



In what sort of work have the Councils been involved recently?

In the latter part of June before my assignment began, I met with the Parish and Finance Councils of each parish separately. This was a chance for us to get to know one another. I gave them some points to use in preparation for our first meeting to guide our discussion.

We expect from you...; You need to know this about us (parish council, finance council, parish as a whole - including what we do well and where we need to improve...; We want to know this about you. And here are our concerns...; Here are some burning issues currently facing the parish...; Here are the major obstacles you will face...

I met with the councils again in August. The councils were gracious enough to allow me to take them through what's called an "Appreciative Inquiry" exercise. This helped me to better understand the overall strengths and hopes of the parish. The 2-hour exercise took them through these main questions.

Thinking back over your Parish memories, what have been the real "high points" for you as a member of this parish—memorable times when you felt best about Parish—times perhaps when you felt most inspired, challenged, engaged, or spiritually nurtured; times you were most proud about being part of this church family.

What, in your view, are the 3 most important qualities or special strengths of the parish—those precious qualities and practices from our past and present that you want us to keep and preserve, even as we move into the future?

Three years from now you imagine the ideal parish. It becomes something you would most like to see for yourself and friends, for children, for our community and for our world. It's the kind of church and community you most want to be part of—one that is living God's call in fresh, vibrant, meaningful and powerful ways. So now, please share some highlights of what you see in this vision of (3 years out):

So far in September, I have had a chance to meet with both the Parish and Finance Councils of STM separately. The SJA Parish Council will be meeting on September 29th. There is no formal SJA Finance Council. The September SJA Parish Council agenda includes further discussion about one or two points from the reflection questions above. I also will take some time to share the vision of where we as two parishes need to be organizationally in a year and beyond. I will share that vision more publicly after both parish councils have had a chance to digest it and offer their feedback, questions, and suggestions.

The STM Finance Council spent its time reviewing our previous fiscal year, our current profit and loss, and our current balance of accounts. We also took a look at our biggest projects and priorities, which include:

School Roof and other school capital projects: We have scheduled a meeting with Consortium leadership to begin planning a facilities master plan.

Church Roof: This appears to be an ongoing issue for STM. Hopefully, we have a solution and plans are being made to stop the leaks...again.

More di Gras Funds: Funds have been raised at this event with the intention of reaching out to architects to make proposals for a gym, a hall, meeting spaces, and offices. It was decided to move forward on this step so we know exactly what those costs would be before any plans are made. Right now, everything is speculation.

Church Audio and Visual: We recently asked Midwest Audio to give us an estimate of what it would cost to overhaul our sound system and share what options we might have if we wanted to digitally project anything visually within the church.

In Christ,
 Fr. Jeff Lorig

Today, 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.



**Effective Next Sunday,
October 4th, the 10:00 am Mass
at St. Joan of Arc is moving
to 10:30 am**

Liturgical Ministers

October 3, 2020 and October 4, 2020

Lectors

5:00 pm - Ruth Leininger
8:00 am - Frank Klusmire
10:30 am - Linda Bayer

EMHCs

Linda Boyer
Frank Klusmire
Martha Saettele

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting - Social Hall

Thursday, October 1, 2020

6:30 pm - RCIA and Alpha meet at St. Thomas More
4804 Grover Street

Sunday, October 4, 2020 - Pro Life Chain

1:45 pm - meet in SJA parking lot

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.



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



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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.

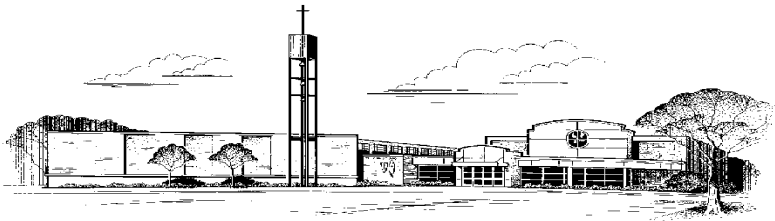
Anytime by appointment

Annual Life Chain

The annual Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 4th, from 2-3 pm. This is a peaceful, prayerful, public witness of pro-life individuals across the US and Canada honoring the millions of lives lost to abortion, praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. Our parish location is on the south side of Dodge Street between 77th Street and the Papio Bridge (right in front of the McDonald's).

If you would like to carpool, meet in the SJA parking lot no later than 1:45 pm. Signs will be available at the site.





St. Joan of Arc School Highlights

I have some really good news to share with all of you today. Mrs. Vorland has been working hard with the school lunch program and Westside Community Schools. At the beginning of September, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the extension of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) to continue offering free meals to children. The extension will run through December 20th or until funds are depleted. This benefit can also be accessed by students who attend Saint Joan of Arc. Starting Monday, all students will be able to receive school lunches at **NO COST** to you. Even more exciting is that we will be able to retroactively credit your Sycamore account for any lunches charged so far this school year. Your child will be offered one free lunch meal, but any plus one entrees will still be charged \$1.15 and milk cost is still .40. When reviewing family lunch accounts today, I did see that there are a few unpaid lunch accounts from last year. This would be a great time to get caught up on your account.

I want to share some great news about one of our parents, Candice Novak, mom of Teddie and Eleanore. Yesterday, Governor Pete Ricketts appointed Ms. Novak to the Separate Juvenile Court of Douglas County. This is such an honor and accomplishment for Candice. You can read more about it here at <https://governor.nebraska.gov/press/gov-ricketts-appoints-candice-j-novak-separate-juvenile-court-douglas-county>

Kayleen Wallace
Principal

Ladies of the Parish

As we embark on what will certainly be a challenging year, the Ladies Guild is committed to the health and safety of the parish, students, faculty, and staff. Although we are not meeting as a group yet, your annual dues of \$10 during these trying times is more important than ever. Not only does it help cover unexpected costs resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, but it also helps St. Joan of Arc manage the costs of the parish and the education each child. Your dues allows the guild to provide textbooks and technology needed for learning, much needed tuition assistance to those families that have been impacted by lost jobs or reduced work hours, and resources for any unexpected expenses for both the parish and the school. Your \$10 dues can be mailed to the parish office or dropped in the Sunday collection basket. Please mark the envelope "Ladies Guild." As the writer Max Lucado says, "**No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.**" We appreciate your continued support.

LADIES GUILD

500 Confraternity

September 20, 2020 - Loretta Thibodeau

September 27 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." (Philippians 2:3)

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family and those who make you angry.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 28, 2020	8:30 am † Bud Peitzmeier	Requested by (Olechski Family)
	School Mass for Christendom Academy*	
Tuesday, September 29, 2020	8:30 am † Millie Peitzmeier	(Olechski Family)
	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena after Mass	
	School Mass for SJA Kindergarten thru 2nd Grade*	
Wednesday, September 30, 2020	8:30 am † Arline Kwasniewski	(Sandra Benkowski)
	School Mass for SJA 3rd thru 5th Grade*	
Thursday, October 1, 2020	8:30 am † Frank Olechoski	(Olechski Family)
	School Mass for SJA 6th thru 8th Grade*	
Friday, October 2, 2020	8:30 am † Carol & Joe Ferrini	(Boyer/Perry Families)
	Litany to the Sacret Heart of Jesus after Mass	
	School Mass for Christendom Academy*	
Saturday, October 3, 2020	5:00 pm † Patrick Bystrek	(Laurie Leisey)
	Fr. Frank Baumert	
Sunday, October 4, 2020 — **NOTE NEW TIME	8:00 am SJA Parishioners	
	Fr. Greg Benkowski	
**10:30 am	† Deceased Members of the Callahan Family	(Rich Novak)
	† Marie Favara Jacobson & Sebastiana Favara	(Paul Favara)
	Fr. Frank Baumert	

*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, Ken Renkenberger, Anto Kinsley, Rose Romano, Maria Menjivar, Jerry Hogya, Kasey Waring, Georgia Goltl, Bill Dineen, Steve Hamill, Bev Sladovnik, Grace Fascianella, Sam Marchese, Roger Pedroza, Nadine Schmid, Andrew Ascherl, Maxine Kantor, Eileen Annin, Nadine Hansen, 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. In addition, the *Box Tops for Education* (BTFE) program is also using the TAGG app. Both *HyVee & BTFE* require the entire receipt be scanned and submitted within 5 days of purchase. If you download the TAGG app, there are other businesses in the Omaha area that will give rebates to the school. 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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3. Enter your name and email
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using **FORMED**. That's it!



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.