#### I sometimes wonder why I was born in this time and place.

I have a comfortable life and so many opportunities. But what about those who are born into war and poverty, without enough food, or clean water? What about those without opportunities for education or improvement?

#### Why am I so blessed? Does God love me more?

**No.** I'm no different than other people—I didn't earn my life, I was born into it. God tells us over and over that we are all made in His image, and that He loves all creation equally.

St. Paul reminds us that "the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all" (Rom 10:12).

Our Declaration of Independence establishes the principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The purpose of our government is to secure these rights for everyone equally.

St. John XXIII says that all humans have "the right to live," "the right to bodily integrity," and the right "to the means necessary for the proper development of life" (*Pacem in Terris*).

Catholic tradition teaches that every person has a fundamental **right** to life, a **right** to the things necessary to uphold one's human decency, and a **right** to participate in the decisions that affect one's own life.

#### But those rights come with responsibilities.

We have a responsibility to recognize and protect the rights of everyone—especially those who live without adequate food, clean water, education, or health care, as well as those afflicted by the evil of racism. As St. John XXIII says:

"To claim one's rights and ignore one's duties [...] is like building a house with one hand and tearing it down with the other" (*Pacem in Terris*).

#### So what can we do?

We must do more than give to our favorite charity. We have a responsibility to be informed on the social issues that vulnerable people face. We must recognize and call out violations of human rights. We must advocate for our government to promote policies that protect the rights of all people.

"Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more" (Lk 12:48).

Loving God, help us do everything we can to build a society where all people are able to exercise their human rights and fulfill their responsibilities. Amen.

When have I seen or heard about the rights of others being violated? How might God be inviting me to protect the rights of others?

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 fourth principle—Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. **Delve deeper** with the resources at **sjfparish.org**.

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# MODERN CATHOLIC IN TODAY'S WORLD

**OCTOBER 18, 2020** 

TWENTY-NINTH 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, & Thursday

9:00am—1:00pm & 4:30pm—8:00pm

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 FrTony@sjfparish.org Ext. 102

FR. TONY SULKOWSKI From time to time, I put this reprinted article in the bulletin for those parishioners who are new to St. Jane Frances de Chantal, and to remind all of us of the funeral protocol that works best here.

Since my arrival at St. Jane Frances de Chantal, we have had our share of funerals. I would like to share with you funeral protocol in the event that you find yourself planning a funeral for a loved one. This is the time for the Church to minister to you. The death of a loved one is difficult, and the Funeral Ministry team at St. Jane Frances de Chantal is here to assist you in any way we can.

Once a death occurs, please call the funeral home of your choice. After you have made contact with the funeral home, have the funeral home call St. Jane Frances de Chantal and ask for me. I, together with the funeral home, will set the date of the service. We will always try to honor the wishes of the family. Funerals are scheduled at 10:00am, with the body lying instate in the chapel at 9:30am.

Once you have met with the funeral home, please call the parish and set a time to meet with me to pick out the readings and music for the funeral liturgy. I will also ask for some background information about the deceased.

Of note: eulogies or sharing of memories are not permitted during the funeral Mass, and should be done at the funeral home the night before the funeral. In my experience, the funeral home is a more relaxed atmosphere in which to share memories of a loved one.

The day of the funeral, members of the Funeral Ministry team will guide you through the whole of the liturgy. They will be there to answer any questions you may have, and will also instruct those who are participating in the Mass.

Lastly: a person does not have to be a parishioner of St. Jane Frances de Chantal to be buried by St. Jane Frances de Chantal. One of the corporal works of mercy is to bury the dead, and everyone has the right to a Christian burial.

I would like to thank the Funeral Ministry team for all that they do. It is a great ministry to those families who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

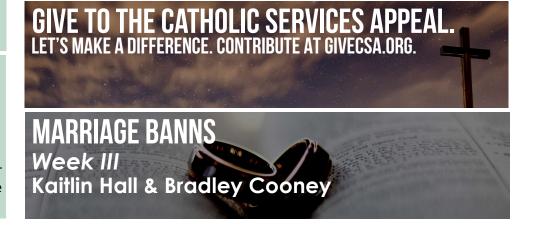
May we pray for those who have died, because someday, someone will be praying for us.

**Bon mot:** "Yesterday is history; tomorrow is a mystery; today is a gift."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony





JANINA JACOBS Director of Music Ext. 103

You may have noticed the insert in last week's bulletin for the Southeast Michigan JJacobs@sjfparish.org Community Health virtual classes. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, we have switched to St. John/Ascension for our

parish health needs. Please review the options for October and November outlined in the bulletin insert, and sign up for anything of interest.

During my many years as Health Minister at St. Basil, and now at St. Jane Frances de Chantal, I have found that working with Ascension provides many benefits and programs for our parishioners. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, there will likely not be any in-person sessions to attend through March 2021.

Again, there are still virtual options. Chair Yoga—for those who are not able to exercise easily—and the Diabetes Prevention and Management programs are excellent. With so much misinformation floating around about various vitamins and other non-prescription remedies, Myths and Benefits of Dietary **Supplements** is also a good choice.

To register for a program online, go to healthcare.ascension.org/events. Click "Find by Location," enter your ZIP code, select the class(es) you want, and then click "Submit." You can also call 248-849-5752 or email carelink@ascension.org.

Winter Blues: Shorter days with less sunlight bring a greater risk of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), a type of depression that occurs in the fall and winter. Symptoms include loss of energy, anxiety, oversleeping, social withdrawal, and weight gain. The disorder is usually treated with exposure to increased doses of artificial light—or better yet, by going outside for a walk. I find that my daily four-to-six mile trek down the country road through the woods near my home is therapeutic. The fall colors are spectacular this year!

Lung Problems: Cold weather tends to bring about respiratory problems like asthma and a greater risk of pneumonia. Emphysema may also worsen in the winter, as cold and dry air narrows airways, restricting airflow into and out of the lungs, making breathing more difficult. It doesn't help that winter makes it tougher to keep up heart-healthy habits. We still need to engage in regular exercise during cold weather. While we can't walk outside when it's too cold, we can still do home exercises—like using a treadmill, walking at the mall or gym, following an exercise video, or parking on the far side of a parking lot and walking to your destination.

Musical Notes: Per AOD guidelines, we are still restricted to limited singing and no choir during Mass. This will likely extend through the new year. Studies have revealed that oral particles are expelled farther when singing or proclaiming loudly. That's why I'm not using the piano much, these days, except to play opening or closing songs. It's not that I don't like the piano anymore—it's that the organ keeps me farther from the congregation and limits the spread of oral particles.

A funny story: A few weeks ago, I played a wedding at St. Mary's on the river in Marine City. The organ there is about 125 years old, and finicky. With pipe organs, you can sometimes get a "cipher," which is a note that plays of its own volition. During Fr. Lapeyre's prayers, one lower note (bass pedal, I thought) played three times. I tried to discern where it was coming from. It stopped, then played again. I couldn't stop it. Then it occurred to me: we were in Marine City, right by the shipping channel. Three low-frequency blasts, then again—it was a freighter passing by! Phew.

# SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF OCT. 18, 2020

#### Sunday

29<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Monday

Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs Eph 2:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 Lk 12:13-21

#### Tuesday

Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest Eph 2:12-22 Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 12:35-38

#### Wednesday

Eph 3:2-12 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 12:39-48

#### **Thursday**

Saint John Paul II, Pope Eph 3:14-21 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 Lk 12:49-53

#### Friday

Saint John of Capistrano, Priest Eph 4:1-6 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 12:54-59

#### Saturday

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop Eph 4:7-16 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Lk 13:1-9

#### Sunday

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 22:20-26 Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40

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# **Baptism**

The following children were baptized by Fr. Anthony Sulkowski on Saturday, October 10, 2020:

### Domenico Carmelo Perri &

#### Donatella Antonia Perri

Parents: Rocco & Noelle Perri Godfather: Nicholas Evola Godmother: Giuseppina Evola

Heavenly father, by the gift of water you nourish and sustain us.

Welcome them both Into your holy family.

Amen.

# OFFERTORY INFORMATION OCTOBER 11, 2020

Registered Families: 1,386 **Envelopes Returned:** 150 Amount Offered: \$4,881.00 Loose Offering: \$545.00 **Online Giving Contributors:** 103 Contributions: \$3,657.00 \$9,083.00 **Total Offerings: 2020 Budgeted Offertory**: \$11,786.00 Actual Offertory: \$9,083.00

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#### **VOTING IN THE 2020 ELECTION: THE BASICS**

It is our Catholic obligation to follow the teachings of Jesus—to "do good and oppose evil"—and exercise our right to vote.

#### WHEN IS THE 2020 ELECTION?

The 2020 election is on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**. In-person polling locations are open from **7:00am—8:00pm**.

#### **HOW DO I VOTE?**

Once you are registered, there are two ways to vote:

In person. Polling locations will be open from 7:00am—8:00pm. Simply stop by, get in line, and fill out your ballot once it is given to you. Out of Christian love and charity for the good of all, remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing when you visit the polls!

If you don't know your in-person polling location, you can visit **mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index** to both check your voter registration status and find your polling location.

**By absentee ballot**. In Michigan, voters can request an absentee ballot **for any reason**. This ballot will be delivered to you via mail. Once you receive it, follow the instructions included to fill out the ballot, seal it, and return it.

You can return your ballot by mail or in person at your city clerk's office.

#### **HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?**

Registering to vote is easy and free! You can register to vote at 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.

#### I'M NOT SURE IF I'M REGISTERED TO VOTE.

It's easy to check whether you're registered to vote! Visit **mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index** and input your information to check your registration status.

#### DAYTIME NEEDLECRAFTERS

The daytime Needlecrafters will be meeting again on Wednesdays from 9:30am—10:45am, beginning on October 28.

If you are interested in joining, please call the Parish Office at 586-977-8080.

#### THANK YOU, SWIFFERS!

You might have noticed how shiny and clean the Church and Gathering Space are—or how spotless the entrance door windows look.

This is all thanks to our Swiffers, who are once again volunteering their time and talents to keep our worship areas looking so beautiful. While their cleaning tasks are many, the Swiffers perform their duties to give everyone who walks through our Church doors a beautiful, welcoming place to worship. Thank you, Swiffers, for all you do for our parish!

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 19, 2020 No Mass

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

7:00pm For the Parishioners

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

8:00am Dec. William Colella (Jenny Colella)

> Dec. Mbrs. of the Colella Family (Family) Dec. Mbrs. of the Mollicone Family (Family)

Thursday, October 22, 2020

8:00am For the Parishioners Friday, October 23, 2020 No Mass

Saturday, October 24, 2020

4:00pm For the Parishioners

> Dec. Gabriel Durante (Durante Family) Dec. Pauline Gronowski (Gronowski Family)

Dec. Carol Korte (Cindy Guzi)

Sunday, October 25, 2020

9:00am Dec. Kenneth Kuefler (Laurie Hall)

Dec. Mark Zalucki (Uncle Joe & Aunt Beverly)

Liv. Pazlin Vacaj Family (Maria Vacaj) Dec. Tom Taylor (Roger Kwiatkowski)

11:30am Dec. Maria & Damiano Campo (Caradonna Family)

Dec. Vincent & Bridget Caradonna (Caradonna Family)

Dec. Jack Campo (Caradonna Family)

Dec. Felix E. Erfe (Jarin & Mangay-ayam Family)

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#### **OUR MISSION**

Nourished by God's Word and the Eucharist, we strive Interested in joining our parish family? Become a to be a welcoming community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, October 19, 2020

9:00am Panera

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

5:30pm Confessions 6:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

8:00am Mass

Thursday, October 22, 2020

8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers Team #3

Friday, October 23, 2020

No events

Saturday, October 24, 2020

1:00pm Wedding 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, October 25, 2020

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

#### **SACRAMENTS**

#### Children's Baptism

Do you have a child you would like to be baptized? Please call the Parish Office to 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!

#### **NEW TO OUR PARISH?**

parishioner! Register anytime at the Parish Office or online at sjfparish.org/joinus. Welcome home!





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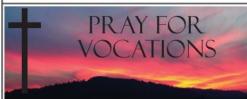




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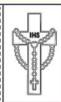
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