Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. In 12:24
Dear Parishioners,

In the 5th century A.D., the theologian, Prosper of Aquitaine, who himself was a student of St. Augustine of Hippo, coined the liturgical maxim, Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi. Simply translated, it is rendered, the law of praying is the law of believing. “Law,” in this context, is not in reference to the legal or juridical concepts that we typically associate with this word. Here, “law” connotes a public pattern or consistent form of behavior. Essentially, Prosper was attempting to succinctly explain a fundamental reality that is common to most cultures and peoples, that is, the way in which a people prays (Lex Orandi), is expressive of what they believe (Lex Credendi). In other words, worship reveals our beliefs. If one wishes to discover what people believe, all one needs to do is observe how they worship in public.

Worship, however, not only expresses what a community believes, it also transmits those beliefs to its new members. In so far as it hands on these beliefs, it also reinforces those beliefs to the longstanding community members. One simple example of this principle is how we teach children our belief in the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. We typically do not explain the philosophical concept of transubstantiation to second graders, but rather, we teach them how to genuflect when they are in the presence of the Sacrament. It is the genuflection (or bow), a gesture of worship, that communicates the doctrine that Christ is present, Body, Blood Soul and Divinity, in the consecrated bread and wine. If we were to eliminate this, or some other expression of profound reverence, we would most likely weaken or destroy our belief in the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus.

I offer this explanation because it pertinent to us today as it was to the people of the 5th century when it was first articulated. I would like to apply this to our liturgical gathering on Sunday, the Lord’s Day. I became concerned when I noticed that each week, there were more and more people arriving late for Mass. Not only did the number of late comers increase, but their lateness also increased. There were many Sundays when I observed people coming in as late as the second reading or even the Gospel. Such late arrivals are disruptive to those members of the assembly who made an effort to arrive on time and who were intently engaged in listening to the Scripture readings. At the same time, those who came late deprived themselves of hearing the Scriptures. My ultimate concern, however, flowed from the Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi principle. I feared that the consistent disregard for being present on time for the proclamation of the Scriptures (Lex Orandi), would have a negative impact on our belief that when the Scriptures are read in the Liturgy, it is God speaking to his people (Lex Credendi). This belief that God is present in his Word is a conviction that the Second Vatican Council emphasized because it had been neglected for so long. For centuries, people heard the Scripture readings in Latin with little knowledge of what was being said or how vital this was for living the Christian life. Now that the Bible is made so readily and fully available to us in the vernacular, Catholics have re-discovered the inestimable value of God’s Word.

To safeguard this belief in the dignity of God’s Word, I instituted the practice of having the ushers not admit people into the main worship space of the church while the Scriptures are being proclaimed. The ushers have been asked to politely invite people to remain in the lobby of the church until the reading or responsorial psalm (which is also God’s Word) has been completed. This is not intended to shame or embarrass those who come late, because any one of us can be late from time to time. But I was convinced that this tardiness was now excessive and dangerously out of control.

So I ask all of you to make every effort to be as punctual as possible for Sunday Mass. If on occasion some are late, please cooperate with and respect the ushers when they ask you to remain in the lobby for a few minutes until the reading is finished. St. Joan of Arc is not the only parish to institute this practice, which has been a standard practice in the world of athletics, theater and concerts. People who arrive late are generally not admitted to these events until the time of intermission. If we can have this kind of respect for secular events, how much more should we have for events that foster our faith in God.

Blessings,

Mr. Halpin, O.S.B.

March 18, 2018
We celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday in 1A (First Grade) with special guests coming in to read their favorite Dr. Seuss books to us. We also worked in small groups to find rhyming words and nonsense words. We then used the rhyming and nonsense words to write our own Dr. Seuss stories and even illustrated our stories with our own original Dr. Seuss characters. We also enjoyed reading the different Dr. Seuss books to each other.

-Mrs. Clark

The Box Tops for Education program is still going strong and generates the most funds for our school of any product label program. Each clipped box top is worth 10 cents for our school. They can be found on a wide range of products including General Mills cereal, Land-O-Lakes butter, Progresso soup and Lysol cleaning products.

SJA School also collects Tyson Project A+ labels and Coke case and cap codes. All “label” collections can be deposited into the collection container in the Link or dropped off at the school office. Thank you for supporting our school! Any pop tabs received will be brought to Great Clips in support of the Ronald McDonald House Charities.
2018 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Sacrament of Penance Each Saturday: 10:30-11:15 AM and 3:00-3:45 PM
Parish Lenten Penance Service — Tuesday, March 20 — 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Special Lenten and Holy Week Schedule 2018

Saturday, March 24 — 4:00 PM Mass (Palm Sunday Vigil)
Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 25 — Masses: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM and 6:00 PM

Additional Confession Times
Monday, March 26 — 9:00 to 10:00 AM and 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Tuesday, March 27 — 9:00 to 10:00 AM and 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Wednesday, March 28 — 9:00 to 10:00 AM and 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Thursday, March 29 — 9:00 to 10:00 AM
Friday, March 30 — 9:00 to 10:00 AM
Saturday, March 31 — 10:30 to 11:15 AM (No 3pm Confessions)

Holy Thursday, March 29 —
  Morning Prayer — 8:15 AM
  Mass of the Lord’s Supper — 7:00 PM
  Adoration Vigil Until 11:45 PM — Night Prayer

Good Friday, March 30 —
  Morning Prayer — 8:15 AM
  Stations of the Cross — 3:00 PM
  Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord — 7:00 PM Liturgy

Holy Saturday, March 31 —
  Morning Prayer — 8:15 AM
  Blessing of Easter Baskets — 12:00 PM
  Solemn Easter Vigil and Mass — 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday, April 1 —
  Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM (No 6:00 PM Mass)

Upcoming Events

We invite all interested parishioners to consider serving on the Parish Pastoral Council. The Council serves as an important resource to the decision-making and strategy setting process for the future of the parish.

As in the past, a discernment process is used to select new members. The discernment process uses prayer and dialogue; it is not an election. New members are needed for the council starting in May 2018. Meetings are held once a month and terms are generally for 3 years.

If you are interested in discernment for the Parish Pastoral Council or would like information about the discernment process, please contact Shirley Glaser at 630-971-2017 or heavenforme@comcast.net.

The final date to receive information from interested candidates is March 26, 2018.

Holy Thursday Food Collection

In the Gospel reading for the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, we hear Christ’s words: ‘For I have set you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.’ (John 13:15)

As we enter into the Paschal mystery of the Lord’s death and resurrection, we are reminded to fulfill this command of service to each other, particularly to those less fortunate.

During our liturgy on Holy Thursday, we will have a collection of food for those less fortunate. You are invited to bring donations of non-perishable food items. Baskets will be available at various spots in the Link to deposit these food items. Some of these baskets will be brought forth in procession during the Preparation of the Gifts. All food collected will be donated to local food pantries.
Lenten Soup Suppers
A St. Joan of Arc Tradition

Come join us for the last Soup Supper of the season, this Friday, March 23rd at 6pm in Parish Center room 22. For more information, please contact Vicente Fernandez at 630-353-4549 or vfernandez@sjalisle.org.

Upcoming Events

TOTUS TUUS
Summer Program

SAVE THE DATE!
July 15 – 20, 2018

Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic Catholic youth program taught by seminarians and college students throughout the Diocese of Joliet. We have so much fun singing songs, playing games, and doing skits that help us open our eyes to the miracle of Mass and better understand the gift of the Sacraments, and the richness of our faith. Your student is sure to have a great time and a lot of fun while learning more about their faith!

Entering Grades 1-6
Entering Grades 7-12
Monday – Friday  Sunday - Thursday
8:00 AM to 1:30 PM  7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Watch for registration materials to come. For more information please contact Dolly Pointner, Director of Religious Formation, 630.353.4550 or email Megan Ross at mross@sjalisle.org.

Palm Braiding

A class on braiding palms will take place this Thursday, March 22nd from 7:00 -8:30 pm in Parish Center Room 24.

THE SJA DRAMA CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS...

THE LIVING STATIONS of the Cross

The St. Joan of Arc Class of 2018 will prayerfully present the Biblical Stations of the Cross by Saint John Paul II. Our 7th Grade Choir will accompany the Stations. Presentations will take place on Tuesday, March 20th at 10 AM and 12:30 PM in the School Gym.

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to attend this beautiful Lenten tradition.

The next SJA book club meeting will held from 1:30-3:00 pm in the Parish Center on Tuesday, March 20th. We will discuss The Lamb’s Supper by Dr. Scott Hahn. For more details, contact Michael Lewandowski at 630-353-4531 or mlewandowski@sjalisle.org.

THE SJA DRAMA CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS...

Seussical Jr.

Friday, April 27 & Saturday, April 28
7:00 pm SJA Gym

Join us as Dr. Seuss’ best-loved characters collide and cavort in an unforgettable musical caper for the whole family!

Reserved Seating:
$11.34

General Admission Seating:
$10 Adults
$6 Students and Seniors

Tickets are only available online at sjaseussicaljr.brownpapertickets.com.
(The website will close on Wednesday, April 25)

March 18, 2018
Music Next Weekend
March 24 and 25, 2018
Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

4:00pm Mass – Organist and Cantor
7:30am Mass – Organist and Cantor
9:30am Mass – Parish Choir
   (with additional instrumentalists)
11:30am Mass – Organist and Cantor
6:00pm Mass – Teen Music Ministry
   (with additional instrumentalists)

Music Ministry Opportunity

Do you like to sing, but cannot make a commitment to regular rehearsals for our Parish Choir? If so, consider becoming part of our ‘new’ Music Ministry opportunity at the 6:00pm Mass.

We invite all interested singers to join in singing at the 6:00pm Mass, on a regular basis. We will meet in the church at 5:00pm each week, rehearse the music for that evening, and then lead the music at the 6:00pm Mass. There are no additional weekly rehearsals to be a part of this group.

All individuals from 6th grade on up are invited to join us. This is a GREAT way to participate in the liturgy, without an extensive time commitment.

We will begin this on the Sunday after Easter, April 8. If you are interested or planning to participate, please contact Jim Susic at jsusic@sjalisle.org or at 630-353-4529, so that we may plan accordingly.

As we enter into the Easter Triduum with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, we celebrate with traditions. We recognize the importance of these days as central to our Catholic faith. We recall the sacrifice of Christ for all of us as we celebrate the Paschal Mystery – His suffering, dying, and rising.

During the liturgies for both Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil, we sing the Gloria, the Church’s ancient hymn of praise. Tradition calls for ringing of bells during this hymn on these days. **On both these evenings, you are asked to bring bells (any type) to our liturgy.** We will ring these bells during the singing of the Gloria.

Be Merciful, O Lord

Today we use Psalm 51 as our proper Responsorial Psalm. In addition to its use today, this Psalm is also a Seasonal Psalm for Lent. As such, it could be used throughout the entire season of Lent.

As our Lenten journey continues, we listen carefully to the Psalmist’s words and the message of the Psalm. We ask our God to have mercy on us, for we have sinned. We pray for the healing mercy of God to touch our lives, and to create new hearts in each of us. We take steps to turn our hearts, our minds, and our lives back to God:

‘Create in me a clean heart, O God’

As our Lenten journey is rapidly drawing to its conclusion, let us take time to focus on ways to purify our hearts, as we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter.

Blessings for a holy week!
Jim Susic

Lenten Devotions

Our Friday night Lenten Devotions conclude this Friday, March 23.

Join us for Taize Prayer starting at 7:00pm in the church.

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

Next weekend, we enter into the most sacred week of the year, with our observance of Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion. At the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, March 25, we will gather in the PAR and have a solemn procession into the church (going outside – weather permitting) to begin our liturgy. At the 6:00pm Mass, we will gather in the narthex of the church, and have a solemn entrance with a procession to begin our liturgy. Our Parish Choir – along with additional instrumentalists - will lead the music at the 9:30am Mass, while our Teen Music Ministry will lead the music at the 6:00pm Mass. Plan to arrive early for these liturgies, to get into the proper location for participating in the procession. **NOTE: Incense will be used at the 9:30am, 11:30am, and 6:00pm Masses on that weekend.**
Pray for the Sick

Please pray for all our sick, especially Robert Van Iderstine.

A complete listing of individuals on our Prayer Requests for the Sick can be found outside the Adoration Chapel in the Parish Center. Please call the Parish Nurse at 630-353-4533 to place yourself or a loved one on our prayer list.

Celebration of Divine Mercy

Join us for a Celebration of Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter. The afternoon will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Scripture readings, Praying of the Chaplet, and Benediction.

This celebration will take place on Sunday, April 8, 2018, starting at 3:00pm in the church. Light refreshments and hospitality will follow in the Link.

More information will be forthcoming, but mark your calendars now to be part of this celebration.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-52
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession)
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 -- 15:47 [15:1-39]

Tweets from Pope Francis

With so much to do, we often neglect what is really important: our spiritual lives, and our relationship with God. So let's stop and take time to pray!

Celebrant Schedule for Next Weekend

Confessors for Saturday, March 24
10:30 AM: Fr. Bill Cullen
3:00 PM: Fr. Gabriel Baltes, OSB

Mass Celebrant for March 24/25
8:15 AM: Fr. Gabriel Baltes, OSB
4:00 PM: Fr. Kenneth Zigmond, OSB
7:30 AM: Fr. Kenneth Zigmond, OSB
9:30 AM: Fr. Gabriel Baltes, OSB
11:30 AM: Fr. Gabriel Baltes, OSB
6:00 PM: Fr. Gabriel Baltes, OSB

Please Remember in Prayer our Men and Women Serving in the Military

U.S. Air Force
SSgt. Benjamin Poparad
Capt. Mark Schriner

U.S. Army
1st Lt. David Angelus
Sgt. Brian Bardsley, Jr.
SPC Nicholas Boehm
Capt. Eric Boenitz
Jacob Gallo
Col. Monica Gorzelink
Ryan M. Hickey, SPC
Col. Monica Gorzelink
Capt. George Hughbanks
Ken Jacobs
Michael Miceli
1st Lt. Sean Morrow
S. SG Erik Olson
Major Tim Plackett
Sgt. Bart Ross
John Stankowiak
Sgt. Kenneth Van Houten
Capt. Scott Van Zee -300th QM
1st Lt. Allen Von Plinsky
Sgt. Craig M. Watkins

U.S. Navy (cont’d)
Ens. Jason P. Meyers
Kevin Pero, (MA3)
Joshua Quilici
GM2 (SW) Eduardo D. Valadez

U.S. Marine Corps
Capt. David Adamiect
Sgt. Robert M. Brown
Anthony Donahoe
Capt. Daniel Hajek
Cpl. Mark Hartman
Ethan Klopman
Col. Berke Krueger
2nd Lt. Andrew Lewaniak
Adam Luecke
Lance Cpl. Jacob McDonald
LCPL David Rodriguez
Cpl. Tim Shindelar
Cpl. Bruce Wachowski

National Guard
Lt. Col. Michael Bracki,
Air Nat’l. Guard
Cmd. Sgt. Major Steven Krause,
Army Nat’l. Guard
LCPL Kevin Lewis,
Army Nat’l. Guard
Major Patrick Meek,
Army Nat’l. Guard

Also Serving
Anthony Fignato
Raki Taylor

We invite parishioners who have family members currently serving in the military to add their names to our prayer list. Please call the Parish Office at 630-963-4500 with the following information: Name, Rank, and Branch of Service.

(If your serviceman or woman has completed their tour of duty, please contact the Parish Office.)
Our Lady of the Angels Mobile Food Pantry

Each month, the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels in Chicago hosts a mobile food pantry, which serves over 250 families. The next mobile food pantry at the Mission is on **Saturday, April 7th**. We will meet at **7am** at St. Joan and arrive at the Mission between 8:30am-9am. The pantry concludes at 11am and we will return to SJA around 12:30pm. Please dress to be outdoors. We are also in need of drivers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Vicente Fernandez at 630-353-4549 or email him at vfernandez@sjalisle.org.

The Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign lasts through March 25th. 40 Days for Life seeks to witness to the sanctity of life by being a prayerful presence outside of locations where abortions are performed.

We will be participating at Access Health Center, 1700 75th St. in Downers Grove. To sign up for an hour, visit [40daysforlife.com/downersgrove](http://40daysforlife.com/downersgrove).

For more information, please contact Vicente Fernandez at 630-353-4549 or vfernandez@sjalisle.org.

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**This Week at SJA**

**Monday, March 19**
9:00 am—Morning Prayer (Chapel)
6:30 pm—Israel Pilgrimage Mtg. (Rm. 22)
7:00 pm—School Board Mtg. (Rm. 24)
7:00 pm—Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, March 20**
9:15 am—Bible Study (Rm. 22)
10:00 am—Living Stations of the Cross (Gym)
12:30 pm—Living Stations of the Cross (Gym)
1:30 pm—Book Club (Rm. 23)
7:00 pm—IMPACT Leaders’ Mtg. (Rm. 23)
7:00 pm—Pro-Life Ministry Mtg. (Rm. 24)
7:00 pm—Purely Yours Parent Mtg. (Rm. 22)
7:00 pm—Lenten Penance Service (Church)

**Wednesday, March 21**
9:00 am—Faith Sharing (Rm. 22)
10:00 am—SJA Moms Group (Rm. 24)
4:30 pm—R.F. Classes
6:30 pm—R.F. Classes
6:30 pm—Knights of Columbus (Rm. 22)

**Wednesday, March 21 (cont’d)**
7:00 pm—Rosary (Chapel)

**Thursday, March 22**
6:00 pm—Cub Scouts Wolf Den
7:00 pm—Bible Study (Rm. 22)
7:00 pm—Palm Braiding (Rm. 24)

**Friday, March 23**
6:00 pm—Soup Supper (Rm. 22)
7:00 pm—Taize Prayer (Church)

**Saturday, March 24**
7:00 am—Brothers in Christ (Rm. 22/24)
9:00 am—St. Vincent de Paul (Rm. 23)
12:00 pm—RCIA Retreat (Rm. 22)

**Sunday, March 25**
No Sunday School/Nursery
10:30 am—RCIA (Rm. 24)
7:00 pm—IMPACT (Rm. 22/24)
**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, March 19—St. Joseph**

6:30 AM †Thomas Whaley (Req. Brian Davis)
8:15 AM †Deceased Members of the DeLeo Family (Req. Frank & Lucy Whalen)

**Tuesday, March 20**

6:30 AM †Sr. Helen Kallus, O.S.B. (Req. Gerry McNellis)
8:15 AM †Tom Mlyniec (Req. Mary Wiesbrook)

**Wednesday, March 21**

6:30 AM †Gerald Scott (Req. Joe Sinkovits)
8:15 AM †Salvatore E. Esposito (Req. Esposito Family)

**Thursday, March 22**

6:30 AM Intention of Celebrant
8:15 AM †Lillian Suchy (Req. Ted & Diana Suchy)

**Friday, March 23—St. Turibius of Mogrovejo**

6:30 AM Intentions of Amanda and Tony Benik
8:15 AM †Mary Habbley and Dennis M. Habbley (Req. Habbley Family)

**Saturday, March 24—Bl. Oscar Romero**

8:15 AM †James Bell (Req. Bell Family)

**Mass for Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion**

4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Dolansky and Puhak Families (Req. John Dolansky)

**Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion**

7:30 AM †Eugene Koepppe (Req. Eugene Koepppe Jr.)
9:30 AM †Michael DiSanto (Req. Jim Susic)
11:30 AM †Lucille Plachetka (Req. Jim Susic)
6:00 PM For St. Joan of Arc Parishioners

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**2019 Mass Intentions**

Mass intention requests for 2019 are now being accepted.

We ask that requests for Mass intentions be submitted in written form to the Parish Office, Attention: Mary Beth Kerner. Requests may also be submitted via email to mkerner@sjalisle.org.

Response to these requests will be given via letter or email sent to the individual requesting the Masses. We regret that we cannot honor all specific requests of dates and times. The stipend is $10.00 for each Mass request.

In order to make dates for Mass intentions available to all parishioners, and to be able to offer Mass intentions for the recently deceased, a limit of five (5) annual Mass intentions will be allowed per calendar year per family requesting.

Additional Masses may be requested during the year for a living intention or for someone recently deceased. (Please note that one Mass may be offered for the individual for whom the intention is being requested).

The Diocese of Joliet will also accept Mass intentions to be offered by our retired priests if your request for Masses at the parish exceeds the annual limit.

For more information, please contact Mary Beth Kerner at 630-353-4514 or mkerner@sjalisle.org.

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We wish to offer our sympathy and a promise of our prayers to family and friends on the death of Marion Kozak.
Discernment Retreat at St. Procopius Abbey

Catholic men between 18 and 45 years old are invited to a vocation discernment retreat to be held at St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, IL, during the Easter Triduum: from Holy Thursday, March 29 (4pm) through Easter Sunday, April 1 (1pm). Join the monks for prayer, work and meals as they prepare for and celebrate these holy days. This is an excellent opportunity to discern God’s calling while participating in the monastic life at the Abbey. Learn more about seeking God in community life according to the Rule of St. Benedict. Attendance is free. Please RSVP to Fr. James Flint at vocations@procopius.org.

Iconography Workshop

St. George Byzantine Catholic Church in Aurora is hosting an Iconography Workshop April 23-27, 2018 at the Church at 720 Rural St. in Aurora. This is an introduction to the liturgical art of the Christian East by iconographer Phil Zimmerman. Painting and presentations will be held each day from 9 AM - 5 PM. Great artistic talent is not required and supplies are included in the $300 registration fee. The registration deadline is April 16. For more information or to register call 630-851-4002.

Ministers Schedule for Next Weekend

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Please join us as Most Rev. R. Daniel Conlon ordains three men as Transitional Deacons for the Diocese of Joliet

**Friday, March 23, 2018**
**7:00 P.M.**
**Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus**
**604 N. Raynor Avenue**
**Joliet, IL**

All are welcome to share in this significant milestone in these men’s journey to the priesthood. No tickets are required. A reception follows the liturgy.
Mass Schedule
Monday-Friday: 6:30 AM and 8:15 AM
Saturday: 8:15 AM and 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM and 6:00 PM
Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8:15 AM, 12 noon, and 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM and 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Rosary: The Rosary is prayed prior to 8:15 AM Mass Monday-Saturday. A complete scriptural Rosary is prayed on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the Adoration Chapel in the Parish Center. This also includes prayers of thanksgiving, praise, petition, and blessing over the Prayer Blankets and their recipients.

Adoration Chapel: Perpetual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is observed in the Parish Center Adoration Chapel. The chapel is open to the public from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM daily, and at all other times for those with security cards. Those interested in becoming regular adorers should contact the Chapel Coordinator, Lynne Passarella, at 630-353-4511.

Prayers for Life: Prayers for greater respect for human life are offered in the Children's Chapel on the first Friday of each month following the 8:15 AM Mass. The Rosary is also prayed for this intention in the Children's Chapel on the first Saturday of each month following the 8:15 AM Mass.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Meets each Sunday at 8:00 PM in the Parish Activity Room (PAR). Please use the North Entrance, door #4.

St. Monica Prayer Group: On the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the church, prayers are offered for the conversion and return to the Catholic faith of loved ones.

Knights of Columbus: Practicing Catholic men, at least 18 years of age, are invited to contact Mike Czech, Membership Director, at 630-638-1805, regarding membership in the Knights of Columbus St. Joan of Arc Council #15168.

Brothers in Christ: This group for men, 21 and over, meets each Saturday from 7:00 to 8:00 AM and includes Morning Prayer, small group discussion, and reflection on the Sunday readings. For more information, contact Bill Munch at 630-852-2469.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Reception of a Sacrament requires adequate knowledge and preparation. Eighth Grade Confirmation preparation must be immediately preceded by three consecutive years of regular attendance in religious instruction.

Baptisms: Parents are asked to call the Parish Office to make arrangements for Baptism. Please be advised that each godparent is required to submit a sponsor eligibility form prior to the parents receiving a date for their child's baptism. Every three years, parents are required to attend a meeting on the Sacrament of Baptism, held on the First Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. Please call the Parish Office to register. Baptisms take place at 1:00 PM on the first and third Sunday of each month. On the fourth Sunday of each month, baptisms are celebrated within the context of the 11:30 AM Mass.

Becoming Catholic: We welcome any adult interested in becoming a Catholic to contact Dr. Joanne Kuttner at 630-353-4516 for information regarding the parish Catechumenate process.

Catholics Returning Home: If you would like help coming back to your Catholic Faith, please call Michael Lewandowski at 630-353-4516 for information.

Marriages: Couples are asked to call the Parish Office before setting a date for the wedding or making other commitments. Registration and participation in the parish, by at least one party, for three months is required before a wedding date will be given. The diocese requires a minimum preparation time of six months between the first conference and the wedding.

Sick Calls: Call the Parish Office anytime. Please let us know if anyone in your family is ill so that the priests might visit them.

Funerals: Please make the arrangements with the church before any publication in the newspaper. Given the number of liturgical activities on Saturdays, it is preferable to schedule funerals on weekdays if possible. However, no one will be refused a Saturday funeral unless there is a previously scheduled event or unless funerals are not permitted to be celebrated on that particular Saturday.

Parish Membership: Registration forms can be obtained at the Parish Office or at the Resource Center located in the church lobby.

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