




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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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

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Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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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.**



Sticking to the Day Job: I guess I'll never learn. I know enough information about some things to get me in trouble; I then rely on YouTube videos for the stuff I

don't know too much about! Even with the help of YouTube videos, I'd be better off sticking to my day job!

The backdrop to this story is that the previous day of the event in question was "moving day" for those Fire King Safes that Deacon Tom, Tony Latarski, and I moved from a warehouse in Livonia to the Parish Center. From my previous article about moving those Fire King safes, you may recall that we had some torrential rainstorms to deal with that day. I was soaking wet by the end of the day because there was no real way to be protected from all that rain while trying to move those safes. So, keep the torrential rainstorms in mind as a backdrop to this story.

As one whose uniform is all black clothing, I can attest that there are MANY shades of black. People laugh at me when I say I'm going home to get into my better suit for a special event or liturgy because that means I'm switching to a real suit rather than a separate suit coat and pants combo; with my real suits, my black pants and suitcoat will match! Rarely do my separate suit coat and pants combo have the same shade of black. Even worse is the situation with my clerical shirts. They quickly go from a deep black to a greyish black after a year of washing, even when you rotate through 7 shirts like I do and use all those "supposed" special dark color laundry detergents.

I recently ordered some new shirts, but because they're all custom made because of my size, it sometimes takes up to three months for them to arrive. So, being impatient and wanting to get rid of my now grayish-black clerical shirts, I decided to try dying them. I did this once before, but it didn't yield favorable results. So, I was a little skeptical about doing it again, but I was willing to give it a try. So, I decided to watch a few YouTube videos and read all the instructions on the Rit Dye website for doing this project in a washing machine. Having thus earned a Ph.D. in Rit Dying, I decided I would give it a try.

I followed the instructions and loaded the stainless steel tub in my wash machine with hot water, two cups of salt, my shirts,

and two bottles of Rit Black Dye. As I closed the lid, I said a little prayer because I had visions of destroying my wash machine in the process. After all, even I acknowledge my projects often backfire on me!

I watched the process through the glass lid of my wash machine and continued to say some prayers it would work out. I left for a bit and returned toward the end of the wash cycle. I almost gasped because my white laundry tub was no longer white, and my once shiny steel mesh lint trap was now black. I feared the inside of my wash machine would look the same. After the wash cycle, I cautiously opened the lid, expecting to see a disaster inside but found my stainless steel drum still intact. I moved the shirts around and did a rinse cycle as suggested. After that was done, I did a complete wash cycle again to get any remaining dye out of the shirts. They eventually got sent to the dyer (and I was hoping the heat would bake any remaining dye into those shirts). When all was said and done, I hung my shirts and was somewhat impressed with my work. They were undoubtedly more black than before, but I wasn't sure the difference in color was worth all the effort that went into making this work. I tried scrubbing down my laundry tub and did my best to "erase" as much of the black ring as I could. But I now had some not so grayish-black shirts to hold me over until the new ones arrived.

Now, back to the day after the Fire King safe move day. I got up at my usual time and started getting ready for the day. When I got to the bathroom and looked in the mirror, it looked like the seams of my t-shirt had lint on them or something. I was still a bit groggy, so I wasn't sure if I was seeing correctly. My glasses usually don't make their way onto my face until I'm completely dressed, so I didn't have my glasses on yet. As I picked at the seams, there was no lint to be found. I was now confused. I retrieved my glasses and confirmed there was no lint on my t-shirt, but it was indeed black. Upon further inspection, I discovered not only were the seams black, but the ENTIRE back of the t-shirt had huge splotches of black blobs all over it. It took me a minute, but then it dawned on me that my rain-soaked, newly dyed black clerical shirt "oozed" onto my t-shirt in the rain. So much for all those extra washings. This is why I should stick to my day job ... or just wait for the new shirts to arrive!

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Pick of the Week flyer that we now include every week in our bulletin from formed.org. We have a parish subscription to FORMED, which gives each of you unlimited access to the wealth of material available on the FORMED website. There is something for all ages: movies, video studies, an audio bible, audiobooks, testimonies, and other inspiring talks and e-books. Even better, FORMED has an app so that you can have all of these resources available with just one click anytime and anywhere.

I'm always amazed by how many Catholics will share how they wish they could learn more about their faith, but they don't have time to attend programs or events at the parish. Well, my friends, FORMED can help feed that quest for knowledge and help you build a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. So I encourage you to start a subscription to FORMED.ORG and start delving deeper into your faith. It's free to you as a parishioner of SJA, and it's available anytime! Simply go to formed.org, sign up as a parishioner, enter St. Joan of Arc, and select the St. Joan of Arc Parish in Saint Clair Shores. It's that simple.

Parking Lots: By the time you read this, we hope that the lot between the Church and School will be in the middle of being seal coated, the festival tent stake holes and cracks finally plugged, and the lots restriped and ready for winter. Then on Saturday, September 18, the "Bank Lot" on the north side of St. Joan Street, as well as the Athletic Field Lot, will be done. Finally, on Saturday, September 25, the main Mack lot and the small "Teachers' Lot" next to Fr. Andrew's house will be worked on. This will undoubtedly bring a bit of confusion for parking for masses and Athletic events these three Saturdays, but we had to be creative in scheduling the work so it could be done before winter.

We've attempted to seal coat and repair the lots for several years, but COVID got in the way. So I'm glad we're finally able to accomplish this task before all that white stuff arrives. The total cost of the project is \$29,995.00. So, get ready to welcome some newly seal coated, repaired, and striped lots! Thanks for your generosity that makes a project like this possible!

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 12, 2021

WATCH

THE RELUCTANT SAINT: THE STORY OF ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



LEARN

BIBLE STUDY: GALATIANS

Galatians

with Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. James Prothro

FORMEDNOW



Join Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. James Prothro as they dive into St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians. This new multipart series walks through this pivotal book and how it fits in with the rest of the New Testament, as well as how Paul's writings can help us grow in relationship with Jesus.

LISTEN

DRAWING STRENGTH FROM OUR LADY OF SORROWS BY KIMBERLY HAHN

Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

St. Joan of Arc
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Silent and Live
Auction & Dinner**



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE GALA THIS YEAR:

- We're returning to **LOCHMOOR CLUB** in **GPW!** And we've shifted this year's event to the Fall.
- The Gala is our largest fundraiser to benefit the school. **Attend or buy raffle tickets** to support this event.
- **We need your donations.** Contact the School or Parish Center to learn how to donate Silent and Live Auction items.
- **There's a spot for you.** Join the Gala Planning Committee or volunteer to help the night of the Gala.

CONTACT US:

Pam Graskewicz (pgraskewicz@hotmail.com) or Matt Wyszczelski (hfd75@aol.com)

We ENCOURAGE everyone to dress in your favorite Bavarian attire for this year's Gala...

BEST OUTFIT CONTEST!

Barrels of fun for 15 Years!!!

OCTOBER 16, 2021 @ LOCHMOOR CLUB



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

Proudly introduces

Family Faith Formation

**LEARN MORE
AND REGISTER**

at sjascs.org/faith-formation

*This new and exciting program
designed especially for families
starts the first week in October.*

**Contact Kristine Hass a khas@sjascs.org
or 586-772-1282 with questions**

**for all parish families with
children in grades K-8**

Blood Donors are Essential



St. Joan of Arc will be sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive this **Sunday, September 12th, from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm** in the Emmaus Hall.

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 on to [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)

(sponsor code: **stjoanblooddrive**) or call John Staper-fenne at 248-789-8274.

Please help save a life and become a Red Cross Blood Donor!

St. Isaac Jogues Parish Picnic and Raffle September 25, 2021

21100 Madison St Clair Shores 48081

Join us for **Night Fire** 11a – 3p. Visit the church for prayer, light a candle, enjoy the music, receive a rosary, book and prayer card or medal. Stay for a minute or stay for 3 hours just come and be with our Lord.

Classic Car Show 10a – 3pm Bring your classic car for all to see (must register it at parishoffice@saintisaacjogues.com) Free to the public. Food trucks on campus.

Barbeque and Raffle Come to 4pm Mass and then join us after for a barbeque and our parish raffle. Price starts at \$5.00



OUR LADY
STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL

GATHER UNDER THE STARS:

FOOD TRUCKS + RAFFLE



- FOOD TRUCKS FROM THE METRO DETROIT AREA
- REFRESHMENTS
- FALL ACTIVITIES
- CATCH A LUCKY STAR RAFFLE

**OCTOBER 9
5:00 - 8:00 PM**

VISIT US AT [STARSCHOOLGROSSEPOINTE.ORG](https://www.starschoolgrossepointe.org)

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!

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, September 13th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

6:30 pm Baptism of Lanie M. Beyer

Tuesday, September 14th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, September 15th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, September 16th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

7:00 pm Holy Hour (Praise and Worship)
Live Streamed

Friday, September 17th

7:00 am Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, September 18th

9:30 am Baptism of Gianna Capek

11:00 am Reconciliation

11:00 am Memorial Mass for Charles Sochowicz

12:30 pm Baptism of Marley J. Hoban

1:30 pm Baptism of Magdalena June Faba

2:30 pm Baptism of Fallyn B. Jamieson

4:00 pm Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 pm Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, September 19th

8:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 am Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 pm Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

September 12, 2021 – The Crosses We Bear

If someone was homeless for a time, and had to live out of their car, we might say they had carried a cross.

And if someone suffered from food poisoning while planning the funeral of a beloved uncle, and that food poisoning led to a seizure, which triggered a foot injury, which ultimately resulted in two broken legs, there, as well, we might say that person had carried a cross.

And if someone was born with an eye malady that nearly left her blind ... well, there, too, we might say that person had carried a cross.

And, finally, when one notes that these same circumstances all have confronted the same, 73-year-old woman, there is no question she has carried her share of crosses in life.

This remarkable woman's story was shared a few weeks ago in the *Detroit Free Press*. The point of the story wasn't so much her struggles, though, as what she has chosen to make of her life.

She has earned four degrees and has taught and published. She walks 15 miles a week and works out two hours at a time at a Detroit playfield.

And, the story notes, "for the past nine years, she has conducted her own 'campaign,' which has provided items like clothes, shoes, blankets, sleeping bags, and ... tablet computers to Detroit youths in need."

The point is, everyone carries crosses – some larger, some smaller, some more frequently – but everyone has a choice of what to make of their circumstances.

"(Jesus) summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, 'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me,'" we hear in today's gospel from St. Mark. "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

Monday	September 13, 2021 Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (White)
7:00 a.m.	Ann Marie Rogier and Marcella Neutens
Tuesday	September 14, 2021 Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Red)
7:00 a.m.	Mary T. Hobig and a Special Intention for the Reeb and Gray Families
Wednesday	September 15, 2021 Our Lady of Sorrows (White)
7:00 a.m.	Dorothy Guigliardo and Lewis Toenjes
Thursday	September 16, 2021 Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (Red)
7:00 a.m.	Josephine Zogby and Mary Guigliardo
Friday	September 17, 2021 Weekday Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Green/White)
7:00 a.m.	Audrey Benedis and Allen Laturno
Saturday	September 18, 2021 Weekday, BVM (Green/White)
4:00 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Belloli, Edward & Henry Blind, the deceased members of the Walsh Family, Joseph S. Solomon Sr., Bonnie Batche, Sal Ventimiglia, Carl, Irene & Ron Pacini, Aldo Cardosi, George Van Becelaere, Anna Maria Dolunt, Antoinette Barone, Charles & Anna Signorello and Special Intentions for the Thomas Family and the J. Champine Family
6:00 p.m.	George and Lorraine McCabe
Sunday	September 19, 2021 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Green)
8:00 a.m.	For the intentions of Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Kevin Brys
12:00 p.m.	Marion Zapytowski, Mary Hindle, Anna Maria Dolunt, Sal Ciaravino, the deceased members of the Lucy Zelenak Family, Dale McAtamney, Dennis Cyr

Daily Readings

Monday, September 13	Friday, September 17
1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 7:1-10	1 Timothy 6:2c-12 Luke 8:1-3
Tuesday, September 14	Saturday, September 18
Numbers 21:4b-9 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17	1 Timothy 6:13-16 Luke 8:4-15
Wednesday, September 15	Sunday, September 19
1 Timothy 3:14-16 Luke 2:33-35	Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37
Thursday, September 16	
1 Timothy 4:12-16 Luke 7:36-50	



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.”

Tillie Astin (Aunt of Denise Dickerson)

“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.

Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



Back to School: With the school year now underway, I was reflecting on my own school career as I begin grade 41. Six weeks was all I used to get in

the British school system. That was our summer. If we were lucky the sun might have come out at some point during that time, but no guarantees. Six weeks of “get outside... and come home when the street lights come on!” It would all come crashing-down when mom said, “We’re going to Natasha’s tomorrow.” Natasha’s was the little local school uniform shop. My schools had strict uniform codes. I wore a school tie from 10 years old and up. But there always seemed to be the kids who somehow got away with the cooler, but not quite regulation items. That wasn’t going to fly with my mom. She adhered to the code down to the last comma and period. So I couldn’t stand the annual trip to Natasha’s as the measuring-tape came out of mom’s bag and a line of new, starch-stiffened boring gray shirts were pulled from the shelf. Those shirts were a reminder, taunting me about the up-coming school year. Natasha’s was the only show in town for all the local schools. But it only became a part of my back-to-school regiment for my third school. My first school was a very small, very much the old country schoolhouse. Lee Green school, with the stone walls and slate roof was too small to stay open and it closed after my second year in the same classroom. They turned it into two homes.



It was kind of a traumatic moment in the life of this 7 year old. My friends all went to Crowlees Primary school, but my parents decided Knowl First School would be better for me. It was another small school, maybe 75 students. It was actually only about 150 yards from our house, but thanks to crazy Yorkshire roads, it was about a mile walk without climbing over the neighbor’s fences. Knowl school was again a very traditional-looking schoolhouse building, but with a stone bell-tower in the center. Today the building remains, but it’s been turned into

the town’s community center.



Two years at Knowl and it was time for middle-school, which in Yorkshire always meant a change in schools again. So it was off to Castle Hall Middle School, a mile in the other direction. I would walk there every day, uphill both ways. There was “the long way,” via Cam Lane, which took me past the house where the actor Patrick Stewart, aka Captain Jean-Luc Picard of the Starship Enterprise, was born; “the middle way,” which was almost as long, but by-passed his house and took us down one of Yorkshire’s famous “snickets” - a public footpath between houses that formed a short-cut from street to street; or there was “the short way” (we were so creative with the names!). The short way took us from snicket to snicket almost directly from the subdivision to the sports field behind the school.

It was at Castle Hall that I scored on my first try playing rugby; that I hit a six (like a home-run) in cricket with my poor thumb. Glory days! I recall some disappointing science experiments in Chemistry, and perhaps one overly-dramatic one.... we won’t talk about that one!... And by my 4th year at Castle Hall, I encountered Mr. Ward’s Math Problems on the 3rd floor, with the glass wall, overlooking the front field. I don’t think I had ever been that high up in a building in my town until that year!... Mr. Ward’s Math Problems were our weekly adventure of math homework from the most feared teacher in the school. Mr. Ward was a fierce man in his early-60s who always brandished a 36-inch wooden ruler and a scowl. I think he had a soft heart, but didn’t like to show it. He never once called me by my name. I was always “Jerry,” as in the Tom and Jerry cartoons. When he learned that my younger sister would be coming to the school, she already became “Little Jerry.”

But after 4 years at Castle Hall, it was time for high-school, and off to Mirfield High School—another mile in the other direction, or just one snicket away! There I spent my first year in a “temporary” classroom in the parking lot, a 30 year old

cardboard hut built to cope with the school expanding to around 400 students.

In what would have been my Junior year, which we referred to as Sixth-Form, finally... I was freed of the annual Natasha’s uniform pilgrimage. Now I only had to find my own dress pants and shirt and tie of my own choosing. Freedom!! And by the end of high-school I said, “No more! Please, no more education.” I didn’t want to go to college. But that summer after senior year, I saw my classmates heading-off to colleges far and wide and wondered if I was missing-out. I decided to take a year out and work and then apply to colleges. And a year later I headed down to Plymouth in Devon, in the South West of England, which is a beautiful part of the country. My college was just 6 miles north of the English Channel and the departure point of the Pilgrim Fathers on the Mayflower. Six miles to the north was Dartmoor National Park, another beautiful distraction for a break from studies. Three years at college and I had definitely had my fill of education this time. But it was that degree, not by *my* design, that qualified me for visa I needed to take-up a full-time position at Camp Sancta Maria in Gaylord. It was there that my conversion to the Catholic Church happened and it was while working there that I discerned the call to the priesthood... And that meant seminary and more of the education system!! And so, 13 years after I left college, I was back into full-time study...

As our students return to classes and to whatever victories and opportunities the coming school year will present to them, God is writing the story of their young lives and weaving them in and out of each other’s stories and memories. Let’s hold all of our students and teachers in prayer over this coming year. There will, no doubt, be several Math Problems, maybe a home-run or two, hopefully no overly-dramatic Chemistry experiments, but without a doubt, it’s all a step into the unknown plans God has in store for their lives. Let’s pray that they are open to following His lead through all the unexpected twists and turns as they continue to learn, not just academically, but to learn to hear and to recognize the voice and the heart of God calling them.

You are in my prayers this week.
Fr. Andrew adawson@sjsscs.org



IS THERE
MORE TO LIFE
THAN THIS

Alpha

ALPHA COMING THIS FALL

REGISTRATION OPEN

Alpha is a FREE series exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Everyone is welcome!

- Beginning Sept. 23 - Dec. 2
- 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- Dinner Included!
- FREE

Contact our Faith Formation Director, Curtis Schuelke at c.schuelke@stargp.org or (313) 884-5554 to register.
OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH - GROSSE POINTE WOODS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – SEPTEMBER 19 B

Reading One – Wis 2:12, 17-20

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

Responsorial Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause. O God, hear my prayer; hearken to the words of my mouth.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

For the haughty have risen up against me, the ruthless seek my life; they set not God before their eyes.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life. Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O LORD, for its goodness.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

Reading Two – Jas 3:16—4:3

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Alleluia – 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia.

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel – Mk 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him.

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in the their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Sept. 12, 2021

Written by
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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a | Jas 2:14-18 | Mk 8:27-35

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

I think it can be easy to romanticize faith: the post-retreat high, the inspirational homily, even the motivational wall art that pops up on Pinterest. But *keeping* the faith can be hard sometimes. And living it out? Even harder. Today's readings both challenge and encourage us, as they so often do. The Letter of James pulls no punches: Faith without works is "dead." And in today's Gospel, right after Peter says, "You are the Christ," Jesus tempers that Good News, telling him that even the Son of Man must suffer greatly. We who follow Jesus must also be willing to take up our cross. This is a daily challenge to choose life over death; to choose the transformative power of Jesus over sin that creeps into our lives; to make the choice to put others' needs before our own. None of this is easy. But as the prophet Isaiah reminds us, we don't have to do it alone; indeed, the Lord God is our help. We can choose well.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I'm inspired when the young people in our parish assist with the Sunday liturgy and do service projects in the community. As a working parent (and back when I was a "stay-at-home" mom), I tell myself, maybe someday when things slow down, I'll do more. But honestly, I think the teens in the youth group – between work, school, and sports – are busier than I am. As we listen to today's readings, wherever we may be in life and faith, what stands out? Is it James' entreaty to pair faith with works? Or Jesus' words that "whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it"? Or the prophet Isaiah's rock-solid faith? Today's readings give us many ways to witness to our faith in Jesus – through prayer, service, generosity, perseverance, works, and words. We can ask the Holy Spirit to show us which of these gifts we can share with others this week.

ACTIONS Brainstorm new ways to witness to your faith.

It could be as simple as picking up extra food for the pantry in the back of church or changing up "Grace" at dinner to add prayers for others.

Cathy Knepper/Julia

*Spend an hour
with me.*

-Jesus

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Changing Our Mentality

By Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Jesus presents a different way of seeing, hearing, and judging. It takes some getting used to!

Peter, as a good friend, wants to protect Jesus from the cross he is announcing. Yet Jesus doesn't want protection from the will of the Father—rather he wants support. He invites Peter to change his mentality.

Jesus knew what was coming; he must suffer and be rejected. Suffering and rejection are not absolute evils. Our goal in life can't be to avoid suffering and to be accepted by everyone. If we pursue good and follow Jesus, we will also experience rejection. When Jesus tells us that following him means taking up our cross,

it shouldn't surprise us when a cross is planted in our path with a sign saying, "Pick me up."

In the first reading, the prophet says he opened his ear and didn't rebel. When the consequences of this faith were abuse and rejection, he didn't shield his body and face. He could do so because, like Jesus, he was rooted in love and not fear. He didn't fear their arguments, ideas, and insults. He didn't fear what they could do to his body, for they couldn't touch his soul, his heart, his freedom.

When we know we are loved, and are following what is right, we have a confidence and a strength that the world knows not.

It is a different way of seeing, hearing, and judging. It is of a higher order, a deeper source, and brings total peace. And it takes some getting used to! +

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 50:4c–9a

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who tore out my beard.

James 2:14–18

Demonstrate your faith to me
without works, and I will demonstrate
my faith to you from my works.

Mark 8:27–35

[Jesus said,] "You are thinking not as
God does, but as human beings do."

*Our goal in life can't be
to avoid suffering
and to be accepted
by everyone.*

A Word from Pope Francis

You may know all the commandments, all the prophecies, all the truths of the faith, but if this isn't put into practice, is not translated into works, it serves nothing....A faith without works, a faith that doesn't get you involved, isn't faith. It's words and nothing more than words.

—Homily, February 21, 2014



REFLECTION QUESTIONS QUESTION2 REFLECTION

- When amidst situations of opposition, do I find my peace in Jesus and the truth?
- What might steal my peace? Talk to Jesus about it and look for a solution in his gospel of the cross.

Stop. Pray. Stay!

By Fr. Bruce Lewandowski, CSsR

My older sister is a Felician sister in Livonia, MI. During a visit some weeks after she entered the convent, our family was given a tour of the motherhouse. Everywhere there were paintings and statues of Jesus, Mary, St. Francis, and Blessed Mary Angela, the Felician founder. All were very nice, but one image in particular got our attention. We stood still, silent. None of us had ever seen anything like it.

It was a statue of Jesus after the scourging at the pillar. He was almost life-size, crowned with thorns, covered with bloody wounds, and robed in purple. His appearance was so moving that we couldn't help but linger there. And as we did, the kind sister guiding our tour told us about a child from the Montessori, which is staffed by the sisters on the motherhouse grounds. Upon seeing the statue, the child blurted, "I hope the police know about this." The power of that image was undeniable.

It has been a long time since that day at the motherhouse. I've seen many pictures of Jesus, Mary, and the saints since then. But none made me want to stop and pray and stay there, lingering. Sadly, a lot of religious art is less than beautiful or inspiring. It doesn't evoke any reaction, except maybe boredom or nostalgia. The image of Divine Mercy is overused. T-shirts of the immaculate conception are sold by the thousands. Coffee mugs of the Sacred Heart clutter every rectory kitchen.



If you page through religious catalogs or go online, what you find is kitsch, the dull repetition of images and figures that no longer speak to our graphically astute, million-pixeled, ultracolored, high-definition reality. The visual world around us has grown by leaps and bounds, each day more and more striking, with evocative, heart-stopping, breathtaking images, while religious, devotional art has stayed mired in the past, gradually slipping into irrelevance. Whatever happened to good Catholic art? How did the Church that gave birth to the ceiling paintings of the Sistine Chapel come to settle for "good ol' plastic Jesus?"

Maybe there's a connection between the abandonment of popular devotion

and the demise of good Catholic art. During the 1960s and '70s—the time when much religious art was removed from churches and stored in warehouses, sold, or destroyed—many Catholics were also told that there was no room for their beloved popular devotions in our modern times.

Iconoclasm, the rejection and removal of religious art, for many meant the simultaneous loss of cherished prayers, novenas, and devotions. Only recently, with the resurgence of interest in devotions like the rosary and the chaplet of Divine Mercy, have we seen a return to Catholic art. As popular devotions find new life in the Church today, isn't it time to give new life to Catholic art, too? But not by resurrecting and reproducing old art from a time that will never return. We need new Catholic art that will make us stop and pray and stay today. +

*Is Catholic art
a thing of the past?*

PRAYER

*Lord, I am grateful for the gift
of faith. Help me to practice
what I believe in my heart.*

—From *Grateful Meditations for Every Day
in Ordinary Time*, Rev. Warren J. Savage
and Mary Ann McSweeney

WEEKDAY READINGS

September 13–18

Monday, St. John Chrysostom:
1 Tm 2:1–8 / Lk 7:1–10


Tuesday, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross:
Nm 21:4b–9 / Phil 2:6–11 / Jn 3:13–17

Wednesday, Our Lady of Sorrows:
1 Tm 3:14–16 / Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35

Thursday, Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian:
1 Tm 4:12–16 / Lk 7:36–50

Friday, Weekday:
1 Tm 6:2c–12 / Lk 8:1–3

Saturday, Weekday:
1 Tm 6:13–16 / Lk 8:4–15

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