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#### The Dog Days of Summer

It is difficult for me to believe that we are at the midpoint of August. The summer did fly by quickly. I hope everyone took advantage of the summer months and got away for

some rest and relaxation. With summer coming to an end we now have to readjust our leisure schedule and fall into the routine.

School starts again, regular monthly meetings, parish programs are up and running again, and things get back to being normal. There is something to be said about a routine, you know where you must be, when you must be there, and then the following month the routine repeats itself.

I would like to thank all the gardeners of the parish who were gracious enough to share their produce from their gardens with me. I was asked if I have a garden to which I answered yes, many. My gardens are scattered all over the city of Sterling Heights. Actually, at the rectory I have a rock garden, no fuss, no muss. Again, thank you for the wonderful vegetables.

I would also like to thank the Eden club for maintaining the gardens on the parish grounds. A few weeks ago, I had a wedding at the parish, and the couple and the wedding party took many pictures with the parish gardens as their background. Especially the courtyard at the entrance of the social hall. Thank you for your stellar job in keeping the parish grounds looking beautiful and well maintained.

I would like to thank all those people who responded to the Catholic Services Appeal mailing that took place last month. Thank you for your generous response to this worthwhile appeal. All of us benefit from the Catholic Services Appeal.

I would also like to thank all those people who sent cards and gifts on my birthday. As I mentioned in a previous article it was a milestone birthday, my 65<sup>th</sup> year. Thanks again for your kind remembrances. I had a quiet yet wonderful celebration in Petoskey.

Bon mot: Sunday is the core of our civilization, dedicated to thought and reverence. It invites to the noblest solitude and to the noblest society.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Have a wonderful week. 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, August 14, 2023 10:00am SVdP Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Holy Day of Obligation

8:00am Mass

9:30am Walking Club (off-site)

5:30pm Confessions

6:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

8:00am Mass

9:30am Needlecrafters

9:45am Seniors

6:00pm Needlecrafters

7:00pm Lectio Divina (Zoom)

Thursday, August 17, 2023

8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers Team #3 6:30pm Bike Club (off-site)

Friday, August 18, 2023

Office Closed

Saturday, August 19, 2023

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, August 20, 2023

9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass

12:15pm Baptism

12:15pm Hot Dog Roast &

Scholarship Presentation



Are you Interested in learning more about the Bible in a casual, sharing atmosphere? Join our Bible Study group!

We are almost ready to return to Bible Study after the summer break. Each Bible Study session lasts six weeks, meeting each of those weeks on Tuesday morning from 10-11:30am. For our next session we will return to the Book of Genesis, verses 25-33, Jacob's Blessing. "Jacob's story shows us how God's love prevails through the conflicts and failures of a troubled family. In Genesis 25–33: Jacob's Blessing, authors Kevin and Louise Perrotta guide readers through Jacob's story, showing how this ancient biblical account still speaks volumes to us today."

The series we use is very understandable and organized to provide both fascinating insight to the Scriptures as well as a lot of opportunity to discuss and share. Our next session will begin September 19<sup>th</sup> and run through October 24<sup>th</sup>. If there is enough interest, we can also add an evening session, so please let me know if you would like to participate but are only available in the evenings.

The guide includes the Scripture passages, insights from Church fathers and saints, questions for discussion and reflection, and prayer suggestions. It doesn't matter if you have never studied the Bible before or if you are experienced with Bible study, all are welcome!

Reading and reflecting on Scripture provides a wonderful way to get to know God and enter into deeper relationship with him. I look forward to sharing Scripture with others, growing in understanding God's word while sharing our different viewpoints!

All are welcome...please RSVP by calling the office or sending me an email. Please also plan to bring a copy of the book which is available for \$7.95 on Amazon; simply search for the title: "Jacob's Blessing (Six Weeks with the Bible)".

August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 8am and 7pm.

Here is some information about this Solemnity, taken from CatholicCurrent.org, a resource from the United States Council of Catholic Bishops:

Mary was always a virgin, both in conceiving Jesus, giving birth to him, and remaining virgin ever after. God granted her this privilege to emphasize that this was a unique moment in history – the birth of Jesus who is the Son of God and the Son of Mary. The liturgy of the Church speaks of Mary as "ever virgin." In the early Church some denied this, arguing that the Gospels speak of the brothers and sisters of Jesus, and thus maintained that Mary did not remain a virgin after the birth of Jesus.

But already in the fourth century, theologians pointed out that the Greek word for brother used in the New Testament can refer also to cousin. A second explanation was that these brothers and sisters were children of Joseph by a previous marriage. However, it is the constant teaching of the Church that Mary remained a virgin even after the birth of Jesus. In her virginity, Mary lived a life dedicated exclusively to her Son and his mission. Her example has been followed by some of Christ's disciples who have lived lives of consecrated virginity and celibacy from apostolic times to the present.

In the mystery of her Assumption, Mary experiences immediately what we all will experience eventually, a bodily resurrection like Christ's own. "The Immaculate Virgin...when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of death" (CCC, no. 966, citing LG, no. 59).

Finally, in Mary we behold what the Church is already like during her pilgrimage of faith — and what the Church will become at the end of the journey. "Mary figured profoundly in the history of salvation and in a certain way united and mirrors within herself the central truths of the faith" (LG, no. 65).

# WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

### **THANK YOU PARTY**

We will be having a "Thank You" party for all those who supported our World Youth Day pilgrimage or parishioners who want to learn more about our trip.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023 4:00pm-7:00pm

@ St. Lawrence Social Hall, Utica, MI Party will feature:

Pizza, prizes, World Youth Day tales and memorabilia

Free Admission. Please plan on joining our pilgrims upon their return from World Youth Day 2023 in Portugal.



Yep! This close to Pope Francis



Karen Graziano in her glory at a gluten free bakery in Madrid, Spain





Jenny Dibley at WYD

## SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF August 13, 2023

#### Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

#### Monday

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

#### Tuesday

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil: 1 Chr 15: 3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132: 6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

#### Wednesday

Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 & 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

#### Thursday

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21 – 19:1

#### **Friday**

Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24; Mt 19:3-12

#### Saturday

Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

#### Sunday

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**ls 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28



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## OFFERTORY INFORMATION August 6, 2023

Registered Families: 1,365 Weekly Envelopes: 221 **Amount Offered:** \$10,686.00 \$1.087.00 **Loose Offering:** Online Contributors: 119 Online Contributions \$5,503.00 **Total Offerings:** \$17,276.00 **Budgeted Offertory:** \$11,786.00 Difference: \$5,490.00

#### TIME FOR A RETREAT!

Have you considered strengthening your prayer and contemplative life with a retreat? If you have not been before, I highly recommend it. There are many different types of retreats – one day or multiple days, silent or not, focused on a specific topic, or simply self-guided. There are three retreat centers in our area that provide a variety of retreat experiences: Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills, St. Paul of the Cross in Detroit, and the Capuchin Retreat Center in Washington Township. Check their websites for schedules and locations.

While there are many retreat options, a short weekend retreat at the Capuchin Retreat Center that is for either women or men, or both, sounded like a great choice! Here is the information from their website (www.capretreat.org):

"Our theme for the 2023-24 season is: 'In his footsteps — A weekend retreat with St. Francis of Assisi.' By delving into our Franciscan tradition, we will unravel the life of St. Francis and explore key events in his conversion and ministry. Through his life, the weekend retreat will be an opportunity to know St. Francis more deeply and to recognize those opportunities of grace in your own life...deepening your awareness of God's loving presence and embracing the Gospel with evermore joy."

Dates for this retreat are found on their calendar at <u>Events for September 2023</u> <u>— Capuchin Retreat (capretreat.org)</u>. There are a good number of weekend choices for women especially, with additional weekends for men or for both men and women. If you have not been to the center, it is just twelve miles north of St. Jane Frances, especially beautiful in the fall, and always peaceful.



#### **EUCHRE NIGHT: WELCOME FALL!**

WHEN: Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm until about 10:00pm

WHERE: In the Fr. Page Activity Center

**WHO:** Whether you are a pro or a beginner join us for a fun night of Euchre!

WHAT: We'll be playing Euchre and having a fun evening together! The games

will be played using rotating partners.

**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** be paid before the night of the event. The cut off for signing up is Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. (*No refunds for cancellations received after September 10<sup>th</sup>*.)

Questions: Contact Linda Smith at LSmith@sjfparish.org

or 586-977-8080, ext. 101.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE						
	Tuesday Aug. 15, 2023	Wednesday Aug. 16, 2023	Thursday Aug. 17, 2023	Saturday Aug. 19, 2023	Sunday Aug. 20, 2023	
	8:00am/7:00pm	8:00am Mass	8:00am Mass	4:00pm Mass	9:00am Mass	11:30am Mass
Sacristan	8am-Ray Knapp 7pm-Brian Finn	John Martin	Judy Taylor	Mary Wolf	Mary Kay Storen	Dan Rys
Lector	8am-John Martin 7pm-Craig Smith	Judy Taylor	Cindy Guzi	James Torres Phil Mina	William Burr Chris Bajercius	Annette Mobley Ronald Mobley

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#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal gives congratulations and blessings to Mark Herbert and Brittany Gmerek, who received the Sacrament of Marriage on August 5, 2023.

Witnesses: Corey Hebert & Jennifer

Taubitz

Sponsor couple: Eric & Wendy Rzeppa

May God bless you both!



### Baptism

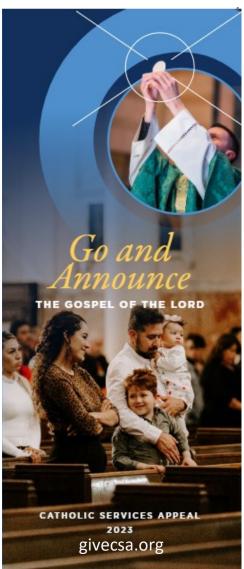
The community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal welcomes into our parish family the following child who was baptized by Fr. Tony Sulkowski on

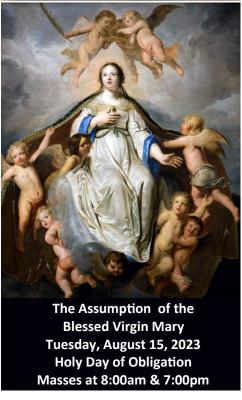
August 6, 2023:



## Isabella Marie Borg Parents: Anthony & Nicole Borg

Godfather: Paul Borg
Godmother: Sarah Schellhammer





## ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

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**Alexander J. Hendzell,** *Marines* 

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Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard

Carmen LaForest, Navy

Matthew McDowell, Air Force

**Lauren Patterson,** Air Force

Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force

Anthony Trotta, Navy
Kyle Wiegand, Army
Steven Zurek, Navy

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Ann Bourdeau John Bueltel Linda Kosinski Barb Milczynski Taryn Pawl Kelly Pletcher 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, August 14, 2023

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**8:00am** For the Parishioners

**7:00pm** In Thanksgiving-Ouano Perez Family (Ouano Perez Family)

No Mass

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

**8:00am** For the Parishioners

Liv. Chloe Delisle (Judy Taylor)

Thursday, August 17, 2023

**8:00am** Dec. Jim & Mae Taylor (Judy Taylor)

Liv. Joan Wioskowski (Judy Taylor Dec. David Slaski (Judy Taylor)

Friday, August 18, 2023 No Mass

Saturday, August 19, 2023

**4:00pm** For the Parishioners

Dec. Joani Zwada (Husband)

Dec. Dr. & Mrs. Paul Galvin (Bob & Sharon Stokes)

Dec. Evan & Ian Tracey (James Torres)

Sunday, August 20, 2023

**9:00am** Dec. Dan Zwada (Brothers)

Dec. Joani Zwada (Husband)

**11:30am** Dec. William & Jennie Colella (Children)

BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN

#### **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 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.

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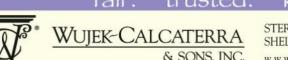
Contact the Parish Office to schedule one-time or regular visits.

#### 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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