



ST. JOAN OF ARC Catholic Church

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Dear Friends,

Archbishop Lucas recently established a goal for the Archdiocese of Omaha. He would like every parish in 6 years to be a Missional Community. There are specific characteristics of a Missional Community he would like to see: 1) parishes with clear paths for growing disciples; 2) pastors exercising collaborative leadership with the laity; and 3) communities creating a culture of mercy and generosity.

Today, I'd like to talk a bit about what it means to be a Missional Community. Ultimately, a Missional Community is a community on a mission. We receive our mission from Jesus' Great Commission found in the Gospel of Matthew just before he ascends into heaven. These are his last words on earth:

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age. (Mt. 28:19-20)

How exactly does a parish "go"? The best way to sum this up is a phrase I've heard and have often repeated. The measure of a parish shouldn't be its seating capacity, but its sending capacity. In other words, **does the parish have parishioners and strategies that are capable of going outside the walls of the church to reach the unchurched?** Pope Francis put it this way:

I dream of a "missionary option," that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-preservation. (The Joy of the Gospel, 27)

I've heard all this stuff before and perhaps you have too, but only recently have I come to nail down what missional really means and what a missional community really looks like. It comes from a few quotes out of a book called The Unstuck Church.

There's an outward focus. These churches are unashamed about their desire to reach more people for Jesus...They'll remove whatever barriers they need to continue to connect with people outside the church and outside the faith. (Morgan, Tony. The Unstuck Church (p. 42). Thomas Nelson. Kindle Edition.)

The key question that leaders need to address is, what are we willing to do to reach people outside the church and outside the faith? [Growing] churches will do just about anything short of sin to reach new people. (Morgan, Tony. The Unstuck Church (p. 128). Thomas Nelson. Kindle Edition.)

I find that most inward-focused churches are not sensitive to the barriers they've created for reaching the people who are still considering the claims of Christ and/or are not connected in a church. (Morgan, Tony. The Unstuck Church (p. 129). Thomas Nelson. Kindle Edition.)

Inward-focused churches hope (and sometimes pray) that people outside the faith will somehow join what the church is already doing for existing church members. When it comes to reaching people outside the faith, I've never seen that strategy work." (Morgan, Tony. The Unstuck Church (p. 129). Thomas Nelson. Kindle Edition.)

Be prepared to hear more about some plans that are already taking shape to reach the unchurched.

*Have a blessed week,
Fr. Lorig*

OCTOBER 18, 2020 - THE TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS National Chaplain Visits St. Joan of Arc

This weekend, Father Doug Grandon is visiting our parish on behalf of *Fellowship of Catholic University Students* (FOCUS). Fr. Doug is a FOCUS National Chaplain and a priest of the Archdiocese of Denver. He became Catholic in 2003 after serving as a Protestant missionary and pastor for 25 years. In 2008, Pope Benedict granted Fr. Doug permission to be ordained a married Catholic priest. He holds a PhD in Historical Theology. FOCUS is a national organization serving college students on more than 172 campuses across the United States and five international locations. Almost 800 FOCUS missionaries on these campuses invite students into a relationship with Christ and His Church while equipping them for a lifetime of Catholic evangelization. Fr. Doug is excited to be with us and share the hope of the New Evangelization! To learn more, please visit www.focus.org.



Calendar of Events

Monday, October 19, 2020

7:00 pm KOC General Meeting

Thursday, October 22, 2020

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



Friday, October 23, 2020

Report Cards Issued

Liturgical Ministers

October 24, 2020 and October 25, 2020

Lectors

5:00 pm - John McKinstra
8:00 am - Janice Holzapfel
10:30 am - Valerie LaCrosse

EMHCs

Tom Assmann
Sue Thomas
Valerie LaCrosse

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

All of our adoration hours are filled!
We would, however, like to get two people for every hour.

If anyone is interested in taking an hour with someone else or in being a sub, please contact Rachel at 402-658-8418 or burnsjms@cox.net.



The baptism of a child inspires hope

Newly Baptized

Rowan Patrick Butler-Assmann was baptized Sunday, October 11, 2020. We welcome you, Rowan, into the Catholic Church at St. Joan of Arc Parish.



The baptism of a child inspires hope

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Beckham David Pflueger was baptized Sunday, October 11, 2020. We welcome you, Beckham, into the Catholic Church at St. Joan of Arc Parish.

PARISH PERSONNEL

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Deacon Tim 402-731-7474

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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

500 Confraternity

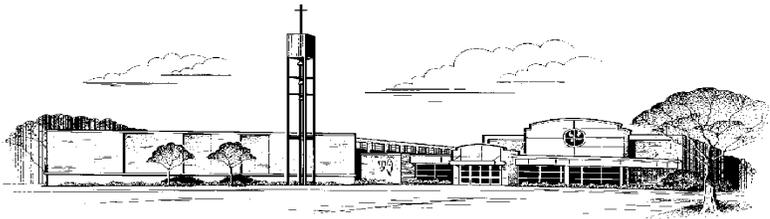
October 18, 2020 - Patricia Ladenburger

It's never too late to join the "500 Club." Place your application form (found in the Gathering Area) with your check for \$60 (for one year) in an envelope marked "500 Club" in the offertory basket. **500**
It's just another way to help SJA.

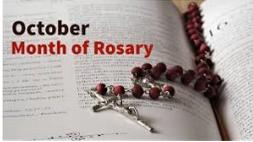
Mass/Confession Times at St. Thomas More



Monday - Friday: 7:00 am
Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm
Sundays: 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Confessions on Saturdays: 4-4:40 pm



St. Joan of Arc School Highlights



In our Catholic faith, the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During this month, we are encouraged to pray the Rosary privately and communally – at home and in school. *Rosary*, coming from the Latin word *rosarium* means rose garden. The

history of the rosary dates far back in the Catholic Church, but it wasn't until 1883 when Pope Leo XIII dedicated October as the month of the rosary.

Growing up in a very traditional Catholic family, I remember praying the rosary every evening. It wasn't unusual in my childhood home to be doing the dishes in the evening while praying the rosary. Coming together as a family and praying a rosary together is a wonderful way to show your devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary as well as turning off the secular world for twenty minutes. During October, the students at St. Joan of Arc will be learning more about the rosary and taking time to pray a decade of the rosary during the school day.

Kayleen Wallace
Principal

Wednesday, October 21 - end of First Quarter
Friday, October 23 - Report Cards Issued



The Legion of Mary also has auxiliary members who say the rosary and Legion of Mary prayers every day instead of active work. If you are interested in joining the St. Thomas More Legion of Mary or for more info, please call Connie Johnson at 402-339-8253 or email her at rjohnson294@cox.net.

LADIES GUILD

As we embark on what will certainly be a challenging year, the Ladies Guild is committed to the health and safety of the parish. Although we are not meeting as a group yet, 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 of each child. Your dues help provide textbooks and technology needed for learning, tuition assistance, and resources for any unexpected expenses for both the parish and the school. Your \$10 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."**

October 18, 2020 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." (MATTHEW 22:21)

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't owners of anything, we are merely *stewards* of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish or school as a beneficiary of your retirement plan. Contact your retirement administrator to do so. You may also direct questions to Tony LaMar, *Legacy Planning Officer*, Archdiocese of Omaha at 402-557-5650 or silamar@archomaha.org.

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 19, 2020

8:30 am † Dorothy Gappa
School Mass for Christendom Academy*

Requested by
(Jim Gappa & Family)

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

8:30 am † Bob Duffy (Charles & Carol Nelson)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena after Mass
School Mass for SJA Kindergarten thru 2nd Grade*

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

8:30 am † Patrick Bystrek (Mary Scollard)
School Mass for SJA 3rd thru 5th Grade*

Thursday, October 22, 2020

8:30 am † Maxine Kratky (Gary Kratky)
School Mass for SJA 6th thru 8th Grade*

Friday, October 23, 2020

8:30 am Special Intention
Frank & Mary Jo Klusmire
50th Wedding Anniversary
School Mass for Christendom Academy*

Saturday, October 24, 2020

5:00 pm † Sally Farley (Janiak Family)
Fr. Baumert

Sunday, October 25, 2020

8:00 am SJA Parishioners
Fr. Benkowski
10:30 am † Sr. Marian Camel (Family)
Fr. 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, Georgia Gotti, Bill Dineen, Steve Hamill, Bev Sladovnik, Grace Fascianella, Sam Marchese, Roger Pedroza, Nadine Schmid, Andrew Ascherl, Maxine Kantor, Eileen Annin, Nadine Hansen, Bob Mercier, †Merlin McRoberts, †Theresa Holman, †Gino Gulizia, †Patricia Callahan, †Janet Eymann

Diaper Drive

SJA Ladies Guild is again sponsoring a diaper drive to benefit the families of the Omaha/Winnebagos Indian Reservation. These people have next to nothing and jobs in the area are scarce.

This has forced mothers to wash and reuse disposable diapers! We are collecting baby diapers and baby supplies (baby shampoo, diaper cream, baby lotion, etc.). No clothing or food, please. Other parishes are supplying those. The mothers especially need larger sized diapers (size 4-6) as there are fewer in a box. Won't you help and spread the love of God to those less fortunate? There will be a large box in the Gathering Area to collect donations throughout October. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

HOPE Certificates can be purchased from the School Office. HyVee gift cards are still available as well as many other kinds of gift cards.

H.O.P.E.

Stock up now for supplies, food, clothes, and holiday gifts.

Get the Makings for a Great Spaghetti Dinner!

Today, St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church is offering the makings for a traditional spaghetti dinner. Come and get the best Sicilian sauce and meatballs – just add your own pasta or make your own meatball sandwich! Curb side service in front of the church on Sunday October 18th from 12:30 pm until soldout. \$5.00 for a quart of sauce and \$10 for 8 meatballs.

