



Our Lady of Lourdes & St. John Vianney Parishes



March 30, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Over the past several months, many of you have participated in listening sessions, completed surveys, attended presentations, and shared your thoughts about the future of our parish communities. Thank you. Your engagement has been thoughtful and honest, and I am truly grateful.

At the conclusion of our recent listening and vision sessions, I met with our trustees to reflect on what we have heard and to discern the next step. Based on that process, we believe the next step is to **begin the formal process of requesting the union of St. John Vianney and Our Lady of Lourdes into one parish, to be known as St. Joan of Arc Parish, with two worship sites.**

This is the first step in a larger process. There is still much to discuss and navigate together, but taking this step now allows us to begin moving forward in a unified way.

The proposed union is now being brought to the Parish Councils and Finance Councils of both parishes for their review and approval. Following that, a formal request will be submitted to the bishop for his consideration. Bishop plans to meet with our communities on Monday, April 20 at 6 pm at St. Joan of Arc Catholic School. We hope you will join us at this meeting to share in the conversation about our future together.

I want to be clear about what this step does and does not do. This step is structural and financial. It would establish one parish and bring together the resources of both parishes under one unified structure. Both church buildings will remain open and active. No decisions are being made about parish facilities at this time. Those conversations will come later and will be handled with the same care and transparency.

For many, these parishes are places of deep faith and connection. We are committed to walking this path together with respect, honesty, and pastoral care.

If you have thoughts or questions, I encourage you to reach out to members of our Parish Councils or Finance Councils. They are an important part of this process and are there to listen. These important bodies will be meeting next week to consider this process. Details on the strategic plan are available on the parish websites.

We move forward with faith, trusting that God is guiding us and calling us to grow together as one parish community.

Peace in Christ,

Father Rich Adam

Trustees

Paul Alagna – OLOL
Joe Steinke – OLOL

Kathy Langley – SJV
Les Lipinski – SJV

Parish Pastoral Councils

OLOL meeting 4/8/2026 @ 6:00 PM

Emily Andes - OLOL
Keaton Connell - OLOL
Carol Green - OLOL
Nick Helle - OLOL
Lisa Nauman - OLOL
Roger Perk - OLOL
Betsy Polaschek - OLOL
Pete Stopulos – OLOL

SJV meeting 4/7/2026 @ 6:00 PM

Doug Emard - SJV
Jason Hawman - SJV
Kelsey Langenfeld -SJV
Joe Malas – SJV
Pat Meade - SJV
Steve Melbourne - SJV
Kristen Sciarappa - SJV
Janet Willett - SJV
Melissa Zumdomer- SJV

Finance Councils

OLOL meeting 04/7/2026 @ 7:00 AM

Paul Alagna - OLOL
Peter Britt - OLOL
Gary Ghere – OLOL
Anne Lansing – OLOL
Joe Steinke - OLOL
Andrea Willis - OLOL

SJV meeting 04/7/2026 @ 7:00 AM

Rev Richard Adam - SJV
Mark Claeys - SJV
Dennis Gerard - SJV
Kathy Langley - SJV
Les Lipinski- SJV
Don Lower - SJV
Joe Malas - SJV