



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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3RD SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

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

Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm
In the
Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour

Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary

Monday - Friday after the 7a mass
outside in the school courtyard
(weather permitting).

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open
Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm
Friday from 8:30-4pm

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 inde-
pendent 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**.

RCIA: 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 in-
creased 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.

Weekdays - 7am Mass (Monday thru Friday)

Saturdays - 4pm & 6pm Masses

Sundays - 8am, 10am, 12pm Masses

Thursdays - 7pm Holy Hour

**Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live
streaming and to view archived celebrations.**



Working for the Bugarins: I am amazed how I can mess up even the simplest of tasks! This one will undoubtedly go down as one of the more creative Clark Griswold

moments in my life!

As regular readers of this column will know, my mom has been doing some extensive renovations to her condo. My parents bought the condo in 1993, and it hasn't been touched since then. As my mom watches more and more HGTV, she comes up with more ideas which often results in change orders with our contractor, Shane Campbell from NJC Enterprises and Atlantis Homes in Almont. We're all pretty impressed with my mom's design ideas. And, my mom has been impressed that she's done this entirely without any help from any consultants or designers other than getting ideas from her HGTV shows.

To "tee up" this story, you need to know that I've been handling all of my mom's finances since my dad's death. My mom's favorite saying now to those who need to be paid is, "Call Mike. He's got the checkbook."

Well, it came time to pay Shane our next installment plus some change order costs. I suggested I do this electronically so Shane didn't have to wait several days for the check to clear. Usually, I have done some of these transactions by wire transfer, but I figured I would try to do this entirely by ACH (literally Automated Clearing House transaction, or by electronic funds transfer). So I spoke to our contractor, and Shane was kind enough to give me all the banking numbers I needed to initiate the ACH transfer. Now mind you, we're not talking about a few hundred dollars but rather thousands of dollars. The other goal I had was to do this entirely from home. The wire transfers I've done up to this point have required me to be present at the bank. I went online to our web banking portal to see what could be done without going to a branch office. While I could initiate an electronic funds transfer bank to a person, the credit union doesn't allow funds to transfer electronically to a business without human interaction. So, I called the bank and explained what I wanted to do and the limitations of their online banking platform. The bank representative confirmed that a paper

check would be sent if I did this through the regular web banking portal. As I further explained what I wanted to accomplish, she said she could make this work through an electronic funds transfer initiated from their end. "GREAT," I thought. "All of my goals would be accomplished." This means I didn't have to go into a branch office, and the funds would be transferred electronically. She sent me a form. I diligently filled out the "Electronic Funds Transfer" form and figured the task was done. I initially thought I should transfer a few dollars like some companies do to ensure the numbers were accurate, but I trusted I had the correct numbers and did everything accurately. As I did this on a Friday, the transfer was to take place on Monday. I called my mom and told her what I did and that Shane would get paid on Monday. Done deal ... so I thought!

Early that Monday morning, I got a call from Shane. "Monsignor, I think there was some clerical error or some misunderstanding with the bank transfer." "Oh, no. What happened," I asked. Shane proceeded to tell me that the transfer happened in reverse. His bank called him and said there was an electronic request to WITHDRAW a large sum of money out of his checking account and put it into mine; they wanted to know from him whether it was legitimate or whether they should block the withdrawal. I was stunned and thought there was some mistake. OH, YES, there was a mistake ... a ROYAL mistake! I immediately went onto my mom's account, and sure enough, I had a CREDIT already from NJC Enterprises rather than a DEBIT. OH MY! What a mess. After a bunch of phone calls, we figured it would be best to block the transfer and that I would initiate a wire transfer, and all would be set (at this point, I could have driven a check over to Shane's office in Almont, considering how much time we spent on this already).

Unfortunately, the transfer had been completed before they could block it. I then called my credit union to figure out what happened. When I spoke to the person who initiated the transfer, she told me I signed a form requesting money to be withdrawn from another institution and have it deposited into my account. I wasn't going to debate her, but that wasn't what I thought I signed. The form clearly said, "Electronic Transfer Form." I then read all the fine print at the bottom of the document (yes, I should have done that earlier). As I read the fine print, sure enough, it said I was requesting money be

electronically transferred INTO my credit union account from another institution. I guess the process is primarily for credit union members who want money transferred on a one-time or regular basis into their account from accounts THEY own at other institutions. So, the problem was MY fault (it's ALWAYS my fault).

Considering the transfer had been completed, I now owed Shane TWICE the amount, one to give back what was his to begin with and another to pay him what we owed. So, given my debacle and further conversations with the credit union, we decided I would do a wire transfer to Shane and that his bank would do a reversal of the transfer that started all of this mess. With those transactions, everything would be settled. I began to work with another credit union representative to do the wire transfer. I filled out another form (this time, I read the fine print) and electronically signed it. But she had a question and ended up calling the phone number the bank had on file for my mom. While my mom knew of the issue, I hadn't shared all the details with her yet. When the credit union called, they asked for George (remember that George is my first name). My mom gently told the credit union representative that her husband George died a year ago. There was a long pause on the phone, and I'm sure the credit union person was thinking, "OH, this is great. We've been talking to George all morning, and now we find out he's dead." As the representative started to share she had been talking to a George about a wire transfer, my mom interrupted her and said, "Oh, you've been talking to my son. This is about that wire transfer and ACH mess isn't it?" Once she confirmed what the call was about, my mom told her to call me! My mom said there was a sigh of relief on the other end. Talk about confusing.

After several hours of back and forth, we finally got the mess straightened out. I signed the correct form. They reversed the initial transaction, and I did the wire transfer. It took two days, but we finally got it all squared away! It was a royal Clark Griswold mess! I guess you've gotta watch when you're doing business with a Bugarin ... at least this one! You do the work, and we charge you! Great going, Clark!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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Thursday, February 3, 6-8 pm

Outdoor fun with school tours for visitors upon request



Visit with teachers, enjoy a hot dog and chips, sip hot cocoa, roast marshmallows and make s'mores, light a candle in the church, and celebrate SJA Catholic school with wonderful family fellowship. Dress warmly!

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Give Thanks - Give Blood

St. Joan of Arc will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive Sunday, January 30th, from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. 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.

The American Red Cross **will not** be taking walk-ins and **you must have an appointment.**

To make an appointment, log onto Red-CrossBlood.org (sponsor code: stjaoanblooddrive) or call John Staperfenne at 248-789-8274. Please help save a life and become a Red Cross Blood Donor!



Light of the Spirit Prayer Group



**2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
at**

**St Basil the Great
Community Room
22851 Lexington Avenue
Eastpointe, MI 48021**

**We pray the Rosary @ 6:30 pm, followed by
a meeting at 7pm.**

**For those wanting individual prayers please
be there between 6:30 – 6:55 pm**

We hope that you can join us!



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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 23, 2022

WATCH

THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations! This film brilliantly captures portrays this great missionary saint!



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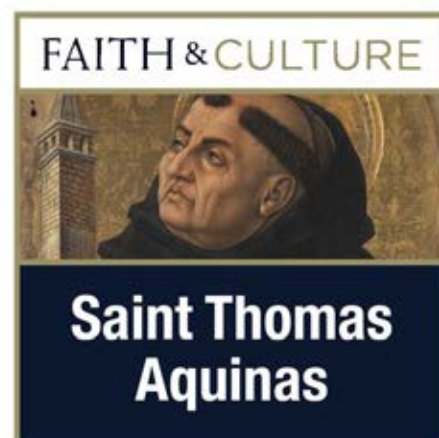
Outside of Jesus, the greatest teacher of the faith was Paul the Apostle. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the great theologian known as the Apostle.

LEARN

LISTEN

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS WITH RANDALL SMITH

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.



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Archdiocesan grade school enrollment up 11% this year, 7% since start of pandemic

BY JANET SUGAMELI BIONDO

The number of students enrolled in archdiocesan Catholic grade schools continues to rise compared to pre-pandemic enrollment, according to enrollment figures reported by the Archdiocese of Detroit. Student enrollment has increased 7 percent across archdiocesan grade schools over the past two school years and is up 11 percent since last year, Laura Knaus, interim superintendent of Catholic schools, told Detroit Catholic. The data was collected by the archdiocesan Department of Catholic Schools this fall and submitted to the National Catholic Educational Association.



SCAN TO READ



Archdiocese launches EnCourage chapter for families of those with same-sex attraction

BY MICHAEL STECHSCHULTE

For parents, friends, siblings and children of people who experience same-sex attraction, the pressures and sensitivities of daily life can make it challenging to live and effectively witness to the truth of the Gospel. Since 1980, Courage, the Church's apostolate to those with same-sex attraction seeking to live chaste and holy lives, has helped men and women discover and live the truth and beauty of God's revealed plan for human sexuality.

A lesser known, but just as important partner ministry, called EnCourage, offers prayerful support and spiritual assistance for family members and friends.



SCAN TO READ



Catholic, pro-life leaders decry petition to enshrine abortion in Michigan constitution

BY DANIEL MELOY

Catholic and pro-life leaders in Michigan expressed disappointment at the news a coalition of abortion rights supporters are planning a petition drive to enshrine abortion access in the state constitution. The coalition, which includes Reproductive Freedom for All, the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, Planned Parenthood of Michigan and Michigan Voices, was set to file language with the Michigan Board of State Canvassers that would amend the Michigan Constitution to "explicitly affirm" abortion rights. The proposed amendment would override Michigan's 1931 ban on abortion.



SCAN TO READ

Read these and more stories at www.detroitcatholic.org

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, January 24th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

6:15 pm Faith Formation 7/8th Grades

Tuesday, January 25th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 am Funeral for Harry Hopkins

Wednesday, January 26th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, January 27th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 pm Holy Hour - Live Streamed

Friday, January 28th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, January 29th

11:00 am Reconciliation

4:00 pm Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, January 30th

8:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

8:00 am American Red Cross Blood Drive - EH

10:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 pm Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

January 23, 2022 – Roles We Play

“All the world’s a stage,” Shakespeare wrote in “As You Like It.” And while the context there may have been different, the idea resonates: all of us have roles to play, purposes to serve, in God’s ultimate plan.

A story first reported a few years ago in the *National Catholic Register* surfaced again recently thanks to the evangelizing capabilities of Twitter about a religious order in France specifically geared to nuns with Down syndrome.

The order, called the Little Sisters Disciples of the Lamb, is primarily contemplative, meaning the talents and abilities of the sisters are perfectly suited to the mission. Not all of the sisters have Down, but all of them participate in the day-to-day work of the order, and, more importantly, all of them share in the contemplative prayer that serves such an important purpose in the life of the Church.

That’s a particularly inspiring message for each one of us, as well, who may be searching for the singular or most important way that we can contribute to the coming of God’s kingdom here on earth.

Some may be gifted with an ability to pray; some to perform particular acts of charity; some to contribute financially. But all surely have a role.

“Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it,” St. Paul writes to the Corinthians in one of the options for today’s second reading. “Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?”

The answer, of course, is no. But all play a role.

2022 Words on the Word

Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday January 24, 2022 Saint Frances de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (White)

7:00 a.m. Virginia Murphy

Tuesday January 25, 2022 Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle (White)

7:00 a.m. Thomas Egan

Wednesday January 26, 2022 Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops (White)

7:00 a.m. Paul Bogos and Dolores Zientek

Thursday January 27, 2022 Weekday Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder (Green/White)

7:00 a.m. Michael Berch

Friday January 28, 2022 Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church (White)

7:00 a.m. Hugo Calisi

Saturday January 29, 2022 Weekday BVM (Green/White)

4:00 p.m. George J. Bugarin, Duane Gore, Michael Urso, Bonnie Batchee, the deceased members of the Goor Family, Frank Nagy and Special Intentions for the Thomas Family and the J. Champine Family

6:00 p.m. George J. Bugarin

Sunday January 30, 2022 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)

8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Judy Kniffin

12:00 p.m. Michael Ciaramitaro, Kitty Podsiadly, Guido Regelbrugge, Edwin Coatney, Earnest Romanelli

Daily Readings

Monday, January 24

2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10
Mark 3:22-30

Friday, January 28

2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17
Mark 4:26-34

Tuesday, January 25

Acts 22:3-16
Mark 16:15-18

Saturday, January 29

2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17
Mark 4:35-41

Wednesday, January 26

2 Timothy 1:1-8
Mark 4:1-20

Sunday, January 30

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
Luke 4:21-30

Thursday, January 27

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29
Mark 4:21-25



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.”

Sharon Parish

Alex Scapini

Pamela Gervasoni

Ronaldo Napoli

Harry Hopkins (brother of Joanne Hopkins-Lucia)

“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.



Right Man For The Job: One of the lasting images I recall from my childhood was watching the night-time

news on the BBC and seeing the report of the Space Shuttle Challenger disaster. I was only 10 years old, but I remember seeing those images and watching clips of President Reagan's TV address to the nation. For a kid, I was always pretty aware of new events around the world and would often watch the news with my parents. But that day is particularly vivid because I was and always have been fascinated with the Space Shuttle, along with most engineering or mechanical subjects. I think I've watched every shuttle-related documentary out there more than once. I'm particularly thinking of this right now because this Friday in the anniversary of that day.

At my previous parish there was an after school Lego Club. I used to go to the Lego Club just because it was a good way to interact with some of the 1st and 2nd graders. Of course, they thought it was cool that "Father likes building Legos" and I played that up a little. I would make sure I highlighted it in the mass announcements when talking about the school open house.

"What's your favorite part about the school, Father?" "Lego Club!!" Truth be told, I always loved Legos as a kid and they are a neat thing, but my adult enthusiasm for them is... a little less. But I have a friend who just loves his Legos and has been working on one 9ft-long model spaceship for the last 16 years! So last Spring, he bought me a Lego Space Shuttle Discovery kit, and it has been sitting in my dining room ever since, all 2,354 pieces of

it, still unopened. I don't know how long it would have been there and not been built if an idea hadn't come to me.... a solution that wouldn't put my dining room table out of action for a year or more!

What do you do when you can't do something yourself? Outsource! We have a 12-year old in the parish who I happen to know is a Lego guru, and I figured he would love to take on this project. I was also sure it wouldn't be too much of a challenge for him. I'm not sure I would have had the patience.

Sure enough, in about two weeks flat, and really only about 7 hours of actual work, he had the model built and decals applied, along with a scale model of the space telescope Hubble that fits neatly into the cargo bay of Discovery. He told me that he'd had it all planned-out and each individual bag of pieces in a separate container. He knew how long each bag had taken to complete. He had the whole thing organized on the level of an actual NASA mission! And I was grateful to have the model completed and glad that he'd enjoyed doing the work.



We each have our own gifts, different, but all necessary to the building-up of the Body of Christ. What one does not have, another supplies. Where one has a need, another can supply. St Paul says in today's second reading, *"the body is not a single part, but many.... The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor again the*

head to the feet, 'I do not need you.'"

The gifts God has given to each of us, and the purposes He intends those gifts to be put to, are not to be a source of envy or competition. That can lead to division in the Body.

St Paul speaks specifically to this point:

"God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy."

The greatest gift we have all been given by God, however, is not a skill or a proficiency—it's the gift of faith. And it's a gift, like all the others that is meant for the good of the body of Christ. It is not intended to be kept to ourselves. Right now, especially, the Body of Christ needs us all. Specifically, it needs our prayer. This weekend we remember an even more destructive and deadly anniversary than the Challenger disaster, as we mark the 49 years since the Supreme Court ruling on *Roe v Wade*, and the legalizing of abortion in our nation. The Body of Christ is missing some 63 million of its members, and our nation and our Church is much the poorer for their tragic loss. Let us commit ourselves to praying for the conversion of hearts in our nation and to speaking-out against the culture of death, which is so readily accepted by the secular world. We will never be the Church God intends until all the gifts he gave are present and valued.

You are in my prayers this week.

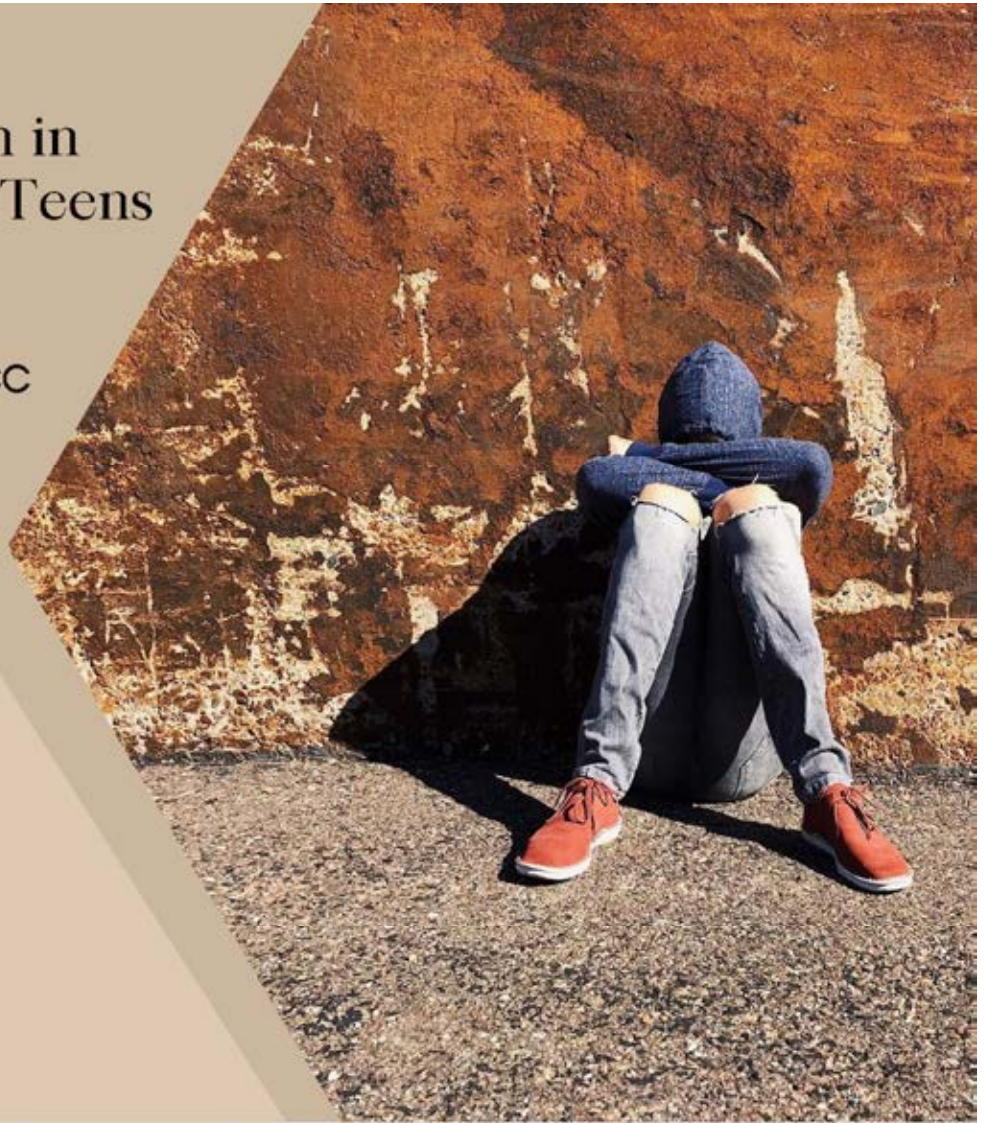
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Depression in Children and Teens

Presented by:

Lisa Elia, M.S., LPC, NCC

Jan
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St. Lucy Catholic Church

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Seating is limited.

Please register at:

<https://teendepressionlucy.eventbrite.com>

Sunday, January 30, 2022

10-11:30 a.m.

What every parent should know about
depression in children
and teens.

Contact Karen Schroder

313-237-5925

kschroder@stlucychurch.com



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 30 C

Reading One – Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

The word of the LORD came to me, saying: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you. But do you gird your loins; stand up and tell them all that I command you. Be not crushed on their account, as though I would leave you crushed before them; for it is I this day who have made you a fortified city, a pillar of iron, a wall of brass, against the whole land: against Judah's kings and princes, against its priests and people. They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.

Responsorial Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17

R. I will sing of your salvation.

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, and deliver me; incline your ear to me, and save me.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to give me safety, for you are my rock and my fortress. O my God, rescue me from the hand of the wicked.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

For you are my hope, O Lord; my trust, O God, from my youth. On you I depend from birth; from my mother's womb you are my strength.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

My mouth shall declare your justice, day by day your salvation. O God, you have taught me from my youth, and till the present I proclaim your wondrous deeds.

R. I will sing of your salvation.

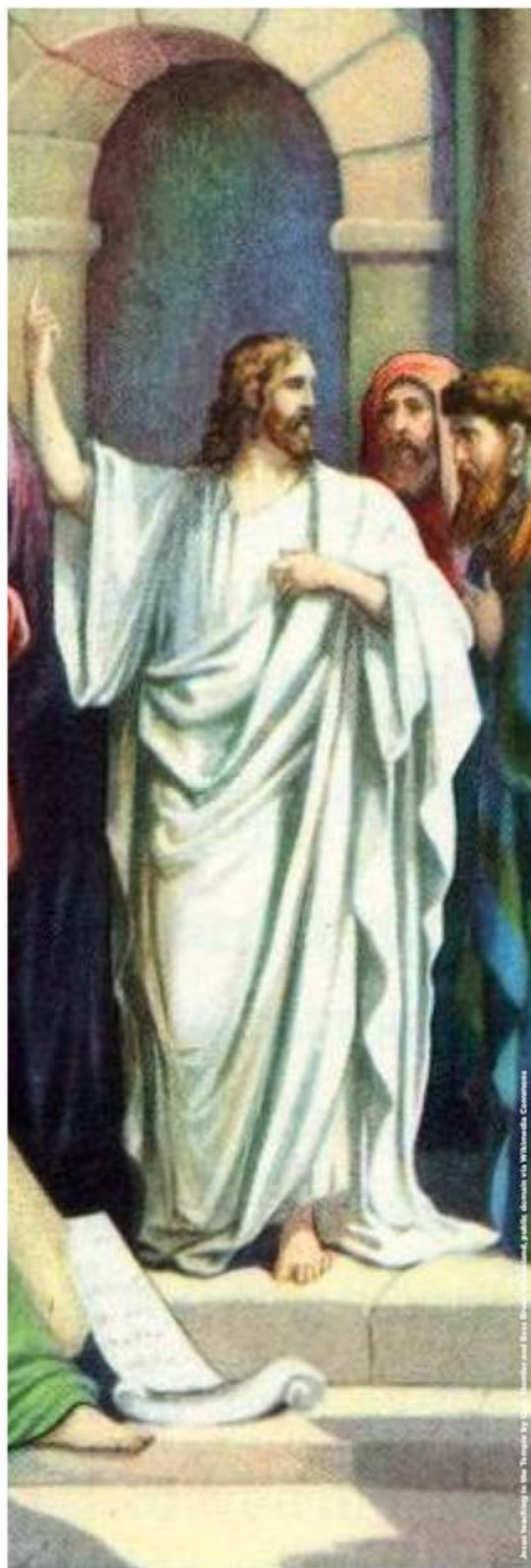
Reading Two – 1 Cor 12:31–13:13

Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in human and angelic tongues, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous,

it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing. For we know partially and we prophesy partially, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Gospel – Lk 4:21-30

Jesus began speaking in the synagogue, saying: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away.



January 23, 2022

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 | 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 | Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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

Do you ever find yourself feeling like you are at the cusp of something remarkable? Like you are witnessing an incredible, historic, athletic, or aeronautical feat? I wonder if that's what it was like for the followers of Jesus when he began his public ministry: "News of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all." In today's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of the prophet Isaiah that are effectively a "job description" of his mission: glad tidings to the poor, liberty of captives, sight to the blind, freedom for the oppressed. What Isaiah prophesied, Jesus claims to fulfill. He thus inaugurates his public ministry with a claim that is straightforward, bold, true, and of great consequence. Today, by virtue of our baptism, we are part of the body of Christ and share in that mission. Whatever our backgrounds, abilities, or talents, we each have something to contribute to building up one another and the Church. And with the help of the Holy Spirit, we, too, can be bold in our own proclamation of Jesus Christ as Lord.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We've heard the phrase "Don't sell yourself short." Social media aside, many of us tend to focus on our shortcomings: We may wish we could run faster, be better at our jobs, have a cleaner home, in general, "get it together!" Truth is, we're all works in progress. That's what I love about Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. He reminds us that each one of us – whatever our strengths or weaknesses – is part of the body of Christ. God loves us with our imperfections, not in spite of them. As such, each of us has indispensable value and much to contribute to the mission of the Church. As we move into the week ahead, today's readings invite us to place ourselves at the service of the Church and one another. Beyond that, we can invite others to join us by recognizing that God values the talents – and foibles – that each of us brings to his service.

PRAY Yesterday on the liturgical calendar was the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. As members of the body of Christ, let us join our voices with the universal Church and pray a Pro-Life Rosary each night this week. The USCCB Prayers and Devotions page is a good resource.

Dear Padre,

In your previous column you wrote that the Mass commemorates Jesus' Last Supper and is a thanksgiving for God's gifts to us. Are there other reasons to get out of bed early and attend Sunday Mass?

The Mass is all about giving thanks for God's forgiveness of sins and this plan for eternal life. In fact, *Eucharist* is derived from the Greek word meaning "gratitude" or "thanksgiving." But there are many other reasons to participate in the Mass.

The Mass is our opportunity to be present with our Lord in the forms of bread and wine. God doesn't usually make frightening appearances to us



accompanied by crashing thunder and lightning. Rather, he makes himself accessible to us in the humble form of food. Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day" (John 6:54).

As St. Augustine put it, when we receive Christ in

these forms, we become what we receive. We are the body of Christ, not as individuals but as his Church. His Church is his physical presence on earth today, the way people come into contact with Christ.

When we participate in the Mass, we become witnesses to all of this: our liberation from sin and death; our Lord's Real Presence to us in the forms of bread and wine; and we, as Church, becoming what we receive—the body of Christ. Can there be better reasons for waking up on a Sunday morning and attending Mass?

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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GENERAL AUDIENCE, DECEMBER 13, 2017

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Mk 16:15–18

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2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5

Mk 4:1–20

Thursday

JANUARY 27

Weekday

2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29

Mk 4:21–25

Friday

JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church

2 Sm 11:1–4a,

5–10a, 13–17

Mk 4:26–34

Saturday

JANUARY 29

Weekday

2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17

Mk 4:35–41

Sunday

JANUARY 30

Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4–5, 17–19

1 Cor 12:31–13:13

or 13:4–13

Lk 4:21–30

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Bringing Home the Word

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Rediscovering God's Love

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Have you ever lost something and then, after some time passes, finally found it? Perhaps your keys, a cell phone, or worse still, a credit card? When we find utilitarian items that we've lost or misplaced, we're so relieved and happy because we need these things for daily living. But what if we lose our whole purpose for living? Then we're really in trouble.

The people to whom Nehemiah was speaking lost more than something material; they lost the key to who they were as a people. They lost the law

of God that had been given to them through Moses hundreds of years before. They were now listening to it for the first time. Upon hearing all its wisdom and prescriptions, they were cut to the heart and wept. There was so much they had forgotten and were no longer practicing. As exiles in Babylon, they had lost so much.

Yet the response toward this rediscovery could have been joy, because now they knew once again what made for happiness and living in the Lord. They had discovered the love that called them into existence.

We have been given the Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth and reminds us of everything Jesus taught us in Scriptures and Tradition. Knowing God's truth is the deepest source of joy. Finding him is like finding what was lost. Like the found key, God unlocks our happiness. Like a cell phone, he gives us a constant connection with him. And like a credit card—but infinitely better—God is the love that fulfills our desires. And we never have to pay him back. ✦

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—General Audience, December 13, 2017



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Is there any aspect of God's word or truth that I have ignored or forgotten?
- How can I rediscover and accept that truth again?

Sunday Readings

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra read clearly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Finding the Best Mass

By Very Reverend Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

I think everyone has his or her list of “bests:” the best ice cream, the best fried chicken, the best seat in the ballpark, the best route to work, the best hospital, or the best movie ever made. You get the idea. We gravitate toward things and experiences that meet a particular set of standards that we hold for others and ourselves. We instinctively rate our experiences, categorizing them as good, better, and best or—on the flip side—not so bad, bad, and awful.

Even Mass is subject to our inner critic and our personal rating system. So, where’s the best Mass? Before I go any further, I feel the need to divulge the fact that I attended Catholic school my entire life, and the idea that, regardless of the details, the Mass is the Mass and no one celebration is better than another was instilled in me repeatedly. Every Mass offers us the opportunity to have an awesome exchange with God, and each one deserves our reverence and respect, even if human weakness and error sometimes take center stage.

But aren’t some celebrations of the Mass really just better than others? I don’t mean your first holy Communion, wedding, or fiftieth anniversary. Certainly, those are special celebrations.

I’m referring to that Sunday Mass in your diocese that everyone talks about, saying, “They have the best Mass.” Maybe the priest gives memorable homilies, or they have an exemplary



music ministry, or they excel at making everyone feel welcome. Everyone flocks to that church and wishes their parish had that kind of Mass.

What if we rated Sunday Masses? What if you could look online or leaf through a diocesan directory to find out how others rate the various components of a Mass? Everything from architecture and parking to the style and character of worship could be described and rated. Many dioceses have relaxed regulations regarding territorial parishes. There are many options for Mass.

The challenge is to make worship relevant. If Masses were rated, competition might result. Competition is good when the goal is to attract more

people to Jesus through the celebration of the Mass. The Mass well-prepared and executed is the best tool we have for evangelization. The Mass has the power to draw us together into the very life of God. So why not market the Mass where it’s done well? We shop for the best in so many areas of life. We search for the best jobs, schools, and other things. Isn’t the Mass worth all that, and so much more? +

*We’re taught that
all Masses are good,
but what if we rated them?*



*Lord, you created all people equal.
Open my eyes to recognize
the dignity of all people and
my heart to love unconditionally.*

—From *Peaceful Meditations for Every Day
in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage
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