



Dear Friends,

As I write this bulletin article, it is 10 days before most of you will read it either after a Mass or during the homily 😊 --. Who knows what could happen in 10 days? By now though, I do know of a few things that will have happened.

By the time you read this both St. Joan of Arc and St. Thomas More will have successfully completed two nights of Alpha. We have had an excellent response with over 50 guests and 10 helpers. There is an online group and an in-person group. There are folks from both parishes, young, old, middle-aged, male, female, single, and married. Some are devoted Catholics. Some are touch and go with Sunday Mass. Some are in RCIA. Some are skeptical about Christianity. We also have a number of people praying for our Alpha Course and those involved in it. If you think of it and are able, could you say a few prayers on Thursdays sometime between 6:30 - 8:30pm? The Alpha Course will wrap up sometime in December.

I also know the St. Joan of Arc SausageFest happened on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all those who made it a fun day for our parish. At least they tell me it's going to be fun.

Finally, I also know by now that I completed my task of spending a morning with St. Philip Neri/Blessed Sacrament Parish on September 12<sup>th</sup> to help them create a strategy for **parish engagement**. For those of you following along with these bulletin articles, you have noticed the theme these last few weeks having to do with *parish engagement*. While I hope these articles have been helpful and insightful for our future planning, they've mostly been my homework as I prepped for my time with St. Philip Neri/Blessed Sacrament.

**The first element of engagement** has to do with clarifying expectations and then *overcommunicating* them for the whole parish. Gallup research indicates that 65% of adult parish members strongly agree that they know what is expected of them. **The second element of engagement** has to do with meeting the spiritual needs of parishioners. Only 55% of members strongly agree that their spiritual needs are met in their churches. We might be surprised to learn that Sunday Mass does not satisfy the spiritual needs of many of our parishioners. Sometimes small groups or other faith activities can be the answer to the "more" that people are looking for.

These are just two of the 12 elements of engagement, but if we don't get *them* right, nothing else we attempt will really matter. These are foundational.

Please note that my articles are not indictments of any previous parish leadership. I don't know many pastors who have been able to successfully lay these foundational elements of engagement. I certainly have not yet been successful at it, but I'm hoping we can do something special here together. I'm hoping when the rest of the Archdiocese or even other parishes from across the country look towards the middle of Omaha, they take note of what we did here at our parishes- against all odds, against all recent trends. We truly engaged as one Church in the mission Jesus gave us to "Go and make disciples."

In Christ,  
Fr. Jeff Lorig

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020  
THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Sunday, September 27, 2020 is Priesthood Sunday

*Priesthood Sunday* is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It specifically honors priests, without whom the Mass could not be offered and Sacraments could not be celebrated. The number of priests and ordinations in the United States has steadily declined in the past 50 years. Meanwhile, the number of parishes without a resident pastor has sharply increased in the same period of time. The men who answer the call to priesthood are special indeed, and they are working harder than ever before.

This is the perfect time to thank the priests that are currently assigned to St. Joan of Arc as well as any retired priests with whom you remain in contact. A written note of appreciation, while old fashioned, can be mailed or slipped in the offertory basket. An email or phone call affirming your appreciation and prayers is another option. Whatever the method, find time in the next week or two to reach out and say "Thank You" to the priests you know.



### Welcome

Brooks Noah Anderson,  
son of Alexander and Whitney Anderson,  
was baptized Sunday, September 13, 2020.

We welcome you, Brooks,  
into the Catholic Church at St. Joan of Arc Parish.

## Liturgical Ministers

September 26 and September 27, 2020

### Lectors

5:00 pm - John McKinstra  
8:00 am - Ruth Heer  
10:00 am - Julie Ryan

### EMHCs

Linda Boyer  
Sue Thomas  
Angelo Perry

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, September 21, 2020

7:00 pm - KOC General Meeting

### Thursday, September 24, 2020

6:30 pm - RICA and Alpha meet at St. Thomas More  
4804 Grover Street  
6:30 pm - Men's Club Meeting

### Friday, September 25, 2020

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Teachers attend School of Faith

## 500 Confraternity

September 20, 2020 - Virginia Grimes

## Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

### Open Hours

Mondays: 7am - call Rachel, 402-658-8418  
Thursdays: 12noon - call Rachel, 402-658-8418  
Fridays: 3am, 4am - call Rebecca, 402-991-4497

Exposition hours will remain 8am - 10pm for the time being.



## PARISH PERSONNEL

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**Funerals:** Please call the Parish Office

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

Contact Fr. Lorig 3 months prior to baptism at 402-509-3909

### Marriage

Please call Fr. Lorig at least 9 months in advance for date and instruction information. Always verify priest and church availability before reserving reception venue.

### Penance

Saturdays, 4:00 - 4:50 pm.

Anytime by appointment

**Effective Sunday, October 4th,**

**the 10:00 am Mass**

**at St. Joan of Arc will be moved  
to 10:30 am.**

## Mass/Confession Times

### at St. Thomas More

4804 Grover Street

Monday - Friday: 7:00 am

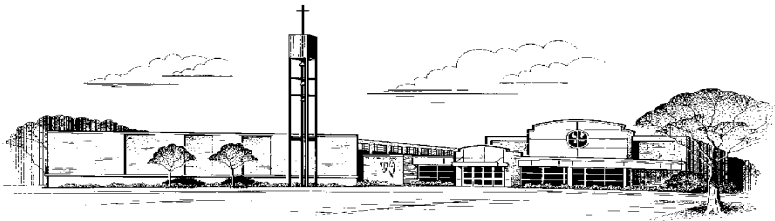
Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm

Sundays: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Confessions on Saturdays

from 4:00-4:40pm





## St. Joan of Arc School Highlights

Progress Reports went home this past Friday, and next week we are scheduling a Curriculum Night for all school families via "Zoom." We are purposely discouraging any parent visitors to school, and that has created a challenge for us to be able to communicate academic goals for the school year. It seems as if we are navigating the "safety" factors of being in school, and now it's time to really focus on the reason we are here in the first place. Saint Joan of Arc School is where all children are growing in their faith and in their academic education. Teachers have spent so many hours learning about curriculum and instruction, and now we are all learning so much about how to use technology for all types of learning whether in person or remotely. We've made great strides in this area, but that only fulfills a portion of our mission. We also have to be leading students to Jesus and helping all students understand God's love for us.

This year, the teachers and staff of SJA will be working in small groups using the *Catholic Christian Outreach* program. THE CCO program is made up of 5 levels. This program is designed to help us embrace a Christ-centered life and recognize God's love is the central message of Christianity and the source of our faith. We are beginning at Level 1, *Discovery*. As the teachers and I study, reflect, and dialogue over this year, we hope to grow in our faith and grow as companions to our students along their faith journey.

Kayleen Wallace  
Principal

### School Dates to Remember

September 25 - No School for Students  
Teachers attend School of Faith

### St. Nicholas Dinner

The St. Nicholas Dinner is scheduled to be held Sunday, December 6th, 2020 in some fashion or another. We are collecting items that we could use for prizes for the Candy Booth. Donations can be dropped off in the wooden bins in the link. We accept all kinds of items big and small. Please mark your items "Candy Booth." Right now is a good time to look for end of summer/beginning of school clearance items - these make great prizes. If you have any questions, or if you would prefer to have your donation picked up, please call Rachel Burns, [402-658-8418](tel:402-658-8418) or Dianne Heath, [402-350-6399](tel:402-350-6399). Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Fr. Lorig sends out a weekly email to those who wish to stay connected beyond the bulletin. If you would like to be added to that list, just email him at [jlorig@archomaha.org](mailto:jlorig@archomaha.org).

### September 20, 2020 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So the last will be first and the first last."  
Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying, "It's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday, September 21 2020</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
8:30 am † Maxine Kratky	(Gary Kratky)
<i>School Mass for Christendom Academy*</i>	
<b>Tuesday, September 22, 2020</b>	
8:30 am † Gladys Kleine	(Art & Jan Farha)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena after Mass	
<i>School Mass for SJA Kindergarten thru 2nd Grade*</i>	
<b>Wednesday, September 23, 2020</b>	
8:30 am † Paul Dworak	(Mary Anne Dworak)
<i>School Mass for SJA 3rd thru 5th Grade*</i>	
<b>Thursday, September 24, 2020</b>	
8:30 am † Arline Kwasniewski	(Sandra Benkowski)
<i>School Mass for SJA 6th thru 8th Grade*</i>	
<b>Friday, September 25, 2020</b>	
8:30 am † Christopher Krejci	(Rosemarie L. Prystai)
<i>School Mass for Christendom Academy*</i>	
<b>Saturday, September 26, 2020</b>	
5:00 pm † Patrick Bystrek	(Lois Preusser)
<i>Fr. Jeff Lorig</i>	
<b>Sunday, September 27, 2020</b>	
8:00 am	SJA Parishioners
<i>Fr. Greg Benkowski</i>	
10:00 am † Harlan & Vera Mueller	(The Mueller Family)
<i>Fr. Jeff Lorig</i>	

\*Students will use the entire section of pews to the right of center aisle.

**Please remember those who are sick in our parish, and those we have been asked to pray for:** Shirley Bardsley, Connie Wade, Anto Kinsley, Rose Romano, Jerry Hogya, Ken Renkenberger, Kasey Waring, Georgia Goltl, Bill Dineen, Steve Hamill, Maria Menjivar, Bev Sladovnik, Grace Fascianella, Sam Marchese, Roger Pedroza, Nadine Schmid, Andrew Ascherl, Maxine Kantor, Eileen Annin, Nadine Hansen, and Bob Mercier.

### HOPE Update Regarding HyVee

HyVee is NO LONGER accepting *paper receipts* for rebates. In order to receive a rebate, a receipt must be scanned into the TAGG app within 5 days of purchase. We know this probably eliminates participation for many in our parish unless you download the free TAGG app. In addition, the *Box Tops for Education* (BTFE) program is also using the TAGG app. Both *HyVee* and *BTFE* require the entire receipt be scanned and submitted within 5 days of purchase. If you download the TAGG app, there is a list of other businesses in the Omaha area that will give rebates to the school. Tell your friends and family to use the TAGG app. Just for clarification and to eliminate clutter in the wooden cabinet... *Family Fare* and *Fairway* do not participate in receipt Rebates, and the *Campbells Labels for Education* program was eliminated in 2018.



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