We long to belong.

That belonging starts in the family. Within the family, we learn what it means to have a place and a purpose.

But our family is larger than we think.

Every person is a child of God. Together, we are one family.

Saint Paul reminds us that although we are many parts, we are united in one Body of Christ (1 Cor 12:12). God calls us not as individuals, but as a people, a family, united in the bonds of love (Eph 4:1-6).

So what responsibilities come with being a part of the family of God?

We have an obligation to the community we live in. We are called to support, comfort, and care for those in our community. We uphold each other's human dignity. And we participate politically.

The USCCB reminds us that participation in political life is a moral obligation. "How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity." When we participate politically, we impact the rights and opportunities of our neighbors, friends, and everyone in our nation.

Everyone has a right to participate in how society functions, regardless of status, age, race, ethnicity, or gender. We are called to consider the common good of the community over the interests of a few.

It takes everyone.

Saint John XXIII wrote that "the attainment of the common good is the sole reason for the existence of civil authorities" (Pacem in Terris).

We all need to participate in making a healthy and just society—to ensure all members have a decent life and the ability to realize their full potential as children of God.

We have a responsibility to care for all the people of earth, because we are all one family of God.

I don't always get along with the people in my family, but I love them. As children of God, we must do the same with our family of God.

"Those who love God must love their brothers and sisters" (1 Jn 4:21).

Holy Spirit, be our compass and help us to love each other, especially in these times of turmoil and divisiveness.

What does the good of the whole community look like? What can I do to make sure our society benefits everyone?

Let's spend this week thinking about it.

Modern Catholic explores the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching and how they can guide our lives today. Join us next week to learn about the third principle—Rights and Responsibilities. **Delve deeper** at **sjfparish.org/moderncatholic**.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm 9:00am & 11:30am Sunday

Weekday Masses

7:00pm Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am

Holy Day Masses As Announced

Confession

Tuesday 5:30pm

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday,

9:00am-1:00pm & Thursday Tuesday 2:00pm-8:00pm Saturday 3:00pm-5:00pm Sunday 10:00am-12:30pm

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Names on the Prayer List remain for four weeks. To request a listing, please contact the Parish Office.



Pastor Ext. 102

FR. TONY SULKOWSKI It is difficult for me to believe we are in the midst of autumn. It seems the older I get, FrTony@sjfparish.org the faster time goes. I hope everyone takes some time to enjoy all that this season has to offer.

I would like to thank all those who have made a pledge to this year's Catholic Services Appeal. I would ask that those who have not yet contributed to prayerfully consider doing so. As in years past, if we surpass our goal, the money over and above our target comes back to our parish. If we do not reach our target, the shortfall is paid by our parish. Our target this year is \$79.000.

As you are aware, the format for this year's Catholic Services Appeal is different than it has been in years past. The Archdiocese of Detroit has taken the lead in contacting all those who have contributed to this appeal in the past three years. Those who have contributed in the past have or will receive a letter directly from the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Once you have made a pledge—which can be paid over a nine-month period simply place the pledge card in the self-addressed stamped envelope you received and return it to the Archdiocese. Again, I wish to thank all those who have given. Thank you for your generosity.

I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Bon mot: "No bird soars too high if he soars with his own wings."

-William Blake

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

On October 18, 2020, the Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive by appointment only. Temperature checks will be conducted at the door, and a limited number of people will be allowed inside at the same time.

Register online at redcrossblood.org.







BEN KLASSEN Youth Ministry Coordinator & Director of Faith Formation BKlassen@sjfparish.org Ext. 108

For the past few weeks, Jesus has been instructing his disciples with parables. Jesus knew that many of His disciples did not have the benefit of a "formal" religious education, and that

to reach these disciples, He needed to relate to them in terms that they would understand—mainly through the agricultural and societal means that many of them lived with daily.

We have heard parables of people getting paid a just wage, of sons telling their father one thing and then doing something different, and of a landowner entrusting his lands to tenants, only to have that trust broken. This week, we hear of a King throwing a wedding feast for his son, and of the disregard that his subjects show toward his offer of celebration.

We liken most of these parables to God (the wage payer, the father, the landowner, and the king) and His relationship with us (the payees, the sons, the tenants, and the invited). There are times, though, that I believe we can get more out of a story if we place ourselves in the former (as opposed to the latter) positions—if we, ourselves, were the person paying the laborers, the parent, the landowner leasing out our lands, or royalty inviting people to our son's wedding.

Sometimes, it is difficult to put ourselves in other peoples' shoes! It is hard to see the reasons for which others behave. Communication is necessary to see where each party is coming from, and sometimes, to properly communicate, we need to step outside our comfort zone and meet people where *they* are. Nothing has forced us to do this more than the pandemic!

We live in a polarized society that keeps shouting, "You are wrong, and I am right." Society does not want to take a few minutes to listen to the other way of reasoning. None of us are free of guilt in these matters, but still we play the part of "the invited," refusing the invitation of the King.

How patient would we be if we needed to keep offering mercy, not to just one or two people over and over, but to everyone who disrespects us?

We can use Paul's letter to the Philippians from the second reading this week as a prayer—a prayer of realizing our abundance and living in humble circumstances, of being well-fed and being hungry, and of being well-cared for and being in distress.

One line in my prayer this week is taken from the last phrase of this reading:

"Lord, help me realize that you do supply me with everything that I need, in accord with everything that You have given me through Your Son, Jesus."

MISSION SUNDAY 2020

In 1926, Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday. The first worldwide Mission Sunday collection took place in October of 1927. In the years since, Mission Sunday has been celebrated in all local Churches as the feast of Catholicity and of universal solidarity. On Mission Sunday, Christians all over the world recognize their common responsibility to worldwide evangelization.

This year, Mission Sunday will be on October 18, 2020.

Enclosed in this bulletin is the envelope for Mission Sunday. Your generosity is appreciated!

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF OCT. 11, 2020

Sunday

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10

Monday

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1 Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Eph 1:1-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Lk 11:47-54

Friday

Saint Hedwig, Religious;
Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Eph 1:11-14
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

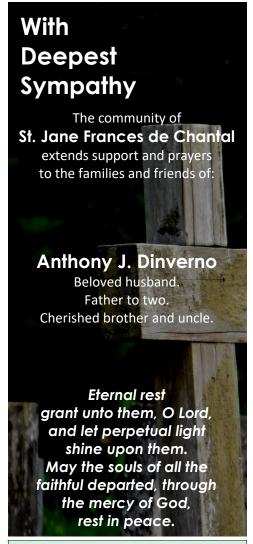
Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Eph 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45:1, 4-6 Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

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CIVILIZE IT: TAKE THE PLEDGE

Catholics can reflect upon ways to live out the values of their faith this election season. Rather than participating in dialogue that does not respect the human person, people of goodwill can instead commit to healthy conversation.

By participating in the nonpartisan *Civilize It* campaign created by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and adopted by the U.S. Bishops, Catholics can promote civility, love their neighbor, and build community. The effort does not direct people to be silent about issues that matter; rather, it reminds Catholics how to converse with others when discussing politics and the election.

Take the pledge for civility, clarity, and compassion online at civilizeitmichigan.com.

I PLEDGE:

Civility. To recognize the human dignity of those with whom I disagree, to treat others with respect, and to rise above attacks when they are directed at me.

Clarity. To root my political viewpoints in the Gospel and a well-formed conscience, which involves prayer, conversation, study, and listening. I will stand up for my convictions and speak out when I witness language that disparages others' dignity, while also listening and seeking to understand others' experiences.

Compassion. To encounter others with a tone and posture which affirms that I honor the dignity of others and invites others to do the same. I will presume others' best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy. I will strive to understand before seeking to be understood.

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE 2020 ELECTION?

Registering to vote is easy and free!

It is our Catholic Obligation to follow the teachings of Jesus and exercise our right to vote.

You can register to vote by visiting your city or township clerk's office. Additionally, you can pick up an application **up to 15 days before the election** at your local Secretary of State Branch Office.

You can also register **on the day of the election** at your city or township clerk's office! You must present proof of Michigan residency and proof of voter eligibility in order to register.

Want to register online? Visit **mvic.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter**. The Michigan Online Voter Registration System will walk you step-by-step through the process.

Not sure if you're registered? Visit **mvic.sos.state.mi.us** and click "Am I registered?" to check.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 12, 2020 No Mass

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

7:00pm For our Confirmandi

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 8:00am For all Priests Thursday, October 15, 2020 8:00am For all Priests

Friday, October 16, 2020 No Mass

Saturday, October 17, 2020

4:00pm Dec. Eugene Berthiaume (Joyce)

Dec. Arnold Jarboe (Family)

Dec. Joseph & Maria Gronowski (Gronowski Family)

Dec. Kathryn Emerson (Larry & Florence Ross)

Sunday, October 18, 2020

9:00am Dec. Enrico & Assunta Varani (Judy Taylor)

Dec. John Burnagiel (Judy Taylor)
Dec. Klara Blahota (Judy Taylor)

Dec. Geraldine Agacinski (Bob & Joyce Youngert)

11:30am For the Parishioners

Dec. Kathryn A. Emerson (SJF Ushers Club)
Dec. Anthony Wolf (SJF Ushers Club)
Dec. Felix E. Erfe (Diane Lovelle)

SACRAMENTS

Children's Baptism

Do you have a child you would like to be baptized? Please call the Parish Office to discuss options and make arrangements.

Reconciliation

Available Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

Marriage

Congratulations! Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to begin preparations.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office to schedule regular or one-time visits.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Contact Laurie Hall to begin the process. Welcome home!

OUR MISSION

Nourished by God's word and the Eucharist, we strive to be a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Interested in joining our parish family? Become a parishioner! Register anytime at the Parish Office or online at **sjfparish.org/joinus**. Welcome home!

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, October 12, 2020

9:00am Panera

1:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team

(via Zoom)

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

1:00pm Adoration 5:30pm Confessions 6:00pm Rosary

7:00pm Confirmation Mass **Wednesday, October 14, 2020**

8:00am Mass

Thursday, October 15, 2020

8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers Team #2 Friday, October 16, 2020

No events

Saturday, October 17, 2020

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, October 18, 2020

8:00am Red Cross Blood Drive

9:00am Mass 10:00am RCIA 11:30am Mass

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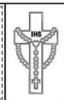


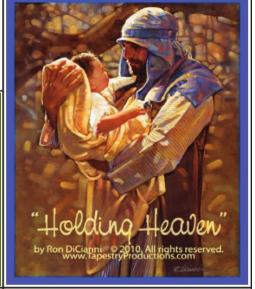
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