We remember those from our parish community who have been buried in the last year:

September 2019 to September 2020

James Baggi

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Mary Daniels

Gabriel DeKimpe

Felix Erfe

Danny Frezza

Mary Gazo

Albert Geldhof

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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.



NOVEMBER 1. 2020

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm 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

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, November 2, 2020

All Soul's Day

9:00am Panera

1:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team

(via Zoom)

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

5:30pm Confessions

6:00pm Rosary

7:00pm All Soul's Day

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

8:00am Mass

9:30am Needlecrafters

Thursday, November 5, 2020

8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers Team #1

Friday, November 6, 2020

No events

Saturday, November 7, 2020

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, November 8, 2020

9:00am Mass 10:00am RCIA

11:30am Mass



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As we see the close of October, we begin the month of November— a month in which the Universal Church remembers those who have died. At St. Jane Frances de Chantal, as well

as in every parish, we will remember those from the parish who were buried this past year. We will recall the many ways in which those who have died have influenced and touched our lives.

On one of my trips to Argentina, we arrived in time to celebrate the Day of the Dead, commonly known to us as All Souls' Day. The Day of the Dead is a holiday in South America, and in most of Europe. It is a day to celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us. The celebration takes place at the graves of loved ones who have passed on. There is usually a picnic lunch, with music, dancing, and food for all to enjoy. It is a joyful celebration of life and of memories. It is a celebration of faith.

It is important to remember and to pray for those who have died. An older priest once told me years ago that it's important to pray for those who have been called home by the Lord, because someday, others will be praying for you. Death is indeed a part of life, and I believe what surprises us about death is that we don't know when it will come. Pope Francis said, "We pray that God prepares us for the encounter. We know not the date, but the encounter will happen."

As we celebrate the Feast of All Souls, let us reflect upon the many people in our lives that have walked this journey with us—those who have left their imprint on our life and on our life's vocation. We are where we are—and do what we are doing—because of someone's influence on our life. We do not journey through life alone. Many people join us in our joys and challenges. Some are with us for a lifetime, while others may be with us for a short part of the journey; yet, everyone we come into contact with leaves their mark on us.

The Church reminds us of the importance of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that we are encouraged to pray, as "in the prayer of petition, every event and need can become an offering of thanksgiving. The letter of St. Paul often begins and ends with thanksgiving, and the Lord Jesus is always present in it: 'Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ'; 'Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving'" (CCC 2638).

O Lord, eternal rest grant unto our brothers and sisters. May the Light of your face be upon them.

Bon mot: "Remembrance is the only paradise out of which we cannot be driven away."

—Jean Paul Richter

Have a great day.

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony



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Around the middle of May, I wrote Communications Facilitator about the nearly 300,000 deaths the world has seen due to COVID-19. Now, more than five months later, that count has risen to 1,160,000, according to Johns Hopkins University.

I want to write that number again, this time in words, so we can truly feel its impact. Since the beginning of the pandemic, there have been one million, one hundred and sixty thousand deaths due to COVID-19 or COVID-19-related causes. That is no small number. It's almost double the amount of those who died in the Civil War, and almost 400 times the amount of deaths from 9/11.

During the month of November, the Universal Church remembers those who have died. I think it's appropriate, then, to take a moment to remember those 1,160,000 people who have passed away from COVID-19.

COVID-19 is a difficult illness because of the isolation it circumstances. Those who contract the virus must isolate to prevent it from spreading. Those with serious cases who are hospitalized must spend their most vulnerable moments away from their loved ones. And, of those 1,160,000 who have died of the virus, most pass away alone in isolation or hospitalization.

One of the seven principles of Catholic Social teaching is Solidarity. I've spoken before about how this virus has shown us the solidarity we have with the rest of the world: none of us are facing this virus alone, and we all must work together to stop it.

We must also remember, however, that we are also in solidarity with those who have died from the virus. We are all children of God, and everyone who dies deserves our respect. As Catholics, we must honor the dead, especially those taken by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The death toll has risen drastically since May. Now, so many months and deaths—later, let us pray to God that those who have passed away due to the COVID-19 pandemic rest in peace. Amen.



The community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal congratulates Kaitlin Hall and Bradley Cooney on receiving the Sacrament of Marriage on October 24, 2020.

Witnesses: David Ashley & Christine Masell

Sponsor Couple: Dan & Darlene Rys

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF NOV. 1, 2020

Sunday

Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6;

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a

Monday

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed,

All Souls' Day

Wis 3:1-9

Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9

Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday

Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

Phil 2:5-11

Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32

Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Memorial of

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Phil 2:12-18

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Phil 3:3-8a

Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Phil 3:17-4:1

Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5

Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Phil 4:10-19

Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9

Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16

Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14

Mt 25:1-13



There is no one definition of work.

Work is anything we do for the good of our society. It comes from the gifts we are given as children of God. Work is our way of "continuing participation in God's creation" (USCCB).

"The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it" (Genesis 2:15).

Every one of us has work to do.

For some, that means a paid job that allows them to take care of their family financially. For some, it's the unpaid work of taking care of the family and home. For some, it's volunteer work that supports their church, school, or society at large.

Just because work isn't paid doesn't mean it isn't work.

We must respect all workers and recognize their human dignity, regardless of the work they do.

I'm a nurse. I know it takes many people in many different roles to care for a person in the hospital. Some of those people are very visible—like nurses and doctors. When we think of a hospital, we think of those nurses and doctors.

But some work is almost *invisible*—like the work housekeepers and clerks do.

The COVID-19 pandemic has opened my eyes to the importance of each of these roles. Without the nurses and doctors in the ICU, people would die. Without the housekeeper who sanitizes everything, more people would get sick. And without the clerks who answer phones, people would be left in the dark about the status of their loved ones.

Visible or invisible, all work has value and dignity.

"...all jobs are equal, and no occupation is considered superior. Whether a job requires physical labor or intellectual labor, every job carries dignity" (St. John Paul II, *Laborem Exercens*).

People have a right to work, and those who work have rights.

We must recognize the dignity of work by ensuring that all work is rewarded with "just wages and benefits." All workers should be paid a just and living wage (Mt 20:1-16). Workers must have "decent working conditions," as well as the right to "organize and join unions or other associations" to create better working conditions for themselves and others (USCCB, A Catholic Framework for Economic Life).

So what can we do?

We must **speak out** against unjust political and social systems that put profit before people.

We must **defend** the rights of workers who are organizing to create a better life for themselves.

We must advocate for an end to wage disparity.

God, help us use our power as consumers and voters to ensure the dignity of work is respected. May we urge business owners and policymakers to place the dignity of the human person at the center of all economic decisions. Amen.

Where do I see the dignity of work and the rights of workers being violated?

Where do I see it being protected?

How will my purchasing and voting choices impact whether the rights of workers are violated or protected?

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 sixth principle—Solidarity.

Delve deeper with the resources at **sjfparish.org/moderncatholic**.

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2020 HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET COLLECTION

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Holidays are a time to give thanks to God for the blessings we have received—and to share those blessings with families in need.

For both Thanksgiving and Christmas, our St. Vincent de Paul chapter provides holiday meal packages to families in need within our parish boundaries. This only happens because of the generosity of you, the parishioners.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not be able to run a food collection this year.

Instead, we are asking for gift cards that we will distribute to families so they can purchase items for their holiday meal.

We are in need of gift cards in the amount of:

\$10, \$20, or \$30 for Meijer or Kroger.

Please place the gift cards in an envelope and write "St. Vincent de Paul holiday food" on the envelope. Gift card envelopes should be returned to the parish office no later than Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

Thank you for your generosity toward families that need our support!

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 586-977-8080 or visit **sjfparish.org/stvincentdepaul**.

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 this Tuesday, November 3, 2020. In-person polling locations are open from 7:00am—8:00pm.

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

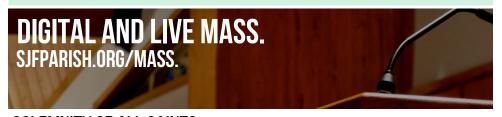
It's easy to check whether you're registered to vote! Visit **mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/Index** and input your information to check your registration status.

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.



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PRIEST'S PENSION PLAN 2020 COLLECTION

Every parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit has the opportunity to take up a special collection to contribute to the Priest's Pension Plan.

This year, the collection is on **November 7 and 8, 2020**. Included in this bulletin is the envelope to contribute.

The blessings of a priest to our Catholic life of faith are boundless. Perhaps a priest baptized your infant daughter, or administered your son's first Holy Communion. Perhaps he witnessed your marriage vows as you celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony, or presided at the funeral Mass of a loved one called home to the Lord.

Every aspect of the life and ministry of a priest is a gift from God—a gift that builds up and maintains the communion of our Church. It is with gratitude that we offer our thanks.

Please consider a generous gift to the Priest's Pension Plan special collection.

OFFERTORY INFORMATION OCTOBER 25, 2020

Registered Families: 1,386
Envelopes Returned: 144

Amount Offered: \$6,144.00
Loose Offering: \$473.00

Online Giving Contributors: 108
Contributions: \$3,259.00

Total Offerings: \$9,876.00

2020 Budgeted Offertory: \$11,786.00

Actual Offertory: \$9,876.00
Difference: \$9,876.00

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army

Nicholas Brosowski, Army

Chris Burley, Navy

Shaun Chaplin, Air Force

Winndie Darrow, Coast Guard

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 Scot D. Skoczylas, Navy

Anthony Trotta, Navy

Kyle Wiegand, Army

PRAYER LIST

Mike & Brenda Boyle Rachel Canavesio Daniel VanAcker

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 2, 2020 No Mass

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

7:00pm All the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

8:00am Dec. Willard Fasczewski (Graziano Family)

Thursday, November 5, 2020

8:00am Dec. Marsha Olson (Family)

Friday, November 6, 2020 No Mass

Saturday, November 7, 2020

4:00pm All Veterans & Military Personnel

Dec. Sophie Novak (Family)

Dec. Dolores Karpinski (Joe & Lori Nida) Dec. Josephine Maiuri (5th Anniv.) (Family)

Dec. Gjergj Hasaj (Maria Vacaj)

Sunday, November 8, 2020

9:00am For the Parishioners

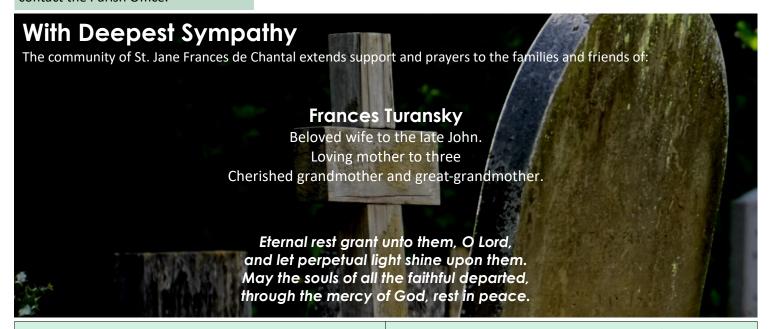
All Veterans & Military Personnel

Dec. Danica Vlahovic (Merisa & Lana Musemic)

Dec. Mbrs. of Schkrinjar Family (Merisa & Lana Musemic)

11:30am All Veterans & Military Personnel

Dec. James Taylor (Judy Taylor)
Dec. Michael Koczon (Judy Taylor)
Dec. Leroy Rogers (Judy Taylor)



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MARRIAGE

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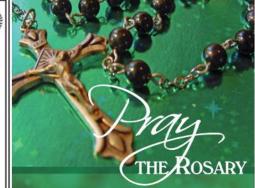
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