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Peace be with you!!!

It goes without saying that we celebrated Easter differently this year. It was wonderful to see so many people come to celebrate the great feast of Easter, yet Easter came and as in years past, we celebrated the Resurrection of the Lord in a

way that was meaningful for us. He has been raised. Indeed He has. He is not in the tomb. In this Easter season, these fifty days between Easter and Pentecost the church invites us to reflect deeper upon our relationship with Christ.

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The Gospel for the second Sunday after Easter was from John 20:19-31. It is the Gospel when Jesus appears to the disciples who have locked themselves in the upper room. Despite the locked door Jesus appears to them and says, "Peace be with you." This piece of Scripture is one of my favorites and I reflect upon it often. You may recall the homily I preached three weeks ago, in which I said if I could give this Gospel a title it would be: What Jesus could have said and didn't.

If we reflect upon all that had happened from Holy Thursday to Easter. The reaction of the disciples when they find themselves in difficult and challenging situations, their first reaction is to run from the situation and distance themselves from Jesus. Yet, in the Gospel, Jesus knowing all that had happened and says to his disciples, "Peace be with you". And a calming presence comes over the disciples.

This has been a difficult and long journey for all of us. It has changed our lives and has become the "new normal". When we find ourselves becoming frustrated and unable to see any hope in the present situation may we take comfort in the words of Jesus, Peace be with you and know that I am with you until the end of time. I would invite you to read John 20:19-31 and meditate upon it as we journey through this Easter season.

I recently read an article about how the pandemic has affected how we look at life and all that life has to offer us. The author of the article explores two gifts that have been stifled by the pandemic, namely our ability to see our experiences through the lens of wonderment and awe. This Easter season provides for us the opportunity to see with the eyes of faith the many ways which God reveals himself to us. God has blessed us, let us not take that for granted.

Like the disciples, we too will receive the gifts of the Spirit. The challenge for us as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost will be: do we avail ourselves to these gifts or do we allow them to remain dormant. The choice is ours.

Bon mot: Faith is to believe, on the word of God, what we do not see, and its reward is to see and enjoy what we believe.

--Augustine of Hippo

Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony

FIFTH 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, May 8, 2023 1:00pm Intercessory Prayer (Zoom) Tuesday, May 9, 2023 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Adoration Confessions 5:30pm 6:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass Wednesday, May 10, 2023 8:00am Mass 9:30am Needlecrafters 6:00pm Needlecrafters 6:30pm Cantor Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Lectio Divina (Zoom)

Thursday, May 11, 2023

8:00am Mass
9:00am Swiffers team #1
6:00pm K of C Officer's Meeting
6:30pm K of C General Meeting

Friday, May 12, 2023 No Events/Office Closed

Saturday, May 13, 2023 4:00pm Mass w/K of C Corporal Communion

Sunday, May 14, 2023 9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass





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Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day May 13th

Mary appeared to three peasant children

near Fatima, Portugal, six times between May 13 and October 13, 1917, and asked for prayers for world peace and an end to World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia. She entrusted the children with three secrets, regarding devotion to her Immaculate Heart, a vision of hell, and a "bishop in white" shot by soldiers firing bullets and arrows. Many connect the third secret to the attempted assassination of Blessed Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, and the pope thanked Mary for guiding the bullet and saving him. At the Vatican, Pope Francis has stood before the statue of Our Lady from the Fatima shrine and formally entrusted the world to Mary. "In Lucia's account, the three chosen children found themselves surrounded by God's light as it radiated from Our Lady. She enveloped them in the mantle of Light that God had given her. According to the belief and experience of many pilgrims, if not of all, Fatima is more than anything this mantle of Light that protects us, here as in almost no other place on earth. We need but take refuge under the protection of the Virgin Mary and to ask her, as the Salve Regina teaches: 'show unto us...Jesus."

—Pope Francis, Holy Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 2017 Copyright © 2021, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.

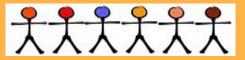
A Mother's Love - A Prayer of Our Lady of Fatima

We praise you, Lord, and bless you, For in a time of horrific war And pandemic plague, You sent us your mother, Our Lady of Fatima. We sing praises to you, For even in times of sorrow and fear The Earth is still touched by one such as she. And we are reminded, Knowing that whatever war visits itself upon us, Whatever deprivations, Whatever want. Whatever illness. Whatever calamity endured by humankind That may cause us to look to the sky and despair, That your children do not toil in this world apart from your grace, That our prayers are not unheard And we do not go forth without a mother's love. Keep us devoted to you, O Lord, Devoted in our prayer, our words and our acts, That all souls in this world may know your compassion, peace and mercy, That all souls who have departed this world may find salvation. Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco, pray for us. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us. Amen.



MAY 7, 2023

WHAT IS THE DENIS CONNECTION?

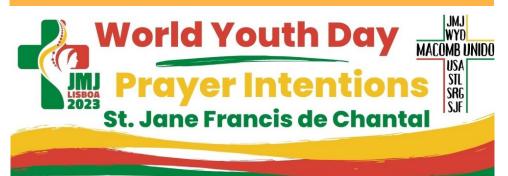


The Denis Connection started with an idea I had after my brother passed away. His name was Dennis, and I believe that he died of loneliness. It made me realize that since I was the only person who spent time with him, one person is not enough. People need people. I named the ministry after my brother, 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



For \$5 we will pray your prayer while at a World Youth Day reflection or event.

For \$10 we will pray the name of your intention at a World Youth Day Mass.



For \$15 we will offer your prayer intention at the Shrine of Fatima in Portugal.

For \$20 our group will pray the name of your intention at the World Youth Day Prayer Vigil with the Pope.



St. Jane Frances de Chantal WYD 2023 Prayer Intention Form

Your Name	:
Name for in	ntention:

Your email:

Name for intention:	Your Phone Number:
Prayer :	
Please return this form by 7/16/2	-
Please make checks payable to: St. Jane France	ces / Memo: WYD \$5 \$10 \$15 \$20

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF May 7, 2023

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 15:7-21; PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Acts 16:1-10: Ps 100:1b-2. 3. 5: Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH RECITATION OF **DIVINE PRAISES**

Come spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Please join us in the chapel on Tuesday, May 9th, anytime from 1:00pm until 6:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, ending with recitation of the Divine Praises at 6:30pm.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thank you to all of our bulletin advertisers

NEW! Adam Purdy Southpointe Radiator

Thank you for advertising in our bulletin! We ask that our parishioners support our advertisers, as they make our bulletin possible.

OFFERTORY INFORMATION April 30, 2023

Registered Families:	1,365
Registered Families.	1,305
Weekly Envelopes:	178
Amount Offered:	\$5 <i>,</i> 529.00
Loose Offering:	\$1,017.00
Online Contributors:	95
Online Contributions	\$2 <i>,</i> 946.00
Total Offerings:	\$9 <i>,</i> 492.00
Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Difference:	-\$2,294.00

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



www.givecsa.org

Catholic Services Appeal Weekend 2023 theme: Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord

On the first weekend of May, we begin collecting pledges for the annual Catholic Services Appeal. This year's goal for St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish is \$92,951.00. As you are aware, the Catholic Services Appeal has been in existence for many years and has been very successful.

You are also aware that when we surpass our targeted amount that the money over and above our target stays in the parish. Some of the ministries that the Catholic Services Appeal supports are, the Marriage Tribunal, Clergy and Consecrated Life, Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship, Mass for the Homebound, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Lay Ecclesial Ministers, and Leadership Development just to name a few.

Many enrichment programs that are put on by the Archdiocese in parishes, are underwritten by the Catholic Services Appeal. This appeal benefits everyone. I would ask that you be as generous as you possibly can. You may have already received a C.S.A. mailing from the Archdiocese of Detroit. If you have already made a pledge to this year's appeal, I thank you for your generous contribution. If for some reason you did not receive a pledge packet we will provide one for you. They will be available in the gathering space and the parish office.

The Catholic Services Appeal is one of the appeals that I contribute to annually. Throughout the years, I have benefitted from this appeal in many ways. The appeal does so much good work within the Church and the Archdiocese of Detroit.

In previous parishes that I have been assigned, people will ask, "Well Father, how much do you give to the Catholic Services Appeal?" I have always made a nine month pledge, and this year's pledge will be \$2.300.00.

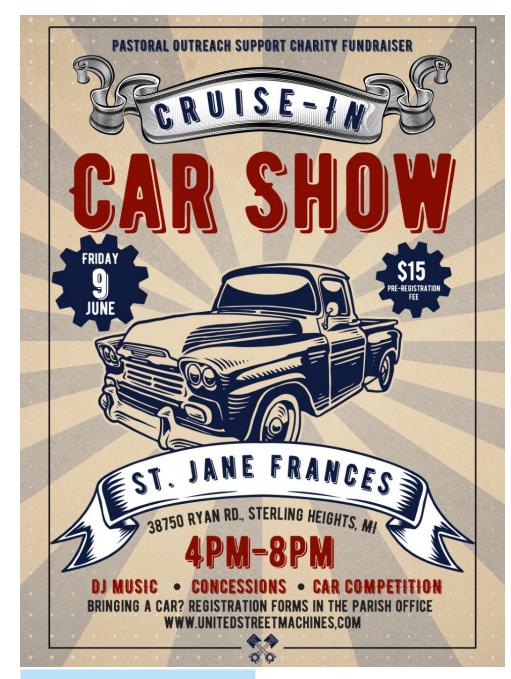
This year, the Archdiocese of Detroit asks that donor checks be made payable to the Archdiocese of Detroit-- CSA

I ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge that you can pay over the course of nine months. As I mentioned, we all benefit from this appeal. I thank you in advance for your generosity. Together as a community of faithful disciples we can continue the good works of the Church and build up the Body of Christ. Thank you for your generosity to this worthwhile appeal.

Have a great week, Fr. Tony

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE								
	Tuesday May 9, 2023	Wednesday May 10, 2023	Thursday May 11, 2023	Saturday May 13, 2023	Sunday May 14, 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	Karen Frontera	Brian Finn		
Lector	Craig Smith	Annette Mobley	Jan Machusak	Keith Morris John Martin	Kathleen Pawlik Eileen Clase	Robert Skwara Barb Milczynski		





Kindness is in your blood





FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Blood Drive

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church

Church Hall 38750 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights

> Sunday, May 21, 2023 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Visit RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: stjane) or call Sam at (586) 884-3410



RED, WHITE, AND BLUE WHEN: Saturday, May 20th, from 5:00pm until about 10:00pm. HOW: Sign-up in the Parish Office. The cost is \$15.00 per player and covers the cost of dinner, snacks, dessert, beverages, and prizes. We ask that the \$15.00 please be paid by the cut-off date of Sunday, May 14th. (No refunds for cancellations received after May 14th) Questions: Contact Linda Smith at 586-977-8080 ext. 101 or LSmith@sjfparish.org

ATTENTION SENIORS JUNE 22nd "THURSDAYS AT THE MUSEUM"

The Detroit Institute of Arts is offering a FREE program for adults 55 and older

The DIA is once again offering groups of people from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties FREE admission and bus FREE transportation to the DIA.

If you are interested in joining us on June 22nd, please sign up in the parish office by June 4th. The itinerary will be as follows:

- 12:00pm— Bus pick up from St. Jane Frances parking lot (please plan on being on the bus by 11:50am)
- 1:00pm—2:00pm Highlights tour
- 2:00pm—3:00pm Self guided tour
- 3:00pm—Bus departs for St. Jane Frances

We will be taking 25 to 35 people, so sign up early!! Any questions contact Linda Smith at 586-977-8080, ext. 101 or Lsmith@sjfparish.org.



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

Rosetta Culbertson Richard Kaufmann Judy Koelzer Dennis Lichocki Joyce Youngert Names added to the Prayer List remain for four weeks. Please call the Parish Office to request prayers.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Pantry Requests

"Come you that are blessed, inherit the Kingdom; for I was hungry and you gave me food?" Mt 25:34-35

Can you help us feed families in need? Our Parish Food Pantry is running low on the following items:

- Peanut Butter
- Fruit Jelly or Honey
- Jars of Pasta Sauce

The food pantry basket will return to steps of the sanctuary where your gifts of food can be brought up during the offertory at all Masses.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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, May 8, 2023

No Mass

Tuesday, May 9, 20237:00pmDec. Edward J. Novak Jr. (Family)
Dec. Gary Penzak (Radlinski Family)

Wednesday, May 10, 2023

8:00am Dec. Richard Lasky (Ronaldo Annette Mobley) Dec. Doris Pappa Lardo (Nancy Volpe) Residents of Oakmont

Thursday, May 11, 2023

8:00am For the Parishioners

Friday, May 12, 2023 No Mass

Saturday, May 13, 2023 4:00pm All Moth

All Mothers, Grandmothers, & Godmothers Dec. Evelyn Bremerkamp (Family) Dec. Shirley Putrycus (Putrycus Family) Dec. Anthony J. D'Angelo (D'Angelo Family) Dec. Sandi Kotulis (Judy Kotulis) Dec. Herbert Dempz (Family) Dec. Isabelle McLaughlin (Family) Liv. Jeanne Matelic (Mike & Janet) Dec. Frank Miruzzi (Dorthy Weglarz) Dec. Marcy Drozdowicz (Family) Liv. Marsha Zanardelli (Self)

Sunday, May 14, 2023—Mother's Day 9:00am All Mothers, Grandmot

All Mothers, Grandmothers, & Godmothers Dec. Tommy Buhlinger (Family) Residents of Oakmont

11:30am All Mothers, Grandmothers, & Godmothers For the Parishioners Dec. Pauline Graziano (Antonio Graziano)



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

St. Jane Frances Parish has tickets ordered for the Utica Unicorns vs Westside Woolly Mammoths Baseball game at Jimmy John's Field (located at 7171 Auburn Rd, Utica, MI 48317) for **Friday, July 14, 2023 at 7:05pm**. Gates open at 6:00pm. There will be Fireworks after the game. The cost is \$15.00 per person on a first come first serve bases. If you are interested, please contact Charles Benvenuti at 586-216-0647 after 5:00pm.

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!



ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL FIRST SUNDAY MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Bajercius & Nowak Families Michael & Mary Baker Michael Baranski Family **Carol Bardelline** Joseph Beauregard **Bielinski Family** Blacker & Bartz Families John J. Boczar Bonk & Szymanski Families Anthony & Mary Ann Bratke **Dennis Briston** Broski & Schaff Families **Brower & Ficaro Families** Albert Brylewski Isabel S. Cabalum William (Bill) Caiozzo Clare Campbell Caradonna & Campo Families Sammy P. Castelli Fr. James Challancin Thomas Chase Dr. Jeffery Cook **Desmond Cushing DeHayes & Kulhawik Families** Mark Dolata **Tina Dubiel Robert F. Endres Betty Eschrich**

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