

St. Joan of Arc Parish

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Feast of the Holy Family



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 31

**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

Sirach 3:2-6 Ps 128: 1-5

Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40

10:00 am The Parish
Community

Monday, January 1st 2024

**The Solemnity of Mary, The
Holy Mother of God**

Num 6:22-27 Ps 67: 1-7 Gal 4: 4-7
Lk 2:16-21

10:00 am The Parish
Community

Tuesday, January 2

1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28

5:30pm Walter Pater

Wednesday, January 3

1Jn 2:29;3:1-6 Ps 98:1-6 Jn1:29-34

5:30 pm Mary Bonneau

Thursday, January 4

1Jn3:7-10 Ps 98:1-9 Jn 1:35-42

5:30 pm Krzysztozek Family

Friday, January 5

1Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1-5 Jn 1: 43-51

5:30 pm Mark Joel Abecia

Saturday, January 6

1Jn 5:5-13 Ps147:12-20 Mk 1: 4-11

5:30 pm The Parish Community



The Friar's Nook

HAPPY & BLESSED NEW YEAR

This past year certainly has been a blessing for us here at Saint Joan of Arc parish. We have seen much more activity, post COVID, as well as many new parishioners. I'm looking forward to seeing more activity in the parish in the new year. I would love to see one event a month so that people can come together and enjoy each others company. We had the dinner in December, we have a trivia night coming up in January, in February we will have Mardi Gras celebration the night before Ash Wednesday with a pancake dinner. For March I'm trying to get either Irish musicians or Irish dancers to come for a Saint Patrick's celebration. The rest of the year is wide open. I've heard some talk of the desire for a karaoke night, so we need to find someone who does karaoke to run it for us. Apart from that it's really up to you. If you have any ideas for something we can do, we have plenty of months left with which to do them and given how quickly the tickets sold out for December, I'm sure there's a great desire in the parish to get together for a "fun-raiser".

In January we're trying to put together a Pastoral Council for the parish. These would be members of the parish who would be connected to the various groups and ministries we have and serve as liaison to them for me. As I mentioned at Mass, they would be additional eyes and ears of the parish for me that we may continue to grow together, and new ideas may flourish. We have in the office a description of what we're looking for so if you think that God is calling you to this please stop by and pick up a copy. We will be having an information night in January to talk about what we're looking at and what we're hoping for. Ideally for me, the Pastoral Council would do just that - they would provide counsel to the pastor on the state of the parish. I would like the members of the council to work together with the groups that we have to bring ideas from me to them, and them to me as well as to help them to work together.

As we found out with our first event in December, even though the Merrymakers hosted it, many of the groups in the parish worked to make it a success. We also had a host of people who volunteered to help out that aren't necessarily connected to any of the groups in the parish, they're just connected to the parish and want to see it do well. I love the fact that we have a wide variety of groups I invite you to think of new ones if you think we need them but also, I'm encouraged that they work together. One group doesn't simply need to run an activity, they can sponsor an activity and invite others to be a part. And given the way things went in December there are many who wish to be apart. So, I am looking forward to a blessed and exciting new year!

*Prayers for a peaceful and joyous new year,
Father Bob*



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve December 31 5:30pm Liturgy
New Year's Day January 1 10am Liturgy



2023 Collection:

Any donations received by December 31st will be included in the 2023 tax receipts.

Monthly Offertory 2023

Offertory	November
Envelopes	\$ 7,116
Loose	\$ 2,140
PAG*	\$ 6,102
Total	\$ 15,358

**Pre-Authorized Giving*

Contributions to the Building Maintenance Fund for the month of November were \$4,277.

SJA Youth:

Stay tuned early next year for upcoming events regarding youth ministry! **Anyone interested in volunteering for the youth ministry can contact Mj.

Winter Welcome Table

Thank you to all the parishioners for your donations! You may still drop off any items in the parish hall and they will be picked up after the new year.

St. Joan of Arc Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

We thank all of you who supported our Christmas Appeal.

Jan 17: Parish Pastoral Council

7pm Information Night

Gracious God, we come before you seeking renewal in the new year. Renew our minds, our hearts, and our spirits. May we be transformed by the power of your Holy Spirit, leaving behind the old and embracing the new that you have in store for us.
Amen.



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