

**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.



**Second Sunday of**  
**Advent**

**December 9, 2018**

**Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;  
look to the east and see your children gathered  
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.**

**Baruch 5:5**

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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 10—8:00AM

Agatha Andrasi/Rose  
Joan Mulloy/Sharon Newell

St. Joan of Arc  
SS Peter & Paul

### Tuesday, December 11—8:00AM

Grandpa August Argenta & Mel Hoyt/Mary & Paul deBie  
Donald T. Poturalski/Family

St. Joan of Arc  
SS Peter & Paul

### Wednesday, December 12—8:00AM

Donald Bernotus/mom, Elizabeth  
Guadalupe Santoyo/Clara Santoyo

St. Joan of Arc  
SS Peter & Paul

### Thursday, December 13—8:00AM Mass

Aleja Rodriguez/Znika Family  
Phillip Resler/wife, Joyce & Family

St. Joan of Arc  
SS Peter & Paul

### Friday, December 14—8:00AM

People of God St. Joan of Arc & Ss. Peter & Paul

### Saturday, December 15—4:00PM Mass @ SS Peter & Paul

Bernard Oppman/Oppman Family  
Anna & Louis Perunko/Dorothy Brownowski

St. Joan of Arc  
SS Peter & Paul

### Sunday, December 16

8:30AM Kathy Franz/husband, Gib  
10:00AM George Zubrick/Dorothy Zubrick  
11:30AM Ralph & Betty Long/Renee

St. Joan of Arc  
SS Peter & Paul  
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  
FAX ..... 219-769-9056  
Ss. Peter & Paul Office.....219-980-2693

#### E-Mail

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Ss. Peter & Paul sspchurch@msn.com

#### 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

**Second Sunday of Advent.—God knows where we are—  
and comes.** This is divine revelations: God coming, God  
showing, God being with us. Always! Let us therefore, wear  
the cloak of justice and the hat of God's glorious splendor.  
That is, let us still dress like Christ—just as we were first  
clothed in him at Baptism—and radiate his presence—just as  
we were first illumined by him in that sacramental bath.

- John the Baptist calls us, today, to conversion. What will I do?
- How can I wear mercy like a comfortable cloak, a well-worn hat?
- How can my daily life shine in more merciful ways?



## FLOWERS FOR MARY

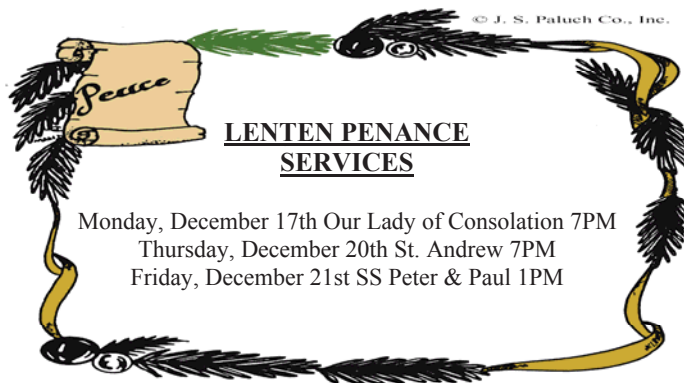
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Given By: Bill & Sharon Berrier

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.

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Please join us at SS Peter & Paul Church on  
Wednesday, December 12th for a Mass at  
6:00PM to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of  
Guadalupe, patroness of the Americans and  
the unborn. Mass will be followed by the  
Rosary, the Presentation of the Story of Our  
Lady and St. Juan Diego and refreshments.

Come and pray together.



## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, December 17th Our Lady of Consolation 7PM  
Thursday, December 20th St. Andrew 7PM  
Friday, December 21st SS Peter & Paul 1PM

## 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 Mis-  
sion can be continued at Saint Joan of Arc.

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



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- December 9 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 Gifts Due Back**
- December 10 Mass 8AM
- December 11 Mass 8AM  
Reconciliation @ SS Peter & Paul 1:00PM  
and 7:00PM @ St. Joan of Arc
- December 12 Mass 8AM  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 6:00PM @  
SS Peter & Paul  
Peace & Social Justice Meeting 7:00PM
- December 13 Mass 8:00AM
- December 14 Mass 8AM  
**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
- December 15 Knights of Columbus Children's  
Christmas Party 12:30-2:30PM  
Mass 4:00PM @ SS Peter & Paul
- December 16 Mass 8:30AM @ St. Joan of Arc  
RCIA 10-11 AM  
Mass 10:00AM @ SS Peter & Paul  
Mass 11:30AM @ St. Joan of Arc  
ARCS Wine & Cheese Party 12:30PM



**PAY ATTENTION THIS CHRISTMAS**

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 rearranges 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.



**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!

**OPLATEK IS AVAILABLE FOR \$2.00 PER ENVELOPE. AND ARE IN THE SACRISTY.**

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 24TH THROUGH JANUARY 3RD. IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY DURING THIS TIME YOU CAN LEAVE A MESSAGE ON FATHER MEADE'S VOICE MAIL #232 OR CALL SS PETER AND PAUL AND IF NO ANSWER LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR FATHER AND HE WILL RETURN YOUR CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

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