

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.



First Sunday of *Advent*

December 2, 2018

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength
to escape the tribulations that are imminent
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

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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, December 3—8:00AM

People of God St. Joan of Arc *St. Joan of Arc*
Nettie Piekut/Rudy Wolak & Family *SS Peter & Paul*

Tuesday, December 4—8:00AM

Aleja Rodriguez/Sandy Heln *St. Joan of Arc*
Don Hudock/wife, Judy *SS Peter & Paul*

Wednesday, December 5—8:00AM

Josephine VanCleeef/Frank & Alice Gorski *St. Joan of Arc*
Sr. James Marie O'Connor/Sr. Beatrice *SS Peter & Paul*

Thursday, December 6—8:00AM Mass

Bob Slivka/Nancy Klawitter & Sons *St. Joan of Arc*
Joan Mulloy/Betty & Tim Eaton *SS Peter & Paul*

Friday, December 7—8:00AM

Sally Zawierucha/Barb *St. Joan of Arc*
People of God Ss. Peter & Paul
Vigil Immaculate Conception—4:00PM *SS Peter & Paul*

Saturday, Immaculate Conception Mass St. Joan 9:00AM

Saturday, December 8—4:00PM Mass @ SS Peter & Paul
Paul & Mary Rezak/children *SS Peter & Paul*

Sunday, December 9

8:30AM Carolyn Colstock/Tom & Sharon Froncek
St. Joan of Arc
10:00AM Esther Poturalski/Family *SS Peter & Paul*
11:30AM Thomas Marosevic/wife, Rose *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

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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

First Sunday of Advent—God comes. Even when scary signs and frightful things abound, God comes. Even when we hear of unmerciful acts and unjust behaviors, God comes. We know God came once in human flesh, we experience God-is-with-us still, we believe God will come again at world's end. This God, overflowing with mercy, gives us confidence to stand erect and, unafraid, raise our heads to all things good and just and right.

- ◆ How can God's grace free me from the slavery, from the trap of being afraid?
- ◆ How can God's loving mercy help me be even more merciful this year?
- ◆ What work of mercy will I do this week with new intensity?



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.



Advent Evening Prayer will be held
TODAY on Sunday, December 2nd at
6:00PM at SS Peter & Paul, 5885 Harrison St., Merrillville.

All are welcome!

FLOWERS FOR MARY

Intention for: Josephine VanCleeef
Given By: Frank & Alice Gorski

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 18 \$ 2117.26 On-Line \$297.50
November 25 \$ 1997.00 On-Line \$297.50

Thank you for your gratitude to God for all that you have.



December 2018						
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- December 2 Rosary before 8:30AM Mass
Mass 8:30AM @ St. Joan of Arc
RCIA 10-11AM
Mass 10:00AM @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Mass 11:30AM @ St. Joan of Arc
Angel Tree
Evening Prayer 6:00PM @ Ss. Peter & Paul
- December 3 Mass 8AM
Parish Life Decorate Hall
- December 4 Mass 8AM
Reconciliation @ SS Peter & Paul 1:00PM
and 7:00PM @ St. Joan of Arc
- December 5 Mass 8AM
- December 6 Mass 8:00AM
Knights of Columbus
Christmas Party 6:00PM
- December 7 Mass 8AM
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Mass for Immaculate Conception 4:00PM
@ SS Peter & Paul
- December 8 **Mass 9:00AM Immaculate Conception**
@ St. Joan of Arc
4:00PM Mass @ SS Peter & Paul
- December 9 Mass 8:30AM @ St. Joan of Arc
RCIA 10-11 AM
Mass 10:00AM @ SS Peter & Paul
Mass 11:30AM @ St. Joan of Arc
Angel Tree Gifts Due Back



LET'S MAKE A BEAUTIFUL ADVENT TOGETHER!

Advent is the beginning of the Church's year of grace. The four weeks of advent represent four dispensations of grace prior to its full revelation in Christ: 1) The promise to Adam and Eve that their original sin would not frustrate God's designs for His creation and children, 2) the promise to Noah and humanity that the entire world would not be destroyed again despite human evil, 3) the covenant with Abraham that his descendants would endure with one of them being the Messiah, and 4) the covenant with Moses and the Israelites with the giving of the law. There are two big things for advent for which you should take particular advantage:

Dec. 2nd: Advent Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m. at SS Peter and Paul

This is a model for meditative prayer beautifully done with our choir and parishioners from all Merrillville and beyond town limits. All our welcomed.

Dec. 21st. Advent Penance service, 1:00 p.m. at SS Peter and Paul

We will have a number of priests available for confessions as we prepare our hearts to receive our Lord with the Sacrament he instituted on the night of His resurrection to share divine life with us in mercy.

Prepare yourself for bliss! Winter Adult Formation is a Scripture Study on the Book of Revelations: This begins on Wednesdays, 16 January 2019, and you have the choice of 12:10 p.m. for our luncheon meeting or 7:00 p.m. Both of these at S. JOAN OF ARC parish hall.

Interestingly, a number of parishioners have requested this study. Probably the most knowledgeable priest about Scripture in the Diocese of Gary is Fr. Michael Maginot. He is teaming up with your pastor to give these presentations. As we have very different viewpoints on the Book of Revelations, our presentations will be fascinating!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who attended our annual Harvest Blessings Potluck. I would also like to thank everyone who helped make the event possible. From the planning to the set up and from the great food to the clean-up this would be difficult without each and everyone of you.

It makes the work of planning the evening worth it all.
God Bless my friends and my
St. Joan of Arc Parish Family
Alice Gorski
Parish Life Chair

ATTENTION

It is that time of year again for us to update our records. If you have moved, changed a phone number or have any other changes to your registration please call the parish office during business hours or leave a message with this information. If you would like to register please stop in the parish office and we would be happy to help.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

50/50 NOVEMBER WINNER



The lucky 50/50 winner for November was Judy Yaros. Congratulations to her. You have a chance of being the next winner just use the envelope provided with your envelopes for the current month, put \$5.00 in it and drop it into the collection basket.

MASS BOOK 2019

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