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This weekend, the Church celebrates and reminds us that life is sacred as we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. The Catholic Church teaches and affirms that all life is sacred from the moment of conception to natural death.

Respecting life is not only part of one day that comes and goes on the calendar each

year; it is a lifestyle and an attitude that we carry with us on a daily basis. It becomes a part of our being and who we are as Catholics.

As we read and hear so often in the Book of Genesis, "God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it." (Gen 1:27-28.)

Our attitude toward others must keep in mind that each of us is created in the Divine image of God, and so we should see others as being created in that same Divine image. There is so much anger in the world, whether it is in the form of road rage, drive-by shootings, innocent people being killed for no reason whatsoever, or people addicted to drugs or alcohol— and the list goes on.

At times it can be difficult for us to see the beauty that is around us, because the world shows us things that are contrary to the mandate to respect life from the first moment of conception to natural death. We must remember that respecting life is a daily activity; much like breathing or eating, it is important to our physical and spiritual wellbeing.

In a message to Catholics taking part in the annual Day of Life in Britain and Ireland on July 28, 2013, Pope Francis said this about the sanctity of human life:

"All life has inestimable value: even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn, and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

Have a wonderful week, and may you take some time out of your scheduled events to reflect upon the blessings and the beauty which God provides for each of us.

Bon mot: "Life is an exciting business, and most exciting when it is lived for others."

-Helen Adams Keller

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Masses	
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday & Thu	rsday 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

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, October 4, 2021 9:00am Panera

Tuesday, October 5, 20215:30pmConfession6:00pmRosary7:00pmMass

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

8:00am Mass
9:30am Needlecrafters
6:00pm Needlecrafters
7:00pm Choir Practice
7:00pm Lectio Divina (Remote Mtg.)

Thursday, October 7, 20218:00amMass9:00amSwiffers Team #2

Friday, October 8, 2021 6:30pm Ushers General Mtg.

Saturday, October 9, 2021 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, October 10, 2021 9:00am Mass 10:00am Cantor Practice 10:00am RCIA 11:30am Mass

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Hello. My name is Jenny Dibley. I grew up in Troy with my older brother, Luke, and attended Troy Athens High School. I am currently 18, I go to Michigan State University, and I am studying biomedical laboratory science on a pre-medicine path. Throughout my middle school and high school years, I loved getting involved in school

clubs, school sports, and in the Church. I received my confirmation at St. Jane Frances de Chantal back when I was in 8th grade. It was during my 7th and 8th grade catechism classes when we had to complete required volunteering hours

that I realized how important volunteering in my community was to me. In the summers, with a friend's youth group, we would go on a mission trip called the Pittsburgh Project, where for five days, we would help someone in the area fix up their house. It was such an amazing experience meeting the different homeowners and being able to praise God during the same trip.



Numerous times throughout high school, I volunteered at Vacation Bible School. It was so much fun being able to help teach and see the kids in the summer. In my freshman year of high school, I started as an assistant catechist for the kindergarten and 1st grade class with

Mrs. Linda Dubicki. I loved working with the kids and being on the other side of learning. In my senior year of high school, I became the primary catechist for the kindergarten and 1st grade group.

God has been active in my life by leading me down the right path and allowing me to find people to assist me. I believe everything happens for a reason, but that it's due to God's path for me, not fate. I've been able to go to God throughout my life whenever I need something, or whenever I want to thank Him for something. Sometimes what you need more than anything is someone to listen, and that is what God does for us. The reason I am who I am, and the reason I am even at Michigan State, is because of the path God helped me find.

The advice I have for younger students is to go to faith formation and Vacation Bible School and actively participate. The more you put in, the more you'll get out. As for faith, go to Church and pray as often as you can. If you don't understand something at Church, ask your parents or catechist. The better you can understand Mass, the more the message will stick with you. Additionally, whenever you are old enough—or able to with a parent—volunteer! It's a way to give back to your community and Church and to live like Jesus.

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Sunday, October 3, 20211:00pm-4:00pmFaith Formation7:00pm-8:30pmHigh School Youth Group at St. Rene GoupilSunday, October 17, 20217:00pm-8:30pmHigh School Youth Group at St. Jane Frances de ChantalSunday, November 7, 20211:00pm-4:00pmFaith Formation

7:00pm—8:30pm High School Youth Group at St. Rene Goupil

Sunday, November 21, 2021 7:00pm—8:30pm High School Youth Group at St. Jane Frances de Chantal





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After our recent remembrance of the 20th anniversary of 9/11, I received some responses from parishioners regarding the use of patriotic music during Mass. Most

support it, and some are even upset if I don't play a song in acknowledgement of a particular holiday. However, a few folks feel it isn't proper.

I received direction from the Worship Commission a while ago that using one song to honor our country during a national holiday weekend is appropriate. The fact that these songs appear in almost every published hymnal is also a testament to that school of thought. You may have also noticed that I do tend to sing the verses which refer to God simply to emphasize the relevance of God within that song.

Looking fundamentally at why our forefathers (and mothers) formed these United States, the root cause was religious suppression. In 1700s England, people were persecuted for simply worshiping their own faith, including Catholicism. King George III insisted that everyone must be recognized as a member of the Church of England. Obviously, there were many people who thought this was wrong and were compelled to do something about it. Is there anyone here who would want someone in power telling us that, "No, you cannot be a Catholic anymore"? Certainly not.

Personally, I am proud to live in the United States of America and to be free to worship God in peace and love as a Catholic Christian. Our national holidays give us the chance to express our gratitude for the brave people who fought and died to protect our hard-won freedoms. There is no better way to do that than to celebrate Holy Mass in prayer, praise, and song.

2021 TRUNK OF TREATS

This year's Trunk of Treats will be a little different. **On the weekend of October 30th and 31st,** we are asking all parish children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews ages ten years or younger to come to Mass dressed in their Halloween costumes!

After Mass, the Trunk of Treats committee members will be passing out treat bags to all of our little "ghosts and goblins."

We ask that if you plan on participating in this year's event to please contact the Parish Office with the number of children who will be attending Mass.



We're looking forward to seeing all of the little ones in their Halloween costumes!

If you have any questions, please contact Linda at LSmith@sjfparish.org or at 586-977-8080, Ext. 113.



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF OCT. 3, 2021

Sunday

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 2:18-24 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Heb 2:9-11 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday

Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8 Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4

Thursday *Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary* Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 Lk 11:5-13

Friday Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6 & 16, 8-9 Lk 11:15-26

Saturday St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest JI 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28

Sunday 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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Registered Families :	1,365
Envelopes Returned: Amount Offered:	191 \$6,000.00
Loose Offering:	\$563.00
Online Giving Contributors:	104
Online Contributions:	\$3 <i>,</i> 873.00
Total Offerings:	\$10,436.00
2020 Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Actual Offertory:	\$10,436.00
Difference:	-\$1,350.00

OFFERTORY INFORMATION SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Registered Families:	1,365
Envelopes Returned:	208
Amount Offered:	\$8,453.00
Loose Offering:	\$677.00
Online Giving Contributors:	99
Online Contributions:	\$3,080.00
Total Offerings:	\$12,210.00
2020 Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Actual Offertory:	\$12,210.00
Difference:	+\$424.00

ONLINE GIVING

Visit **sjfparish.org/onlinegiving** to make online contributions to our parish safely and securely!



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Today is Respect Life Sunday! The following is adapted from **catholiccurrent.org** and provides important information on the role of St. Joseph as protector of mother and child:

The infant Christ "came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for, and raised by Joseph" (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God's plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, "God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child" (PC 5).

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, "in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat'" (PC 3). His "yes" to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him "an intercessor, a support, and a guide in times of trouble" (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say "yes" to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was "chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true 'miracle' by which God saves the child and his mother" (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. Dear St. Joseph, you who were "able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence" (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage. Amen.

OCTOBER 3, 2021



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Saturday Sunday Oct. 5, 2021 Oct. 6, 2021 Oct. 7, 2021 Oct. 9, 2021 Oct. 10, 2021 7:00pm Mass 8:00am Mass 8:00am Mass 4:00pm Mass 9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass Sacristan N/A N/A N/A Volunteer Mary Ann Dan Rys Needed Webb Lector Mary Anne Judy Taylor Barb **Eileen Clase** John Martin Barb Barczak Milzcynski Milczynski

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THE 2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: FUEL THE MISSION

St. Paul wrote to the Colossians, "Whatever you do, do from the heart" (Colossians 3:23).

As we face so many challenges in 2021, we are reminded of our call as missionary disciples to act out of the heart that God has formed in us. The CSA raises funds that make possible the work of the AOD, including supporting more than 100 ministries, programs, and services. This includes helping the hungry and homeless, supporting AOD parishes, priests, and seminarians, promoting the work of the Catholic schools, and so much more.

What is the CSA?

The Catholic Services Appeal is an annual campaign that raises funds for the Archdiocese of Detroit ministries, programs, and services that benefit all the faithful in southeast Michigan. This archdiocesan-wide campaign communicates that the local Church extends beyond the parish. The CSA is an opportunity for the faithful to respond to Christ's command "to love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12) by helping to fund services throughout the broader area of southeast Michigan.

The Catholic Services Appeal benefits parishes and people in the Archdiocese of Detroit by helping to fund more than 170 ministries, programs, and services, including support for men discerning God's call to the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, grants to Catholic schools, and young adult programs.

Our parish goal is \$91,324.00. Once a parish reaches its individual annual goal, 100 percent of the overage is returned to the parish.

We have not yet reached our 2021 CSA goal. Thank you to all who have already made a pledge; if you have not, please, prayerfully consider contributing to the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal.

Visit sjf.aodcsa.org to make a pledge and learn more.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Last Sunday, September 26, 2021 was Priesthood Sunday!

In the Prayer of Consecration during the ordination of priests, the ordaining bishop prays, "In the desert you extended the spirit of Moses to 70 wise men who helped him to rule the great company of his people. With the same loving care you gave companions to your Son's apostles to help in teaching the faith: they preached the Gospel to the whole world."

In recognizing all that priests do for the community, both seen and unseen, the Office of Priestly Vocations is inviting parishioners to formally and prayerfully thank the men who have offered their lives to God. Parishioners can contribute to a spiritual bouquet for their pastors and associate pastors by visiting **detroitpriestlyvocations.com/priesthood-sunday**.

Part of that bouquet includes an option to share a story about how your priest's ministry has impacted your life. The Archdiocese of Detroit's hope is to collect and share these stories with each priest as they continue to celebrate priestly vocations.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

With Deepest Sympathy

The community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal extends support and prayers to the family and friends of:

Mary N. Polcyn Beloved wife of the late Anthony. Loving mother of Rosalie. Proud grandmother of Nicole and Lisa.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army Nicholas Brosowski, Army Chris Burley, Navy Shaun Chaplin, Air Force Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard Elijah Kuefler, Navy Carmen LaForest, Navy Matthew McDowell, Air Force Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy Anthony Trotta, Navy Kyle Wiegand, Army

PRAYER LIST

Sherie Chudnicki Lena Frontera **Robert Gillespie** Anthony Grillo **Gary Jacobs Colin Jones** Nina Randazzo June Sadowski Tom Sadowski

Names added to the Prayer List remain for four weeks. Please call the Parish Office to request prayers.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 4, 2021 No Mass

Tuesday, Oc 7:00pm	tober 5, 2021 Dec. Marsha Olson (Family)	
Wednesday, 8:00am	, October 6, 2021 For the Parishioners	
Thursday, O 8:00am	ctober 7, 2021 Dec. Kimberly Kozian (Dennis & Karen Kozian)	
Friday, October 8, 2021 No Mass		
Saturday, October 9, 2021		
4:00pm	Dec. Ron Suwinski (Bernie & Ann Cattivera) Dec. Jim Simkus (Family & Friends) Dec. Peter Reinhardt (Birthday) (Mezzapelle Family) Dec. Joanne Bentoske (Beverly & Joe Szczygielski)	
Sunday, Oct	Sunday, October 10, 2021	
9:00am	For the Parishioners	
	Dec. Peter Reinhardt (1 st Anniv.) (Mezzapelle Family)	

Dec. Nymia Reyes (Family) 11:30am

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

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Would you like to join the St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish family? Become a parishioner! You may register anytime in the Parish Office or online at sifparish.org/joinus. We would love to have you!



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SACRAMENTS

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM

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

RECONCILIATION

Available Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Please contact our 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 one-time or regular visits.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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



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