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FR. TONY SULKOWSKI During this time of COVID-19, many things have changed, as you are very much aware. Confirmations in many parishes were postponed because of the lockdown.

Archbishop Vigneron now has delegated parish priests to confirm. I am pleased to announce that the parish community will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00pm**. I would like to congratulate the Confirmation

candidates and encourage them to listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit as they continue their journey of faith.

I would also like to thank the teachers and catechists who prepared the students for this day. In doing so, you have shared your faith stories and journeys with them. They glean from you how the Holy Spirit works in their lives, calling them to share their gifts and talents with the Church.

St. Pope John Paul II says this about sacrament of confirmation:

"The seal of the Holy Spirit therefore signifies and brings about the disciple's total belonging to Jesus Christ, his being always at the latter's service in the Church, and at the same time it implies the promise of divine protection in the trials one will have to endure to witness to their faith in the world."

As we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, may all of us reflect upon our own Confirmation and renew our commitment to the service of the Church. We have all been given the gifts and talents that come with the Sacrament. The challenge that the Spirit places before us is to not be afraid to use those gifts and talents. We cannot live a life of could have, should have, would have—but my fear is that many of us do.

Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts and minds of your faithful people. Enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Bon Mot: "The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side."

-Margaret Carty

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

 Tuesday
 2:00pm—8:00pm

 Saturday
 3:00pm—5:00pm

 Sunday
 10:00am—12:30pm

ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army
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Elijah Kuefler, Navy
Carmen LaForest, Navy
Matthew McDowell, Air Force
Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force
Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy
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Anthony Trotta, Navy
Kyle Wiegand, Army

PRAYER LIST

Caleb Hammond Mary Lamparter Olivia Randazzo Lucy Sieck Daniel VanAcker Brad Wilson

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



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A good chunk of my time during the school year used to be spent driving to and from campus. My schedule varied, but these were often 20- to 30-minute commutes, there at 6:30am and back at 4:00pm.

Since my classes are all online this semester, I'm not spending all that time in the car. My "commute" is waking up, getting ready, and sitting down at the computer to start a Zoom call. It's certainly a different school experience. And believe me, the drive there and back was as much a part of the experience as anything else!

When I tell people I don't have any in-person classes this semester, they're often sad to hear it. Many say that I'm missing the college experience by having to be online, by not getting to socialize at campus events, etc. But nobody has the same college experience. I'm still learning, still interacting with professors, and participating in clubs. Everyone has a different perception of *the* college experience, and it's okay that not everyone experiences the same thing.

There's another type of experience that's different for everyone—our *faith* experience. Earlier this year, we co-hosted Mission 2020. That was all about "telling your story"—understanding what *your* faith experience is, because our experiences are what make us unique. We all found God in a different way. We don't think someone has "missed out" on the faith experience because they found the Church a little differently than we did.

So why do we think of something like college as having just one definitive experience? And why do we lament for college students who don't get that experience now, due to COVID-19? I think it's just that—because COVID-19 has made things more drastically different than they've been in recent memory. We're seeing changes that we couldn't have imagined, earlier this year.

But when our faith experiences change, we don't lament. When public Masses were suspended, we were saddened, but we still engaged in our faith by watching video Mass, praying, and reading the Bible. We took our experiences into our own hands, and shaped it into what we wanted it to be, even though we were in tough circumstances. Whether it's a different kind of semester, or a different method of worship, we all have unique experiences, and that should be celebrated.

With Deepest Sympathy

The community of **St. Jane Frances de Chantal** extends support and prayers to the families and friends of:

Kathryn A. Emerson

Beloved wife. Loving mother of four.
Grandmother of eight
and great-grandmother of seven.

Sophie M. Rudnicki Beloved wife of Chester.

Loving mother, grandmother, and sister.

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.

DEVELOPING A WELL-FORMED CONSCIENCE

Adapted from Michigan Catholic Conference, focus, Vol. 48, No. 3, Sept. 2020.

Following in the footsteps of Jesus, it is the lifelong responsibility of Catholics "to do good and oppose evil," including when it comes to election choices.

To distinguish between right and wrong, people of faith turn to their conscience: a tool that relies on the "judgement of reason" and Scripture to offer guidance for decision-making. Each Catholic is called to develop a "well-formed" conscience, internalizing their faith and the Word of God so they can apply it to real-life situations daily (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

In the context of the upcoming election and the conscience formation process, the Catholic Church reminds people of faith that they are not alone.

While the Church does not endorse candidates or instruct parishioners how to vote, it has particular responsibilities: particularly, sharing the moral truth about issues and encouraging believers to develop prudence. Prudence is a virtue that, if cultivated, assists individuals in "[discerning] our true good in every circumstance and [choosing] the right means of achieving it" (Catechism of the Catholic Church).

Developing a well-formed conscience is not a one-time exercise. After casting their ballot, Catholics may continue their efforts by infusing their politics with faith and Scripture, supporting the common good, and personally living out the teachings of the faith within their families, workplaces, and communities.

Conscience Formation Tips (adapted from the USCCB):

Study Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and the lives of the saints.

Pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit—counsel, fear of the Lord, fortitude, knowledge, piety, understanding, and wisdom—to help guide the decision-making process.

Regularly partake in an examination of conscience to hear God's voice.

Seek advice about conscience formation from trusted leaders when needed.

Examine the facts and background information about a given choice.

Prudence asks Catholics to consider their alternatives in a given choice, as well as what action is most fitting. St. Thomas Aquinas called it "right reason" or "wisdom concerning human affairs" in his work *Summa Theologiae*.

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE 2020 ELECTION?

Registering to vote has never been easier. **It is our Catholic obligation** to follow the teachings of Jesus and exercise our right to vote.

Visit mvic.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter to register to vote online. The Michigan Online Voter Registration System will walk you through the process. This can be done on any device with an Internet connection.

You may also register to vote in person by visiting your city or township clerk's office. Additionally, you can pick up an application up to 15 days before the election at your local Secretary of State Branch Office.

Have questions? Visit michigan.gov/sos.

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF OCT. 4, 2020

Sunday

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7

Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

Monday

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Gal 1:6-12

Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9, and 10c

Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Saint Bruno, Priest;

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Gal 1:13-24

Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14

Ps 117:1bc, 2

Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Gal 3:1-5

Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75

Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Saint Denis, Bishop,

& Companions, Martyrs;

Saint John Leonardi, Priest

Gal 3:7-14

Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Gal 3:22-29

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

Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10

MODERN CATHOLIC IN TODAY'S WORLD

I remember the moment I locked eyes with my newborn son. I was stunned.

I love you. I love you and can't wait to see the person you'll become. My mission became giving him what he needed to live—a home, food, medicine, clothing, and education. I promised to always care for him, no matter what.

God made each of us with those very same thoughts in mind.

We are all made in the image of God. Simply because of that, we have dignity—a God-given gift that is **inherent**, not earned. We aren't just something, but someone, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. When we look at someone, we acknowledge their worth as a person made in the image of God.

Human dignity is the cornerstone of Catholic Social Teaching.

The first time my son came home crushed from being teased on the playground, I was crushed, too. For some of us, being teased by another child—by a sibling, or a kid on the playground—is our first experience of being denied dignity. **For most of us**, these experiences fade over time. Society reaffirms our dignity through praise.

But for so many in our society, being told "you're worth less than everyone else" is a daily occurrence.

When we deny someone's dignity—when we insult or devalue them because of the color of their skin, their gender, where they were born, or how they arrived on our doorstep—we're disrespecting a creation of God.

As Catholics, we "must never turn a blind eye" when people "are being deprived of their human dignity."

As the USCCB puts it:

"Indifference is not an option."

Evils like racism deny "the dignity of a human person," says Archbishop Vigneron. "Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God so we can flourish and accomplish the destiny for which He made us."

When someone is denied their dignity, they're denied their right to feel like a person. When someone's dignity isn't honored, the necessities of life end up out of reach due to social injustice.

We need to reform institutions that deny people their dignity. We need to give all of God's children equal respect. But most of all, we need to teach ourselves to respect the dignity of others.

What would our world look like if we respected the dignity of every human being? What if we strove to provide for the needs of every human being?

Let's spend this week thinking about it.

"Lord, let me see you in everyone I see, hear you in their voice, and respond to them with love and respect, as you taught me to do" (Luke 10:29-37).

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 second principle—Call to Family, Community, and Participation.

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 5, 2020 No Mass

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

7:00pm For the Parishioners

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

8:00am Dec. Vacaj Family (Mom Maria)

Thursday, October 8, 2020

8:00am Dec. Timothy J. Brooks (Mike & Sue Emerson)

Friday, October 9, 2020 No Mass

Saturday, October 10, 2020

4:00pm Dec. Marie Beaufait (Robert & Frances Kraft)

Liv. Lynn (Mother)

Dec. James Golombek (Family)

Dec. Gerald Williams (Williams Family)

Sunday, October 11, 2020

9:00am For the Parishioners

Dec. Wayne Magnan (Tom & Phyllis Harris)
Liv. Neil & Nancy Villarreal (Tom & Phyllis Harris)

Dec. Pam & Elizabeth Miller Family (Howard Miller & Family)

11:30am Dec. Tom Taylor (Judy Taylor)

Dec. Ann Declercq (Judy Taylor)
Dec. Pat Connors (Judy Taylor)

Dec. Felix Erfe (Rosario & Anne Marie Erfe)

OFFERTORY INFORMATION SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

Registered Families: 1,386
Envelopes Returned: 183
Amount Offered: \$8,219.00
Loose Offering: \$344.00
Online Giving Contributors: 105
Contributions: \$3,174.00
Total Offerings: \$11,737.00

2020 Budgeted Offertory: \$11,786.00 **Actual Offertory**: \$11,737.00

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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Interested in joining our parish family? Become a parishioner! Register anytime at the Parish Office or online at **sjfparish.org/joinus**. Welcome home!

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SACRAMENTS

Children's Baptism

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Reconciliation

Available Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

Marriage

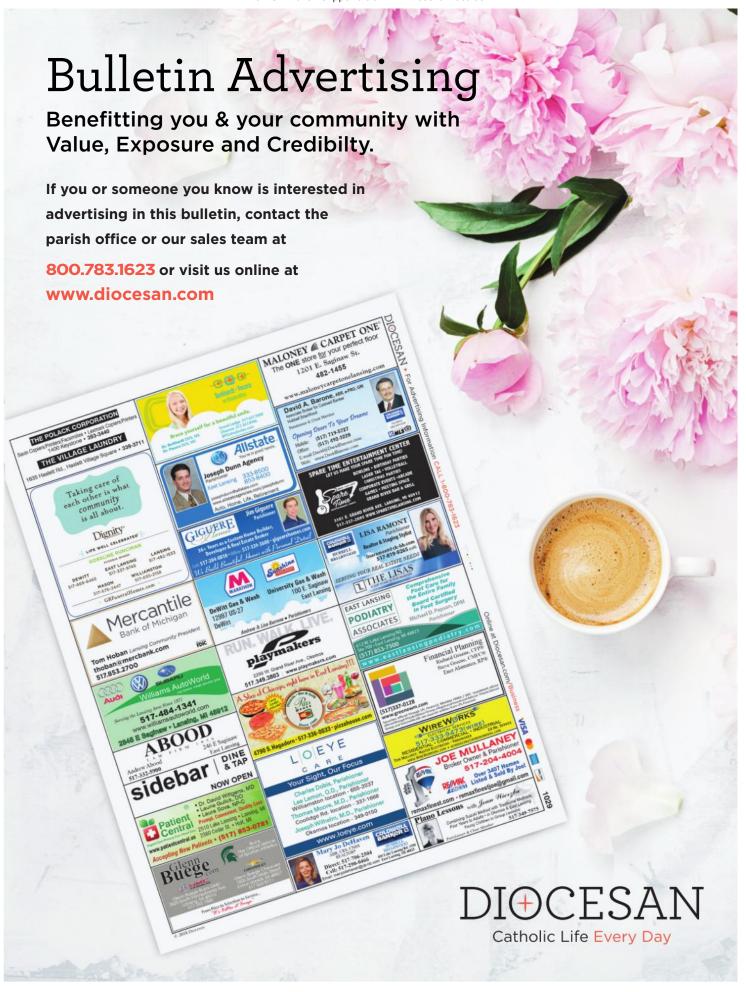
Congratulations! Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to begin preparations.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office to schedule regular or one-time 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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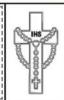


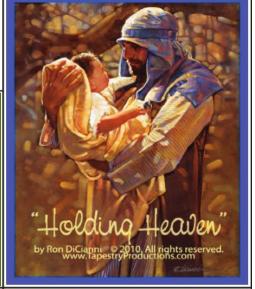
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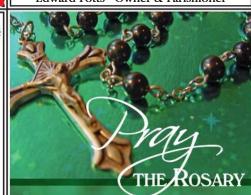
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