

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said,
"If you wish, you can make me clean."

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ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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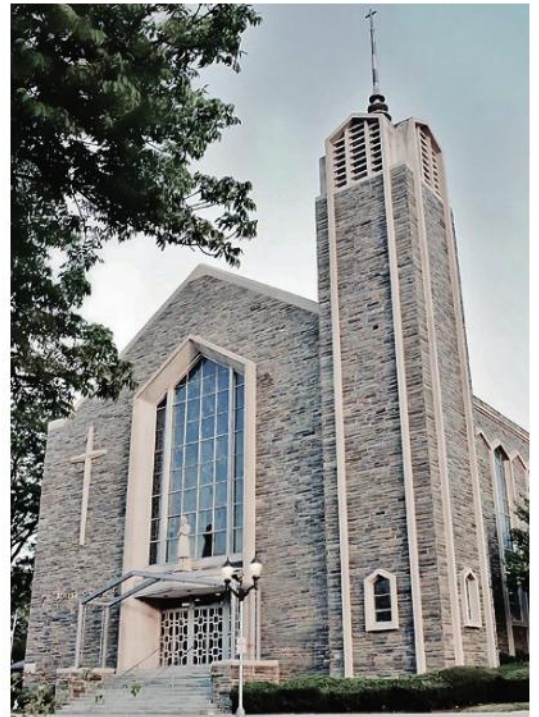
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Eucharistic Community of St. Joan of Arc Parish, by the grace of God and through our participation in His Word, the Church's sacraments, and prayer, seek our eternal salvation.

We live out the doctrines and traditions of our Faith in communion with the holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, established by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

With courage, we follow the example of our patron saint and invoke her intercession as we strive to know God, love God, and serve God which moves us to actively promote and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the midst of our every day life.



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

7:30 am

9:30 am (*livestreamed*)

11:30 am

5:00 pm

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday

6:45 am & 9:00 am (*livestreamed*)

Saturday

9:00 am (*livestreamed*)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday

5:00-5:30 pm

Saturday

4:00-4:45 pm



FROM THE PASTOR

It is hard to believe that Ash Wednesday is this week and the Season of Lent is beginning. It seems as though we just got done with the Christmas Season. Mark your calendars for some of our activities throughout Lent:

- ◆ On Ash Wednesday, we will take up our annual collection for our Sister-Parish in Haiti. Special thanks to our Haiti Committee which does such a great job.
- ◆ Reminder that on Ash Wednesday, we have Masses at 6:45, 9:00AM, 7:00PM in the church and 10:00AM at the School. We will also have an Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Prayer Service at Noon in the Church. Ashes will be distributed at all of these.
- ◆ Soup and Stations begins this Friday, February 16 at 6 PM and will also take place on March 1 and 15. Deacon Kappes, Father Key and I will give presentations at our Soup and Stations this year.
- ◆ Stations of the Cross are held every Friday night at 7 PM.
- ◆ Fish Fry Fridays are February 23, March 8 and 22. Come out and support our Knights of Columbus.
- ◆ Beginning February 14, visit our website (www.stjoanhershey.org) to fill out our Parish Survey. This will be available for one month. If you need to do a paper survey, they are also available. I strongly encourage you to take part in the survey! We will use it to make goals for our parish to be implemented in the Fall.



Have a good and Holy Lent!

Father Al

SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of *Joanne Bowman and Joseph Venezia* who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy to their family and friends on their loss.
Parishioner Milestones - Eternal Life

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish in your prayers: **Ken Schaffer, Jennifer Trostle, Bernie Ryan, Sheila Curley, Ann Cavanaugh, Julie Fogarty, Barb McCarthy, Elizabeth Sauthoff, Joe Zugay, Kathleen Weiss, Christine Brunn, Christopher Jordan, Fred Bender, Barbara Kayser and Mary Beth Sheehan.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Blessed Mother

In Thanksgiving from Lisa Balanda

Saint Joseph

In Loving Memory of Joseph Clark from Brandon Henken

Respect Life Rose

In Loving Memory of John E. Austin From Pam & Family



**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
ASH WEDNESDAY MASS AT
6:45 AM, 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM**

All are invited to join us for **Soup & Stations** on **Friday, February 16, March 1 and 15.** We will gather in the parish Social Hall at 6:00 pm to enjoy a light fare of soup and bread. Deacon Tom Kappes will offer a short presentation on "Uniting our Sacrifices to the Sacrifice of the Mass." Stations of the Cross follow at 7:00 pm in the church.



*Last Year's Palms can be returned to the baskets at the back of the church.
Thank you!*

**PRAY THE ROSARY
EVERY SUNDAY FOLLOWING
9:30 AM MASS**



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12:

Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13

6:45 AM Frank Cerminara

9:00 AM Harry F. Devine

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13:

Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

6:45 AM Santeusanio Family

9:00 AM Carol Williams

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14:

ASH WEDNESDAY

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

6:45 AM Special Intentions for our Sister Parish,
Our Lady of Lourdes, in Haiti

9:00 AM Jerome Ruzbacki

7:00 PM Grace Shumar

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

6:45 AM Gretchen McMillan

9:00 AM Jim Gray

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16:

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

6:45 AM Diva Passalacqua

9:00 AM Eber Shumar

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17:

MEMORIAL OF THE SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE ORDER OF SERVITES, RELIGIOUS

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

9:00 AM Rosanna Mancini

5:00 PM Rita Ruggiero

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18:

Repent and believe in the gospel

— FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT —

Mindful of his covenant, the Lord promises never to destroy creation again by floodwaters. The waters of baptism bring salvation and forgiveness through the death of Christ. After fasting forty days and being put to the test, Jesus begins his public ministry.

Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22, Mt 4:4b; Mk 1:12-15

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the
Bergloff and Saragosa Families

11:30 AM Leona Berzinski

5:00 PM Bobby Ruddle

YOUTH NEWS

Life Teen: Leading Teens Closer to Christ

This Week: “Bingo and Chipotle”—It’s finally here! Join us for a little bit of fun and continue a Life Teen tradition with some bingo and Chipotle as we watch the Super Bowl. We’ll meet in the Youth Room from 6:15-8:30 pm. Feel free to invite your friends.

Next Week: No Life Teen—Presidents Day Holiday Weekend

2024 Upcoming LIFE TEEN Schedule

Feb 14 Ash Wednesday—Lent begins!

Feb 18 No Life Teen—Presidents Day Weekend

Feb 25 “Seeing the Word”—Lenten series on the life of Jesus

March 3 “Seeing the Kingdom”—Continue Lenten series with a look at Jesus’ public ministry

Donations Always Appreciated:

Donations of *single-serve: water, juice, soda, and snacks* for our youth ministry gatherings are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you!

EDGE (Middle School): Invite your friends for a fun night. We will meet next on February 21 & March 20. All 6-8th graders are welcome to join us on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month in the Youth Room from 7-8:15 pm.

Life Teen Band: If you enjoy the type of music at the 5pm Sunday mass and can sing, Life Teen music ministry is seeking a female vocalist. The band rehearses one night a week and you must at least be a freshman in high school.

Interested or questions, contact Greg Rozman at (717) 571-8066 or email rozman@roz-man.com.

YOUNG ADULT FAITH

Calling **Young Adults** between the ages of 21-39, married or single! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:15 pm in the Youth Room. Young Adults will gather next on **February 28** as we begin our series on the Psalms.

📞 John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org

☎ (717) 533-7168 Ext.128

VOCATIONS CORNER



The Vocation Cross will be in the home of:
The Matas Family: Feb. 18-Feb. 25
Jeanne McLamb: Feb. 25-Mar. 3
Consider being a part of the Vocation Cross Rotation, call the Parish office for details.

February 11-World Marriage Day

“Do everything for the glory of God.”

Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven.

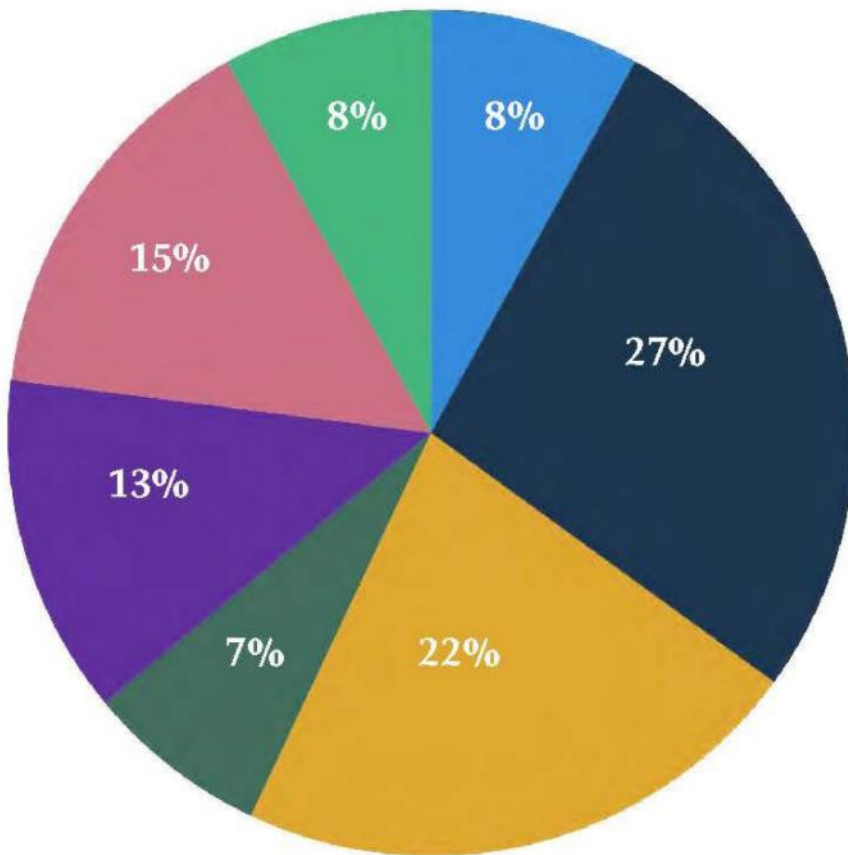
2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign

The Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC) provides the vast majority of the financial resources needed to operate Diocesan ministries and programs, which in turn provide support for many parish level programs.

The DAC partners with our parishes and the faithful,

working together to strengthen the ministries and outreach, and further the mission of Jesus Christ in our Diocese.

In 2023, our goal was to raise \$7,339,816 to support these ministries. Below is a breakdown of how DAC gifts were distributed to these programs.



- Evangelization (27%)** includes support for our Multicultural, Campus, Youth and Young Adult, and Family and Respect Life Ministries; Parish ministry support and Communications.
- Parish support (22%)** includes preservation of Parish records, **Youth Protection**, continuing formation for clergy and religious, Liturgical materials and Canonical assistance through the Tribunal.
- Vocations (7%)** support our seminarians and those in formation as Permanent Deacons.
- Support for the **Bishop's Office (13%)**, the Priests Retirement Center and supplemental medical for our clergy.
- Educational programming (15%)** supports the work of our Parish based Catholic schools and Catholic high schools, our Parish Religious Education programs, catechist formation, the Principal's Academy, and Catholic Scouting.
- Administrative operations (8%)** include the Office of the Vicar General and our Development office, which covers the Campaign cost.
- The DAC funding provides a portion of the financial resources needed for **Catholic Charities (8%)** to operate their more than 20 programs.

Catholic Education



Throughout the 2022-2023 academic year, the Office of Catholic Education continued to support our 34 Catholic schools and all parish religious education programs with resources, training and guidance.

Major accomplishments for our Office of Catholic Education in the past year include:

- Partnering with over 20 National speakers from the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), Renaissance, Hallow, and University of Notre Dame to host the return of our annual Diocesan Education Conference for all our teachers and school leaders.
- Partnering with NCEA to host an NCEA Regional Event at the Diocese of Harrisburg for the Mid-Atlantic Catholic dioceses.
- Students from grades K through 12 completed more than 60,000 service hours in their communities.
- 625 graduating seniors in 2023 earned approximately \$43 million in scholarship monies.
- Through the hard work of our schools, Hispanic student enrollment has increased to 10% of our total student enrollment.
- Thanks to our partnership with Redefined Advisors, individual schools have greatly increased their EITC-program financial aid funding over the past 18 months.
- In partnership with the Safe Environment Office, we offer VIRTUS safe environment training programs to teachers in our Catholic schools and parish Religious Education programs.
- Completed our Strategic Vision “working groups” in 2023 in order to strengthen and sustain Catholic education in our Diocese in particularly challenging areas: Discipleship, Operational Vitality, Compensation, Governance & Leadership, and Strategic Planning.
- DAC funding has helped our communication with schools and parishes and our office to be more efficient and effective in that communication.
- Pursued new workshops for professional development in Catholic Classical Education for interested groups and MTSS (Multi-Tiered Student Support), and have planned a conference for all catechists in our programs in early February of 2024.
- High School working groups (Directors of Studies, Deans of Students, Department Chairs) are meeting for collaboration and discussion regarding academic needs, curriculum, and safety. Elementary schools continue to meet and revise curriculum annually.
- Bishop Senior hosted a meeting in October of this year with all high school boards to onboard them and to listen to the challenges and blessings of governance in our schools.



MINISTRY NEWS



Council of Catholic Women Souper Bowl Soup Sale:

This weekend the CCW is selling soup for Catholic Charities after Saturday and Sunday morning Masses. Stop by the Parish Social Hall early for the best selection.



Catholic War Veterans will meet in the Parish Library on **Tuesday, February 13** at 5:30 pm. All Veterans are welcome to attend and learn more about our organization. **Any questions, contact Robert DeSousa at cptjag@yahoo.com or Linda Lehman at kb3rcy@gmail.com.**



Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus are hosting the Parish Lenten Fish Frys on: **Friday, February 23, March 8 & 22** from 4:30–7:30 pm in the Parish Social Hall.

Dine in or Take out Menu Items:

Choice of : Baked Fish or Fried Fish, Choice of one: Fresh cut French Fries, Macaroni & Cheese or Pierogies
Choice of: Applesauce or Coleslaw. Prices TBD.



Pick up your orders on **February 11** after all morning masses until 1:00 pm in the parish social hall.
See a Knight with any questions.

Grief Companion Support Group Coffee

Peace, joy and new years' blessings! Join us for fellowship, coffee and pastries on **Saturday, February 24** in the Parish Office from 10-noon. All are welcome. No RSVP needed, but please call in the event of inclement weather. **For more information, call or text Christine Stickler at (717) 514-2560.**

Areba Club

The Areba Club will meet on **Tuesday, February 20** at 1:00 pm in the Parish Social Hall for Game Day. Light refreshments will be served. **For more information, contact Yvonne Martin (717) 805-1068.**

We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin:

**Iron Valley Real Estate of
Central PA**



STEWARDSHIP

We Are A Tithing Parish Following God's Plan For Giving

Weekly Tithing: \$28,719
Weekly Budget: \$28,846
Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$2,018
Week of January 28, 2024

*For Online Giving,
Scan QR code:*



*Upcoming Second Collection:
February 11, 2024:
Black and Indian/Poor Missions*



Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service & Luncheon

Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service at 12:00 pm in the Church. John Triscik, Youth Minister, will be preaching. Luncheon immediately following in the parish social hall. Goodwill offering graciously accepted.
All are welcome!

Road to Kindness

To bring some joy into our life, February provides many special holidays to CELEBRATE LIFE –

- February starts the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday on February 14
- February 14 is Valentines Day
- February 14 starts Random Acts of Kindness Week (February 14 – 20), according to the National Today Calendar with Random Acts of Kindness Day on February 17

Please take some time to think about and prepare for the upcoming Lenten season and these special days. Let's make this month one of sharing our Kindness and caring with those in need and we will also see the benefits that come into our life!

This week, take a moment to think and even meditate on your blessing and be GRATEFUL for all you have and think about how you can share your KINDNESS and BLESSINGS with others!

Let's continue our mission of making a difference in our parish and community by following God's Way – "The Road to Kindness!" Bring Kindness to every encounter; your life and the lives you touch will flourish with goodness!

SEEKING JESUS IN SACRED SCRIPTURE

ASH WEDNESDAY WEEK

Feb 14 Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Feb 15 1 Peter 5:1-4
Feb 16 Is 58:1-9a
Feb 17 Ps 86:1-6

FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Feb 18 Mk 1:12-15
Feb 19 Mt 25:31-46
Feb 20 Is 55:10-11
Feb 21 Ps 51
Feb 22 Mt 7:7-12
Feb 23 Mt 5:20-26
Feb 24 Mt 5:43-48

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Feb 25 Mk 9:2-10
Feb 26 Lk 6:36-38
Feb 27 Is 1:10, 16-20
Feb 28 Mt 20:17-28
Feb 29 Jer 17:5-10
Mar 1 Gen 37:3-28
Mar 2 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

Mar 3 John 4:5-42
Mar 4 Lk 4:24-30
Mar 5 Lk 1:26-38
Mar 6 Mt 5:17-19
Mar 7 Jer 7:23-28
Mar 8 Mk 12:28-34
Mar 9 Lk 5:1-11

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Mar 10 Jn 9:1-41
Mar 11 Jn 4:43-54
Mar 12 Ez 47:1-9, 12
Mar 13 Is 49:8-15
Mar 14 Jn 5:31-47
Mar 15 Ps 34:17-21,23
Mar 16 Jer 11:18-20

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Mar 17 Jn 11:1-45
Mar 18 Jn 8:1-11
Mar 19 Jn 8:21-30
Mar 20 Jn 8:31-42
Mar 21 Gn 17:3-9
Mar 22 Ps 18:2-7
Mar 23 Ez 37:21-28

HOLY WEEK

Mar 24 Mk 14:1-15:47
Mar 25 Is 42:1-7
Mar 26 Jn 13:21-33,36-38
Mar 27 Mt 26:14-25
Mar 28 Jn 13:1-15
Mar 29 Is 52:13-53:12
Mar 30 Mk 16:1-7

Lent

"You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the Crucified." - Mark 16:6

This holy time urges us to seek
Jesus through prayer, penance, and
works of charity.

2024



Lent precedes and prepares for Easter. It is a time to hear the Word of God, to turn away from sin, to prepare for and remember Baptism, to be reconciled with God and one's neighbor, and to make more frequent recourse to the "weapons of Christian penance": prayer, fasting and good works (cf. Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18).

The Sacred Liturgy express a mystical aspect of Lent through its great themes or values, such a relationship between "the sacrament of forty days" and "the sacraments of Christian Initiation", and the mystery of the "Exodus" which is always present in the Lenten journey. Popular piety concentrates in a special way on the mysteries of Christ's humanity, and during Lent the faithful pay close attention to the Passion and Death of Our Lord.

In the Roman Rite, the start of the forty days of penance is marked with the austere symbol of ashes which are used in the Sacred Liturgy of Ash Wednesday. The use of ashes is a survival from an ancient rite

"THE NEED TO TURN THE MIND TOWARD THOSE REALITIES WHICH REALLY COUNT"

according to which converted sinners submitted themselves to canonical penance. The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ashes to symbolize that attitude of internal penance to which all the Baptized are called during Lent. The faithful who come to receive ashes should be assisted in perceiving the implicit internal significance of this act, which disposes them towards conversion and renewed Easter commitment.

Notwithstanding the secularization of contemporary society, the Christian faithful, during Lent, are clearly conscious of the need to turn the mind towards those realities which really count, which require Gospel commitment and integrity of life which, through self-denial of those things which are superfluous, are translated into good works and solidarity with the poor and needy.

Those of the faithful who infrequently attend the sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist should be aware

of the long ecclesial tradition associating the precept of confessing grave sins and receive Holy Communion at least once during the Lenten season, or preferably during Eastertide.

There can be an effective and fruitful interaction between Sacred Liturgy and popular piety during the forty days of Lent.

An example of such interaction is to be seen in fact that popular piety often encourages particular observances on certain days, or special devotional exercises, or apostolic or charitable works which are foreseen and recommended by the Lenten Liturgy. The practice of fasting, characteristic of the Lenten season since antiquity, is an "exercise" which frees the faithful from earthly concerns so as to discover the life that comes from above: "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (cf. Dt 8,3; Mt 4, 4; Lk 4,4; antiphon for the first Sunday of Lent).

Adapted from *The Directory of Popular Piety and the Liturgy*, 124-126.)



Seeking Jesus with the Church

The following are the guidelines for the observance of Lent:

Seeking the Forgiveness of Jesus

During Lent, we approach the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation as the way of returning to the Father who restores for us the dignity of our Baptism and the full privilege of being adopted as His children. An integral confession calls us to spend time examining our conscience, not only remembering those material sins which we have committed, but also allowing God's Spirit to probe the depths of our hearts to uncover our unrecognized wounds and unclaimed motives. Discerning why we commit the sins in our life helps us to be open more

fully to the redeeming work of Christ through this Sacrament. The most important component of Confession is contrition, sorrow for our sins, which comes only when we make a good and honest self-examination before we enter the confessional.

PRAYER

Have I prayed as I ought? Has God been at the center of my life? How I have ignored God and His divine inspiration? Have I listened attentively to God's voice in the Sacred Liturgy? Have I been faithful to my obligation for Sunday Mass and Holy Days? Do I prepare myself and those entrusted to my care for Mass? Am I lazy or complacent in prayer? Do I pray for my loved ones and my enemies? Is my prayer self-centered? Have I explored the rich spirituality of the Catholic Tradition and its many ways of devotion? Do I spend time in prayer before the Most Blessed Sacrament?

PENANCE

Have I made Fridays throughout the year a day of penance? If I eat meat, do I do another act of penance? Do I fast throughout the year? Do I willingly abstain from those unnecessary things which clutter my life? Does noise make me deaf to others and to God? Am I aware of the ways in which my sins make me

unworthy of my wonderful vocation as a Christian? Am I humbled by the love and goodness of God in my life? Do I see my faith as a gift and not a burden? Do I receive Holy Communion worthily? Do I have a sense of entitlement or superiority? Do I exercise my body and mind? Do I live a healthy lifestyle?

CHARITY

Do I give of myself freely and generously to others? Do I forgive those who have harmed me? Do I give others the benefit of the doubt? Do I judge the motives of others? Am I faithful to my obligations to my family, to my parish, to those in need? Do I give from my surplus or my want? Do I trust that God will reward a cheerful giver? Am I sensitive to the sufferings of others? Do I allow myself to acknowledge the many persons I encounter each day? Do I hold opinions which bring harm to others? Do I make decisions which are contrary to Catholic moral teaching? Do I desire the admiration and praise of others? Do I love myself enough to study and grow in my faith? Have I been a good steward of creation and the created goods entrusted to me?

PRAYING. Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Sacred Scripture. Spiritual reading, such as the lives of the saints, and devotions like the Stations of the Cross and the Holy Rosary are helpful to spiritual growth. Lent is also an ideal time to receive properly the Sacrament of Penance in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

FASTING. Catholics aged 14 and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics aged 18-59 are required to fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day not equal to the full meal.

ALMSGIVING. Moved by the sacrifice of Christ and the suffering of humanity, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money they saved by eating, drinking or buying less as they rely more upon God's abundant grace. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy provide ample inspiration for other ways to sacrifice time and resources for those most in need of help.



Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner. Grant me the grace to be renewed during this observance of Holy Lent. Armed with prayer, penance, and almsgiving, may I lay aside those things which hinder my search for You!





In 1937 the first Council of Catholic Women (CCW) was formed at St. Joan of Arc Church. The first president was Marie Martin. Since the first president there have been 37 presidents. These ladies along with the CCW membership have built a solid foundation for our ministry.

Why be active in the CCW?

- We promote an enriching prayer and spiritual life.
- We are the voice of Catholic women.
- We have a united voice in legislative advocacy.
- We form a real sisterhood of Catholic women.

The Council of Catholic Women is an active vital ministry in our parish. The ministry has open positions for President, Vice President, and Secretary. We also have open commission positions. All ladies of the parish are considered part of this ministry just by being a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc. Please consider taking on one of these roles. Our older senior ladies are no longer able to do the work they once did. We need our younger ladies to step up and take on the roles of this ministry. Being a board member or on a commission you directly get to support the priests, parish and SJA school. You will also make friends with many of the ladies, grow in your own faith, have fun while volunteering and have the opportunity to meet ladies from other parishes. The funds CCW raise go back to fund many things in our parish, diocese and other organizations.

Here is a list of parish projects and organizations we have helped over the years:

- New lights outside the church
- Re-gilded the tabernacle
- Parish Hall kitchen
- New sound system for the school on Areba
- New linens and such for the rectory
- Re-did the statue in the Grotto
- Money towards the brick sign by church (Eagle project CCW gave funds)
- St Joan of Arc School-recently contributed to the completion of the 3rd floor
- \$3,000.00 annual donations for school scholarships
- CCW pays annually for gifts for the 8th grade graduates
- Holiday gifts for custodial staff and religious
- Checks for departing priests
- St. Lucy's Chapel remodel
- Baskets for Parish Festival
- Food Bank Donation
- Box of Joy
- SOS - Support Our Seminarians
- Morningstar
- Madonna Plan
- Water for Life
- Diocesan Annual Plan
- Sponsorship of 2 children at Dr. Mortel's school in Haiti
- Appalachian Kentucky Mission
- SOS Project/Corpus Christi Church
- Human Trafficking Response Team Hispanic Apostolate
- Cross Catholic Outreach for 2 students
- Donation toward Girl Scout Project
- We give annually to District and National CCW
- Pay toward retreat registration for parish members
- Raffle basket for Catholic Charities
- Donation to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church for Caregivers' Day of Prayer
- Mass for deceased CCW members

Please contact our search committee listed below to join the board or be on a commission for the Council of Catholic Women:

- Pam Meinert
pammeinert@gmail.com
- Catharine Scott
cmscott0987@gmail.com
- Kathy Pantalone
kapantalone@hotmail.com
- Mauree Gingrich
magingrich@verizon.net





Easter Flower Sale

To Benefit *St Joan of Arc*

Girl Scout Troops #10049 & #11111

All plants \$11.00 ea

6" Hyacinth (3 Bulbs)

Assorted colors

6" Tulip (6 Bulbs)

Assorted colors

6" Easter Lily (4+ Blooms)

White

6" Daffodil

Yellow

Orders and payment due by **Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

Place orders in decorated box in the parish office

or drop in collection basket.

(Make checks out to "Troop10049")

Pick up at SJA Social Hall on **Saturday March 23, 2024** from 9am-11:00am

Thank you for supporting Girl Scouts!

Any questions, please contact Betty Roksandic at
717-648-8631 or b.roksandic@yahoo.com



Name: _____ Phone _____

		Qty
6" Hyacinth (3 Bulbs)	Assorted Colors	_____
6" Tulip (6 Bulbs)	Assorted Colors	_____
6" Easter Lily (5-6 Blooms)	White	_____ W
6" Daffodil	Yellow	_____ Y

\$11.00 ea x Total _____ plants = \$ _____



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