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Twinkies and Root Beer

We continue our journey through the Easter season reflecting upon all that had happened that Easter morning. The Scripture readings during this season

invite us to take time to meditate upon those readings in light of our relationship with God. We recall the question that Jesus poses to Peter when He asks Peter; who do you say that I am? Peter's response is: you are the Christ the Son of the living God.

The story that follows, reminds us that God reveals Himself to us in many forms or disguises. I hope this story prompts some reflection on how we see God working in our life. Enjoy!!

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six pack of root beer, and he started his journey. When he had gone about three blocks, he met an elderly man. The man was sitting in the park just feeding the pigeons.

The boy sat down next to the elderly man and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie. The man gratefully accepted it and smiled at the boy. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered the elderly man a root beer

Again, the man smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word. As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the man, and gave him a big hug. The man gave the little boy the biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, what did you do today to make you so happy? He replied, "I had lunch with God". Before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? God has got the most beautiful smile I have ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the elderly man also radiant with joy returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his father's face and asked, "Dad, what did you do today to make you so happy?" The father replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God". However, before the son responded, he added, "You know God is much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace everyone equally. Take the time to see God throughout your daily life.

Bon mot: Faith is the root of all good works; a root that produces nothing is dead.

-Daniel Wilson

Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses Saturday Sunday	4:00pm 9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Masses Tuesday Wednesday & Thu	7:00pm rsday 8:00am
Holy Day Masses	As Announced
Confession Tuesday	5:30pm
Rosary Tuesday	6:00pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, April 24, 2023				
10:00am	SVdP Meeting			
1:00pm	Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)			

Tuesday, April 25, 202310:00amBible Study5:30pmConfessions6:00pmRosary7:00pmMass w/Anointing

Wednesday, April 26, 20238:00amMass9:30amNeedlecrafters6:00pmNeedlecrafters6:30pmCantor Rehearsal7:00pmChoir Rehearsal7:00pmLectio Divina (Zoom)

Thursday, April 27, 2023 8:00am Mass 9:00am Swiffers team #3 10:30am Book Club 7:00pm Bike Club Meeting

Friday, April 28, 2023 No Events/Office Closed

Saturday, 9:00am	April 29, 2023 Advance Directives
	Workshop
4:00pm	Mass
4:45pm	Divine Mercy Prayers
4:45pm	Blood Pressure Screenings

Sunday, April 30, 2023 9:00am Mass 9:45am Blood Pressure Screenings 11:30am Mass 1:00pm Meet the Knights

The Lord has truly been raised Luke 24:34

Additional Easter Flowers

From: Mr. & Mrs. David Gatny In Memory of Betty Ann Jewell In Memory of Kenneth Scott In Memory of Allan Phillips In Memory of Clifford Sulla From: Ms. Justine Boczar In Memory of John J. Boczar In Memory of Josephine P. Boczar From: Mr. & Mrs. Edward Belloli From: Ms. Martha Tryb From: Mr. John Kreft In Memory of Mary M. Kreft In Memory of Gregory R. Kreft In Memory of John E. Kreft From: Mrs. Rose Swierczynski In Memory of Chester Swierczynski In Memory of Terry & Gus Sabo In Memory of Sophie & Joe Swierczynski In Memory of Mary Bark In Memory of George Sabo From: Mr. and Mrs. Patric Celani





BIKE CLUB MEETING

Do you ride a bike, are you interested in joining a group of St. Jane Frances bikers? If so, please plan on attending a Bike Club meeting on Thursday, April 27th at 7:00pm. We will be discussing when and where we want to ride. Bring any ideas you have for trails and areas where we can ride. Questions, please contact Linda Smith at Lsmith@sjfparish.org or at 586-977-8080, ext. 101.



Meet the Knights Benefit Luncheon

Sunday, April 30th 1:00pm-3:00pm Fr. Page Activity Center

Open to all families Brief insurance presentation

FREE RED HOTS CONEY DOGS AND REFRESHMENTS

APRIL 23, 2023



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On April 2, 2023, the JWJ Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Catholic Academy of Faith Formation embarked on a Service Project to Benefit "Friends of Madison Heights".

The organization runs a food pantry for families in need and distributes food to the community. They noticed, in their collections and distribution, that many children were in need of snack food items for lunch, but they were not receiving many of these items.

At St. Jane Frances de Chantal, our goal and our promise to them was that we would fill up 3 of their bins with food snack bags, each containing 5 snack items that they could place in their lunch distribution. This would amount to approximately 100 snack bags with 500 snack items.

Our families were extremely giving in their donations and we ended up filling 8 bins of snack bags, totaling nearly 300 filled bags with 1500 items, tripling our initial goal and promise. This was at St. Jane Frances only, as St. Rene Goupil, the other extension of JWJ Catholic Academy, collected nearly the same amount of items, so our final donation was 600 bags with 3000 snack items. WOW!

Thank you to the families of JWJ Catholic Academy for their generous donations! We will continue to help out in the community whenever and wherever needed.



SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF April 23, 2023

Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Monday

Acts 6:8-15: Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117: 1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday **Fourth Sunday of Easter** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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OFFERTORY INFORMATION April 16, 2023

Registered Families:	1,365
Weekly Envelopes:	163
Amount Offered:	\$6,639.00
Loose Offering:	\$842.00
Online Contributors:	106
Online Contributions	\$4,251.00
Total Offerings:	\$11,732.00
Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Difference:	-\$54.00

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9:00am—1:00pm & 4:30pm—7:45pm Tuesday

2:00pm—7:45pm Saturday 3:00pm—5:00pm Sunday

10:00am—12:30pm

Third Sunday of Easter



your loved ones regarding advance directives, your health wishes, and long term plans. You will learn why it is important to have an advance directive, what a medical durable power of attorney for healthcare is and has the authority to do on your behalf. We will have time throughout the presentation for questions and interactions. No registration necessary.

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HEAVENLY DELIGHTS

Join us once again on **Sunday, May 7th, after the 9:00am Mass** for coffee, bagels, donuts, juice, and tea! This is a great time to build community and form new friendships! There is no cost, but a free will offering is accepted. **We hope you can join us!**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE							
	Tuesday Apr. 25, 2023	Wednesday Apr. 26, 2023	Thursday Apr. 27, 2023	Saturday Apr. 29, 2023	Sunday Apr. 30, 2023		
	7:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	8:00am Mass	4:00pm Mass	9:00am Mass	11:30am Mass	
Sacristan	Brian Finn	John Martin	Judy Taylor	Janet Sepanik	Ray Кпарр	Jeannemarie Trotta	
Lector	Craig Smith	Annette Mobley	Barb Milczynski	John Martin James Torres	Kathleen Pawlik Janice Machusak	Matthew Pawl John Czarski	
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Today we hear one of my favorite pieces of Scripture – the retelling of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. This scripture passage illustrates Jesus' great teaching on accompaniment, the most important aspect of evangelization in our new world. In Archbishop Vigneron's Pastoral Letter, Unleash the Gospel, he writes in Marker 6.2 of the model of accompaniment that is provided in this scripture: "Accompaniment of those being evangelized is an essential part of unleashing the Gospel. When Jesus walked with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, he did not immediately begin to

instruct them. Instead he first listened to them and allowed them to share their hopes and disappointments, winning their trust. He met them where they were in their faith and helped them to go further."

In our world today, we need Jesus' accompaniment more than ever. Invite Jesus in, share your hopes and disappointments, let Him meet you where you are, in joy, in sorrow, in grief, and in hope. One way to connect with Jesus is through Ignatian Prayer. If you aren't familiar with this type of prayer, here is a description from the Ignatian Spirituality website: "Ignatian prayer is **imaginative**, **reflective**, and **personal**. **St. Ignatius Loyola** encouraged people to develop an intimate relationship with a God who loves them and desires the best for them. Ignatius Loyola trusted human desires. He believed that our deepest desire is to return God's love. Ignatius Loyola also trusted feelings. He believed that feelings of joy and sorrow, peace and distress, were important indicators of the path toward fruitful decisions and deeper union with God."

The following is an imaginative prayer session focused on today's scripture. I hope you give it a try!

Imaginative Prayer: A Meeting on the Road to Emmaus

By Vinita Hampton Wright

This imaginative prayer exercise is based on Luke 24:13-35, the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

It's a long walk home from Jerusalem, but you're glad for the exertion. The physical work of walking might ease, just slightly, the harder work that's going on inside you today.

It is the work of grief. You lost a friend just a few days ago. Not only a friend, but your leader, your beloved teacher. And he didn't simply die; he was executed in the most torturous, shameful way. You've seen a lot in your lifetime, but the memories of Jesus' ordeal are forever branded into your memory. You close your eyes and see blood; you go to sleep but dream about someone suspended, gasping for air.

At least your friend is with you—both of you followed the teacher, with equal conviction and enthusiasm. So you bear your grief together now. As you walk and walk through the long, rainy afternoon, you encourage better memories—of all that the teacher said, of the people you know whom Jesus healed. You can't seem to stop talking, although several times one or both of you must stop talking because you must cry for a while.

The stranger joins you while you are still several miles from home. Within moments, it's clear that this person has no idea what has been going on in Jerusalem. With great heaviness and some annoyance, you fill in the barest details for him. All you have to say is "crucifixion" and anyone in Roman territories knows exactly what you're talking about.

But the stranger engages in the conversation with great energy. He must be some kind of teacher, because he launches into an explanation of how Jesus' fate is actually a good thing and the proper fulfillment of what was predicted long ago. This is fascinating—you and your friend are all ears. Before you know it, you've arrived at your home and it's getting dark.

You invite the stranger to have supper with you and spend the night, rather than risk injury or other misfortune while on the road at night alone. Also you want to hear more of what he has to say. He graciously accepts your offer.

The first thing you do upon entering the house is prepare the evening meal. The three of you sit down to eat. Then the stranger takes the bread and blesses it. You feel a strange energy move through you and hover in the room.

Where have you heard this sort of blessing before?

The stranger hands each of you a piece of the bread. You take it, and memory washes over you—of a hillside with thousands of hungry people. Of a few loaves and fishes being transformed in an instant to miraculous abundance.

Suddenly, it is clear who this man is, eating at your table. You look into his face.

What do you see? What is his expression? What do you feel? What do you know in the truth of your heart?

Your friend has barely gotten the words out—"Why, it's the Lord!"—when the stranger vanishes.

The room still feels strangely warm, and there are waves of that energy, like lightning sparking all over the room. You and your friend stare at one another, and finally you say, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he explained the Scriptures? Didn't we know something even then—we just couldn't identify it?"

You finish your meal—what a healing pleasure to eat the bread blessed by those hands! But then you look at each other and know what you must do. You head back to Jerusalem. You have to tell Jesus' other followers who are still there in the city.

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What is your conversation like on the way back?

You are traveling at night—something you never do, for safety's sake. What does it feel like to be on the road at such a strange hour?

What thoughts keep running through your mind on this journey?

How has your perspective changed, now that you have met the resurrected Jesus?

https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/imaginative-prayer-a-meeting-on-the-road-to-emmaus/

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army Nicholas Brosowski, Army Chris Burley, Navy Shaun Chaplin, Air Force Michael DeVito, Army Reserve Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines **Gregory Hjelle**, Army Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard Carmen LaForest, Navy Matthew McDowell, Air Force Lauren Patterson, Air Force Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy Anthony Trotta, Navy Kyle Wiegand, Army Steven Zurek, Navy

PRAYER LIST

Rita Barras Debbie Coomes Judy Koelzer Mark Myers

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

Your FAITH & HOPE are in GOD

1 Peter 1:21

PARISH NEWS

Parish News keeps our parishioners up-to-date with regular updates from our parish. Any parishioner with an email address can sign up for Parish News.

All news will be delivered to your email inbox.

Sign up at **sjfparish.org/news**.

OUR MISSION

"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."

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 24, 2023

No Mass

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 7:00pm Dec. Enr

Dec. Enrico Flaviani (Judy Taylor) Dec. Michael Tarter (Judy Taylor) Dec. Norma B. (Beth & Phil Mina) Dec. Loreto Villarosa (Beth & Phil Mina) Dec. Estanislao Villarosa (Beth & Phil Mina)

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

8:00am Dec. Dolores Whitehouse (Judy Taylor)

Thursday, April 27, 2023

8:00am

Dec. Tom Chase (Family) Dec. Jerry & Christine Ficek (Family) Dec. John Peterson (Judy Taylor) Liv. Rob & Jean Kelver (Judy Taylor)

Friday, April 28, 2023

Saturday, April 29, 2023

4:00pm Dec. Herbert Bremerkamp-Birthday Remembrance (Family) Dec. Harold Vorpagel (Mary Jane Vorpagel) Dec. Daniel Dilworth (Shirley Essad) Dec. Dorothy Meccariello (Shirley Essad)

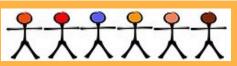
No Mass

Sunday, April 30, 2023

9:00am For the Parishioners

11:30amDec. Jack Campo (Caradonna Family)
Dec. Maria & Damiano Campo (Caradonna Family)
Dec. Vincent & Bridget Caradonna (Caradonna Family)
Dec. Sarah Burwell Chu (Balagtas Family)
Dec. Felicidad R. Barile (U.P.R.H.S. Class of 1977)

WHAT IS THE DENIS CONNECTION?



The Denis Connection started with an idea I had after my brother passed away. His name was Dennis, and I believe that he died of loneliness. It made me realize that since I was the only person who spent time with him, one person is not enough. People need people. I named the ministry after my brother, and it stands for "Delivering Encouragement, Nurturing & Increasing Socialization." We started as a visiting ministry but also provide transportation to appointments and errands. We would like to get this ministry up and running again but we need your help.

If you would like to volunteer, we would love to have you join us. Training will be provided and you can choose how much time you can devote and pick a job that you feel comfortable with.

If you think the DENIS Connection could be of help to you, please contact the parish office and we will do our best to help you with your request.

Thank you, Debbie Shelton, Founder Denis Connection

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

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 **sjfparish.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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