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As I sit at the computer writing this article, I find myself amazed that we are at the end of July. Life does seem to fly by, and that is why it is important to enjoy each day as it comes. As we all know and have experienced from time to time, life can change in a minute.

I hope all of you had a chance to get away for some rest and relaxation this month. Last week, I received a copy of Matthew Kelly's latest book, *I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit*. The central focus of the book is the importance of prayer in our lives and our daily activities. He emphasizes that our life is centered on prayer, and that our relationship with God is strengthened through prayer.

In the later part of the book, Matthew Kelly presents what he calls the prayer process. This process invites people into a deeper understanding of how their prayer life impacts their relationship with God and those people we come in contact with in our daily lives. I hope you find this prayer process helpful and enlightening:

The Prayer Process

1. Gratitude: Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for.

2. **Awareness**: Revisit the times in the past 24 hours when you were or were not the best version of yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.

3. **Significant moments**: Identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).

4. **Peace**: Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed.

5. **Freedom**: Speak with God about how he is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the best version of yourself.

6. **Others**: Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.

7. Finish by praying the Our Father.

I would like to thank all those who sent birthday greetings as I celebrated my 63rd birthday last weekend. It was a quiet day spent with family. Thank for your remembrances; they were greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful week.

Bon mot: "Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about."

-St. Jane Frances de Chantal (Feast day August 12th)

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

HELP FUEL THE MISSION: THE 2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

We have not yet reached our 2021 CSA goal. Thank you to all who have already made a pledge. If you have not, please, prayerfully consider contributing to the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal.

The Catholic Services Appeal is an annual campaign that raises funds for the Archdiocese of Detroit ministries, programs, and services that benefit all the faithful in southeast Michigan. This archdiocesan-wide campaign communicates that the local Church extends beyond the parish.

Our parish goal is \$91,324.00. Any money raised over and above our goal comes back to our parish. If you have not yet pledged, we ask that you please consider making a contribution.

Visit **sjf.aodcsa.org** to make a pledge and learn more.

JULY 25, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses	
Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Masses	
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday & Thu	rsday 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—8:00pm

Tuesday 2:00pm—8:00pm Saturday 3:00pm—5:00pm Sunday 10:00am—12:30pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, July 26, 2021 9:00am Panera 1:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team Mtg. (via Zoom)

Tuesday, July 27, 20215:30pmConfession6:00pmRosary

7:00pm Mass with Anointing Wednesday, July 28, 2021

8:00am Mass9:30am Needlecrafters6:00pm Needlecrafters7:00pm Lectio Divina

Thursday, July 29, 2021 8:00am Mass 9:00am Swiffers Team #4

Friday, July 30, 2021 Parish Office closed

Saturday, July 31, 2021 4:00pm Mass 4:45pm Divine Mercy Prayers

Sunday, August 1, 2021 9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass 12:15pm Baptism

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Today is the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly! This is a Church-wide celebration that will be held each year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feasts of

Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

Pope Francis explained that he instituted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly because "grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on" what the elderly have received. He emphasized the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another, because "as the prophet Joel says, grandparents seeing their grandchildren dream," while "young people, drawing strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy."

In a press release following the announcement in January of this year, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life, wrote that "The pastoral care of the elderly is a priority that can no longer be postponed by any Christian community. In the encyclical Fratelli tutti, the Holy Father reminds us that no one is saved alone. With this in mind, we must treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation."

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has provided a home prayer service that can be used to honor and bless the grandparents and elderly in our lives. It is available on the next page. Please let me know if you use it and how it was received!



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.

LECTOR SCHEDULE				
Tuesday July 27, 2021	Wednesday July 28, 2021	Thursday July 29, 2021	Saturday July 31, 2021	Sunday Aug. 1, 2021
<i>7:00pm</i> Mary Anne Barczak	<i>8:00am</i> Judy Taylor	<i>8:00am</i> John Martin	<i>4:00pm</i> Eileen Clase	9:00am Sarah Friedmann 11:30am Robert Skwara

JULY 25, 2021

BLESSING OF GRANDPARENTS

Adapted from catholiccurrent.org.

This blessing may be used at special family visits (such as holidays) at the beginning or end of a visit, or at another appropriate time. If possible, the oldest grandchild might serve as the leader.

When the grandparents, parents, and children have gathered, all make the sign of the cross.

Leader: "Blessed be God, who is faithful through all generations."

All reply: "Blessed be God forever."

The leader introduces the blessing in these or similar words:

"Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, and love, and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that he bless them with happiness and good health."

Then the Scripture is read:

"Listen to the words of Psalm 128:

Happy are you who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; happy shall you be, and favored. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table. Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!"

(The family Bible may be used for an alternate reading, such as Ezekiel 37:24b-27.)

Reader: "The Word of the Lord."

All reply: "Thanks be to God."

After a time of silence, all join in prayers of intercession and in the Lord's Prayer. Then the leader prays:

"Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord."

All reply: "Amen."

All make the sign of the cross as the leader concludes:

"May God bless us and keep us all the days of our lives."

All reply: "Amen."

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF JULY 25, 2021

Sunday

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:42-44 Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15

Monday

Memorial of Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday *Memorial of St. Martha* Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a, 11 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab Mt 13:54-58

Saturday *Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest* Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

Sunday 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35

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OFFERTORY INFORMATION JULY 18, 2021

Registered Families:	1,365
Envelopes Returned:	185
Amount Offered:	\$5,371.00
Loose Offering:	\$778.00
Online Giving Contributors:	104
Online Contributions:	\$4,128.00
Total Offerings:	\$10,277.00
2020 Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Actual Offertory:	\$10,277.00
Difference:	-\$1,509.00

BIKE CLUB

Want to join others for a noncompetitive bike ride once a week? Come along on our summer rides!

This year, the Bike Club will be meeting every Tuesday at 6:15pm, with rides beginning at 6:30pm. We will meet in the Onyx Ice Arena parking lot located at 24 Mile Road and Dequindre. From there, we will ride either the Macomb Orchard Trail or the Clinton River Trail.

You don't need to register to join, but you must wear a helmet! Please bring bug spray, sunscreen, water, and anything else you might need.

Go online to **sjfparish.org/bikeclub** for information on how to sign up for a ride and to sign up for reminders about rides or cancellations due to inclement weather.

Liability: At no time does St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish, the Archdiocese of Detroit, employees, or volunteers assume liability for any event that may occur during these workouts. Visit sjfpairsh.org/bikeclub for detailed liability info.



Janina Jacobs Director of Music JJacobs@sjfparish.org Ext. 103

Many years ago, Gesu Church grade school in Detroit put on the musical *Oliver*, an adaptation of the book Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens. I was asked to play the

piano accompaniment for the kids.

The story centers around Oliver, a young boy who runs away from an orphanage where the kids work hard but receive very little guidance, love, or food in return. Summoned each day by a bell, the boys are given a small bowl of gruel (thin oatmeal) but long for so much more. They sing this song (words and music courtesy of Lionel Bart):

Is it worth the waiting for? If we live 'til eighty four, all we ever get is gruel! Every day we say our prayer... Will they change the bill of fare? Still we get the same old gruel! There's not a crust, not a crumb can we find, can we beg, can we borrow, or cadge. But there's nothing to stop us from getting a thrill When we all close our eyes and imagine... Food, glorious food! Hot sausage and mustard! While we're in the mood, cold jelly and custard!

Peas, pudding and saveloys...

What next is the question?

In today's world, food is life. Over the next few weeks, the Gospels emphasize food, specifically bread—"the true bread from Heaven"—and manna, as both the earthly and spiritual Bread of Life. That got me to thinking about this song, because I have never known hunger, not even for one day.

A couple weeks ago, Fr. Longbucco told us stories about missions everywhere that need our help, with hunger and a lack of fresh water being crucial issues. We sometimes do take the gifts of food and water for granted.

When people consider the parable of the five barley loaves and two fish feeding thousands, the logical question is often asked: "Well, how could a few loaves of bread and a meager amount of fish feed the multitudes?" I believe the answer lies not literally, but figuratively, and is hopefully something which influences us to help take care of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

There was a need to feed the hungry, and those who attended were compelled to recognize it. The miracle is not that Jesus created more bread and fish out of nothing. Instead, the miracle was the generous spirit filling the hearts of the people, and then the sharing of the food they'd brought to those who had none—which in turn leads us to the whole point of our faith: Jesus is the Bread of Life, and anyone who eats of this bread will live forever.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS: AN EASY WAY TO GIVE BACK TO OUR PARISH

Looking for an easy way to support our parish? St. Jane Frances de Chantal participates in **Kroger Community Rewards!** With Kroger Community Rewards, a percentage of your grocery purchase will be awarded to our parish. **This will not cost you any additional money.**

TO USE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS:

Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy, and remember to register your card with your organization after you sign up. If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

1. Visit krogercommunityrewards.com.

2. Create a digital account. A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.

3. Link your Card to an organization. Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the **Kroger Community Rewards** selection on your digital account:

- Sign in to your digital account.
- Search for your organization.
- Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support. **Our parish's NPO number is JK577**.
- Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save."

Your selected organization will also display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your account details.

4. Start shopping! Any transactions made using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program **at no added cost to you.**

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Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.

We appreciate your participation!



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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 Sunday, July 18, 2021:



Cameron James Manczyk

Parents: Eric & Nicole Manczyk Godfather: James Mason

Heavenly father, by the gift of water you nourish and sustain us. Welcome them into your holy family. Amen.

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ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army
Nicholas Brosowski, Army
Chris Burley, Navy
Shaun Chaplin, Air Force
Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines
Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard
Elijah Kuefler, Navy
Carmen LaForest, Navy
Matthew McDowell, Air Force
Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force
Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy
Scot D. Skoczylas, Navy
Anthony Trotta, Navy
Kyle Wiegand, Army

PRAYER LIST

Nancy Angel	Tom Sadowski
Gary Jacobs	Doreen Schrieber
Joan Kantz	Laura Thomson
Pat Mirek	Rockne Whitehead
Joan Nonte	Victor Wojick
June Sadowski	

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

With Deepest Sympathy

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

Mary Chorus

Beloved and deeply missed.

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.

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."

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 26, 2021 No Mass

Tuesday, Jul	y 27, 2021
7:00pm	Dec. Bernard Varani (Judy Taylor)
-	Dec. Jim Connors (Judy Taylor)
	Dec. Stephanie Dempsey (Judy Taylor)
Wednesday	, July 28, 2021
8:00am	For Priests & Religious
Thursday, Ju	ıly 29, 2021
8:00am	Dec. Jim & Aulga Mahar (Judy Taylor)
	Liv. Jeffrey Taylor (Judy Taylor)
Friday, July	30, 2021 No Mass
Saturday, Ju	ly 31, 2021
4:00pm	For the Parishioners
-	Dec. Gerald Konczak (Marie Konczak)
	Dec. Stephanie Brzezinski (Marie Konczak)
Sunday, Aug	ust 1, 2021
9:00am	First Sunday Monthly Memorial Mbrs.
	Dec. Wanda Sztaba (Son, Dennis)
	Dec. Joseph & Harriet Florek (Sylvia Soldatek)
11.20	Dee Eduin Falicial: (Ed & Sandy Kampa)

11:30am Dec. Edwin Felisiak (Ed & Sandy Kempa) Dec. Antonia Schkrinjar (Merisa & Lana Musemic)

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.

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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