

St. Joan of Arc Parish

200 East 78th Avenue
Merrillville, Indiana 46410
Welcome Home!

Mission Statement

St. Joan of Arc is a parish in the Diocese of Gary. We are an intimate community, moving toward God the Father. We use our time, talent and treasure for creating a unique worship experience and reaching out to all those in need.

NOVEMBER 18, 2018
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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We gather
in praise
and
thanksgiving

PRAYER LIST

If you know of someone who needs to be put on the Prayer Chain or would like to become part of the Prayer Chain please call Rose Marie Harmon at 947-7517 or Alice Gorski at 942-3320.

Reconciliation

St. Joan every Tuesday 7PM
Ss. Peter & Paul every Tuesday 1PM Chapel Entrance

Need A Ride to church please call the Parish Office.

EDUCATION COMMISSION

PARISH LIFE

Alice Gorski 942-3320

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Sharon Berrier 769-2869

STEWARDSHIP

Larry Beishline 769-2750

SPIRITUALITY AND WORSHIP

HALL RENTAL—769-1973

If you are interested in renting the parish hall please call the parish office during business hours.

Eucharist—St. Joan of Arc

Sunday: 8:30AM and 11:30AM
Daily: 8:00AM M-F Rosary
prayed before Mass 7:30AM

Eucharist—Ss. Peter & Paul 5885 Harrison St., Merrillville

Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 10:00AM

Mass Intentions



All weekday Masses are celebrated
at **St. Joan of Arc at 8:00AM.**
*Recitation of the Rosary for Peace before daily Mass
at 7:30AM*

Monday, November 19—8:00AM

Bob Slivka/Frank & Alice Gorski *St. Joan of Arc*
Irene Velasco/Robert Bonta *SS Peter & Paul*

Tuesday, November 20—8:00AM

Judy Walters/Dan & Barb Sopczak *St. Joan of Arc*
People of God Ss. Peter & Paul

Wednesday, November 21—8:00AM

People of God St. Joan of Arc *St. Joan of Arc*
Irene Velasco/Robert Bonta *SS Peter & Paul*

THANKSGIVING

November 22—9:30AM Mass @ SS Peter & Paul

Homebound & Nursing Home Parishioners of St. Joan of Arc
and Ss. Peter & Paul

Friday, November 23—8:00AM

Bob Slivka/wife Sharon *St. Joan of Arc*

Saturday, November 24—4:00PM Mass @ SS Peter & Paul

Joel Elia/David Elia *SS Peter & Paul*

Sunday, November 25

8:30AM Kathy Franz/husband, Gib *St. Joan of Arc*
10:00AM Stanley Orzechowicz/David & Emily Laterneau
SS Peter & Paul
11:30AM Anne Smar/Gladys & Robert Crossk *St. Joan of Arc*



Rev. James Meade, Pastor
Deacon Steven Zubel

Office Hours
Monday—Thursday— 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Friday Office Closed

Parish Office 219-769-1973
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Ss. Peter & Paul Office.....219-980-2693

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Web Site

St. Joan of Arc www.stjoanmerr.org
SS. Peter & Paul www.stpeterpaul.org

Bulletin Deadline: Articles for publication are requested
at least 3 weeks in advance. Parish events receive first
priority. Bulletin sent to publisher **Monday by 11:00AM.**

Parish Pastoral Council Members

Teri Kopil—Chair
Eileen Ryan, James Vermillion, Eileen Wayte,
Mary Kapitan, Phyllis Tully

SUNDAY PRAYER SHAPING LIFE AND BELIEF

Courtesy of FDLC member Eliot Kapitan,
Diocese of Springfield

Look at the trees. Unless a pine or live oak, most trees in the northern hemisphere have already dropped their leaves. Though looking dead, they are dormant only. We look ahead to spring and new leaves—and new life. But now is end-time living. Now is end-time praying. When my life passes away in death, I want to be with Jesus.

- What will I shed now for the benefit of later new life?
- What path does Jesus lay before me?
- How am I preparing for death?



The new Lector Books for 2019 are now available. Any lectors wanting a book they are in the sacristy and a donation of \$13.00 would be appreciated.

FATHER MEADE, DEACON ZUBEL AND THE PARISH STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING



FLOWERS FOR MARY

Intention for: Thanksgiving
Given By: M/M Donald Shafchuk

If you would like to donate to “Flowers for Mary” simply put \$35.00 in the envelope provided in the Narthex and drop it in the collection basket. We thank you in advance for your participation. Questions call Sharon 947-0509.

Ministry at Saint Joan of Arc

The Parishioners and Visitors have shown their gratitude to God by sharing to meet the weekly expenses so that God’s Mission can be continued at Saint Joan of Arc.

November 11: \$3044.00 On-Line: \$ 297.50
Thank you for your gratitude to God for all that you have.



November 2018						
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- November 18 Mass 8:30AM @ St. Joan of Arc
Mass 10:00AM @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Mass 11:30AM @ St. Joan of Arc
RCIA 10-11AM
Angel Tree
- November 19 Mass 8AM
Harvest Dinner 6-7:30PM
- November 20 Mass 8AM
Reconciliation @ SS Peter & Paul 1:00PM
and 7:00PM @ St. Joan of Arc
- November 21 Mass 8AM
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- November 22 **THANKSGIVING**
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- November 23 Mass 8AM
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- November 24 4:00PM Mass @ SS Peter & Paul
- November 25 Mass 8:30AM @ St. Joan of Arc
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Mass 11:30AM @ St. Joan of Arc
Angel Tree



PAY ATTENTION THIS THANKSGIVING

Whether you are going ‘over the river and through the woods’ to some relative, or whether people are coming to you, everyone would like a wonderful family and friends get together: and, this often happens, with a bit of spice. Some family members have a need to do more than say they are doing fine. They have to proclaim they are doing well without Christ’s Catholic Church. They need to tell you that their recent denominational guru judges that you, if still Catholic, are not Christian. You might want to ask them how the only church that goes back to Jesus, preserved the Scriptures for 1500 years alone, and remains 70% of Christianity, with the agreement of the Orthodox who are another 13% of Christianity, could really be wrong. On the other hand, you may find yourself among people who think religion is the problem. But, we might ask how the secular world does with wars, political power struggles, and debt for want of a standard of objective truth. And, when you hear some people talk about how they want to be free of religious folks bothering them with moral standards, you might ask them about education loan repayments, subjects they find taboo about which to even think, and if their ideas of prejudices are merely exchanging one unproved notion for a new set of such notions: more likely, the modernistic mind merely rear-ranges prejudices, pronouncing such a feat progress.

During Lent in March of 2019 our parishes will run a short program after SS Peter and Paul’s 10:00 a.m. Mass and St. Joan’s 8:30a.m. Mass. We want to equip people with a gift you can offer relatives, co-workers, and acquaintances: Something about which to think that came from Jesus which His Church has preserved. Your pastor needs something from you. I am interested in how people are formulating their complaints and mental complacency these days. While the essential objections to trusting that Jesus actively works through the Catholic Church to bring His Father’s plans for us to fruition are old, they are essentially struggles with selfishness against conversion from one’s self to God as He is. But, as Oscar Wilde opines that fashion is the current manner of the bored to all appear the same, it is useful to see how people are fashioning their statements. Of course, they expect that you are going to say nothing against them, and, in fact, few people rarely do.

Drop your pastor a line about the kinds of things people around you say against our Catholic faith, because we would like to help you correct false conclusions. Bishop Fulton Sheen said nearly a century ago that Millions of people hate the Catholic Church for something they falsely think it stands for while only a few dozen hate the Catholic Church for what it actually is and teaches. That is an optimistic stance because it presumes most people are good and would like to be corrected because a good person does not want to be or say and do wrong. If you think your relatives and other companions and collaborators are basically good, then take the risk of wanting them to be better.

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Please join us as we begin the Season of Advent with Evening Prayer. Evening Prayer is a beautiful prayer service featuring sung prayer and scripture. The service will be held on Sunday, December 2nd at 6:00PM at SS Peter & Paul, 5885 Harrison St., Merrillville. All are welcome!

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