a most fundamental way.

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Faithful God, grant me the
grace to believe the truth,
to speak what I believe,
and to live what I speak.
I pray in Jesus’ name.
Amen.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

August 25–30

Monday, Weekday:
1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10 / Mt 23:13–22
Tuesday, Weekday:
1 Thes 2:1–8 / Mt 23:23–26
Wednesday, St. Monica:
1 Thes 2:9–13 / Mt 23:27–32

Thursday, St. Augustine:
1 Thes 3:7–13 / Mt 24:42–51
Friday, Passion of St. John the Baptist:
1 Thes 4:1–8 / Mk 6:17–29
Saturday, Weekday:
1 Thes 4:9–11 / Mt 25:14–30

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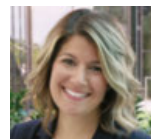


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