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This and That

People have asked how we go about making an appointment with you. Every priest has his own method.

I prefer to schedule my own appointments. Many people try to schedule an appointment with me when they see me in the gathering space before or after mass. The time before and after mass is a time for me to greet parishioners and guests who maybe visiting our parish and not the time to conduct parish business.

You can call the parish office and leave a message on my answering service. My extension is 102. Please do not call the emergency line to make an appointment with me. I usually will return calls when I am in the office or the following day.

With the office being closed on Fridays, I have decided to take Friday as my day off. I have been known to pop into the office on a Friday to catch up on work. The Sisters I had in grade school often referred to those days as "catching up on seat work".

People will often ask me after I visit someone in the hospital or nursing home: How is Mr. or Mrs. Smith doing? My answer is I can't tell you. Because people in hospitals and nursing homes are protected by the HIPPA law. Simply put the HIPPA law is a privacy law. For example, your neighbor or friend cannot call me and ask me to go and visit a person in the hospital. Only the person themselves or a blood relative can call and request that I visit their loved one.

I would also remind you that all hospitals have a pastoral care department. I would ask that you call the pastoral care department when you or a loved one are admitted to the hospital. They are there to respond to your needs.

Gone are the days when the hospital would call the parish, give the name of the person, their room number and their diagnosis. That is no longer done. The person's privacy is protected by HIPPA. In the age of social media, we have grown accustomed to having all the information available at our fingertips at any given time. Protecting and respecting person's privacy is more important now than it has ever been.

I hope everyone has a joyous week and that you set aside some time to appreciate this beautiful summer season.

Bon mot: Tomorrow, belongs to no one. Live life in the present.

Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony

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-7:45pm

Tuesday

2:00pm-7:45pm

Saturday

3:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday

10:00am—12:30pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, July 10, 2023 10:00am SVdP Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

9:30am Walking Club (off-site)

1:00pm Adoration 5:30pm Confessions 6:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

8:00am Mass

9:30am Needlecrafters 6:00pm Needlecrafters 7:00pm Lectio Divina (Zoom)

Thursday, July 13, 2023

8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers team #2

6:00pm K of C Officer's Meeting 6:30pm K of C General Meeting

Friday, July 14, 2023 Office Closed/No Events

Saturday, July 15, 2023

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, July 16, 2023

8:00am Red Cross Blood Drive

9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass



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In our readings today, Zechariah foretells the coming of a "king" who is "meek." St. Paul counsels the Romans to live in humility according to the Spirit, forsaking

earthly desires. Jesus tells his disciples that humility is necessary to know the Father and to learn his ways, sharing our burdens with him who provides rest. That is a lot of reminders that it is in God that we live and that we are dependent not on ourselves but on God.

In our society, we tend to regard meekness as weakness. Those who are meek never assert themselves, never get their way, and seem to always end up in last place. But clearly this is not what Zechariah means when he writes that our king would be meek yet would rule to the ends of the earth. Nor is it what Jesus means when he says, "I am meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). Webster's defines meek as enduring difficulties with patience and without resentment. Jesus exemplifies this definition; he is the fulfillment of Zechariah's prophecy. Zechariah's words remind us of Jesus when he entered Jerusalem. There he would endure crucifixion and death—with patience and without resentment. Jesus models for us how to face our own trials - with more patience and with less resentment.

Of course, that is a challenging undertaking! To make our trials easier to endure, Jesus assures us that his yoke is easy and his burden light. Clearly he is not speaking of what he would be facing himself, for his own yoke was exceedingly difficult and his own burden was uniquely heavy. But because he has endured the cross and grave, we know that he can carry our own burdens, no matter how difficult we may find them. We do not have to carry them alone. Jesus can and will carry any difficulty we have.

Jesus says something else between speaking of meekness and burdens: "Learn from me" (11:29). Indeed, from him we can learn how he was able to endure every burden he faced with patience and resolve. He did so because he so loved the Father that he was willing to do God's will, no matter the consequences. He did so because he loved all us sinners so much that he was willing to pay the ultimate cost to save us. As we learn and grow more and more like Jesus, may our love of God and love of neighbor give us the strength to share in the burdens of those in need, those on the margins of society, those who lack the resources needed to survive.

As St. Paul reminds us, we live in the Spirit. The Spirit calls us to serve God and humanity, not just ourselves. We pray that our efforts in service may bring others to Jesus so that he may ease their suffering. This week, pray for those in need and ask yourself who you can reach out to in order to lighten their burden. Take time to act on that prayer, share the yoke of another, lending a helping hand or a listening ear. In our meekness and humility, may we conform our lives more closely to Jesus and seek to be his body in the world.

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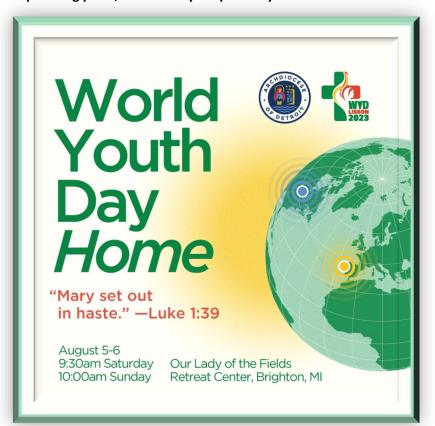


WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 JULY SUMMER SERIES-week 2 FATIMA

To begin our WYD pilgrimage, our group, Macomb Unido, will be visiting Fatima on July 25, 2023.

Fatima is the most important pilgrimage site in Portugal. This is where an apparition of Mary appeared to three shepherd children, six times over the course of six months, culminating in the Miracle of the Sun, which was witnessed by over 70,000 people.

These events draw many millions of pilgrims and visitors to Fatima every year, and at the site of the apparitions, a massive religious complex has been constructed. Within this complex is a beautiful Basilica, a colossal church, a sprawling plaza, and the tiny chapel Mary instructed to be built.



SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF July 9, 2023

Sunday

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Monday

Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b & 15; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a; 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17. 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

COME TO ME, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest

Matthew 11:28

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WALKING CLUB

Want to join others for leisurely walks through a beautiful park? If so, come along and join fellow walkers every Tuesday morning at the Joseph J. Delia Jr. Park (located on the North side of 18 Mile Rd between Ryan Rd and Dequindre Rd). Please plan to meet at 9:15am with the walks beginning at 9:30am. We will be meeting in the first parking lot as you enter the park. Please bring bug spray, sunscreen, water, or anything else you will need.

It is a great opportunity to meet new people while enjoying the beautiful outdoors.



ST. JANE FRANCES BIKE CLUB

Come along on our summer rides. This year the Bike Club will be meeting twice a month on Wednesday or Thursday at 6:15pm with our rides beginning at 6:30pm. We will be meeting in the Onyx Ice Arena parking lot located at 24 Mile Rd. and Dequindre. From there we will either ride the Macomb Orchard Trail or the Clinton River Trail. You don't need to register but you must wear a helmet! Please bring bug spray, sunscreen, water, or anything else you will need.

The dates for the remining rides are: Thursday July 20th, Wednesday August 2nd, Thursday August 17th.



NEW BIKE RACK!

Have you noticed? There is now a bicycle rack located on the grass to the right of the church entrance. Always be safe, wear a helmet, and lock up your bike. Enjoy!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE						
	Tuesday July 11, 2023	Wednesday July 12, 2023	Thursday July 13, 2023	Saturday July 15, 2023	Sunday July 16, 2023	
	7:00pm No Mass	8:00am Mass	8:00am Mass	4:00pm Mass	9:00am Mass	11:30am Mass
Sacristan	Brian Finn	John Martin	Judy Taylor	Mary Wolf Lee Sutton	Selma & Paul Marzec	Brian Finn
Lector	Craig Smith	Judy Taylor	Jan Machusak	Craig Smith Linda Smith	John Martin Janet Seefried	William Burr John Czarski

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Blood Drive

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church

Church Hall 38750 Ryan Road Sterling Heights

Sunday, July 16, 2023 8:00am to 2:00pm

To schedule an appointment to help save lives, please log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: stjane) or call Sam at 586-884-3410.



WITH RECITATION OF DIVINE PRAISES

Come spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Please join us in the chapel on Tuesday, July 11th, anytime from 1:00pm until 6:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, ending with recitation of the Divine Praises at 6:30pm.



St. Jane Frances de Chantal Council 13340 2023 College Scholarship Opportunity

The St. Jane Frances de Chantal Knights of Columbus Council is once again offering two \$1,000.00 scholarships. Applications and instructions are available in the Parish Office, on our website (sjfparish.org), or by contacting Gary Puchalski at gary.puchalski.gp@gmail.com.

Applications are due by August 6, 2023.



Each year, the Catholic Services Appeal provides us an occasion to celebrate the many ways our Church in Detroit responds to the material and spiritual needs of individuals and families within our community. No single parish could meet these many needs. Through the sharing of our gifts and our service, we can answer the charge given to us at the end of every Mass: "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

I am deeply grateful for the ways you have contributed to this work in the past. Would you prayerfully consider renewing your gift this year? Your generosity makes it possible for 170 ministries, services, and programs to love as Jesus loves and bring the indescribable joy found in Him to our communities.

-The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron

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PRAYER LIST

Judy Koelzer Jim Ochenski Barb Wojtas

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

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 10, 2023

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

All Souls

Dec. & Liv. Mbrs. of Duckwitz-Picklesimer Family (Friend)

No Mass

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

8:00am Dec. Mbrs. of Maiani & Gasperoni Families (Rosa Maiani)

Thursday, July 13, 2023

8:00am Dec. Saniya Khan (Friend)

Friday, July 14, 2023 No Mass

Saturday, July 15, 2023

4:00pm Dec. Jose Camitan (Family)

Dec. Shirley Putrycus-Birthday Remembrance (Putrycus Family)

Dec. Angeline M. Tringali (D'Angelo Family) Dec. Eugene & Frances Berthiaume (Joyce) Dec. Melissa Dietz (Bob & Sharon Stokes)

Sunday, July 16, 2023

9:00am For the Parishioners

Dec. Jerry Soldatek (Sylvia Soldatek) Dec. Pauline Mitchell (Judy Taylor)

11:30am For the Parishioners



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."

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

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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.

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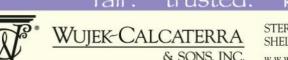
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