

# St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish

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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 5, 2020



Pastor Ext. 102

FR. TONY SULKOWSKI As we gather with family and friends to celebrate Independence Day, may we reflect upon the history of our country; may we remember those who fought for the FrTony@sifparish.org freedoms that we enjoy. Let us lift up in prayer those who gave their lives in battle to protect those freedoms.

May we share with our children our own family history, in particular those relatives and forbearers who came before us to forge a life for their families and the next generation. Our lives and histories are influenced by those who came before, just as we influence the lives of those individuals who come after us. Our history is passed down from one generation to another.

May this Independence Day be a day of celebration, a day to gather in the company of family and friends, and a day to remember how blessed we are. May we lift up in prayer all those who have served and continue to serve in the five branches of the military, fighting for the freedoms that we enjoy. Thank you from a grateful nation.

#### **Independence Day Prayer**

Courtesy of Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gifts to every human being.

Help us to continue a good work begun so long ago.

Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity will we find liberty,

and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth.

Turn our hearts to the family of nations: to understand the ways of others,

to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the common good for all.

We ask this in your name.

Amen.

Bon mot: "Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy." —Ralph Waldo Emerson

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

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# **2021 MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass intentions for 2021 will be available beginning July 1, 2020. You may call the Parish Office to schedule your intention(s) and mail your monetary offering in, or stop by the Parish Office.

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#### **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

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#### **PRAYER LIST**

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Names on the Prayer List will remain for four weeks. If the illness or situation persists after that time and additional prayers are needed, please call the Parish Office. Thank you!



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I'm not sure where to begin with this article. During these past few months, while we have all been home, I realized that it may be time for me to retire again.

As many of you know, I have been a caregiver for my cousin for a few years, and her health concerns have become more involved as time goes on. I also spent a lot of time working around my property (I live on 2 acres) and realized how I have neglected it through the years!

I prayed on this decision, and every time I would think of maybe just cutting my hours, or going part-time, something would cause me to lean back to retirement. I really have enjoyed this ministry and of course I love our community. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a dedicated staff and devoted volunteers.

In speaking with Fr. Tony, he mentioned that sometimes the Holy Spirit tells us things we may not be ready to hear! So, after much prayer and discussion, I have decided to retire, effective July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Although my role will change, I plan to stay here as a parishioner. As many of you commented on returning to Mass, "It is nice to be home." I agree—this really is my home. I look forward to the next chapter in my life and to seeing you here at church. Thank you for all the support you have given to me.

In writing this, I thought of Maureen Blair and how she made her farewell. She said it best:

"Thank you so much for the privilege and opportunity to serve you and to be in your midst."

May God continue to bless you.

Love and blessings,

Debbie

#### MICHIGAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Are you concerned legislators are not listening to our Catholic voice or advocating for the common good of all? Over the years, the Michigan Catholic Conference has lobbied as a voice for the Catholic bishops on public policy, focusing on protection of human life, public and non-public education, economic justice, marriage and family life issues, and policies that protect religious freedom.

The Michigan Catholic Conference has established a legislative advocacy network to notify you of current issues in our state, as well as notify you when critical policy issues come up, so that you can easily contact elected officials.

To join and have your voice heard, go to:

micatholic.org/advocacy/catholic-advocacy-network/



# RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



LAURIE HALL Pastoral Associate Ext. 104

As I have written about before, RCIA can be joined at any time, so now is the time to LHall@sjfparish.org begin praying in earnest for the Holy Spirit to send us seekers. I am asking for the prayers of the entire community to ask God to send

us seekers—people looking to form a relationship with Jesus through the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.

At any time, we can begin the process of preparing people for reception of the Sacraments at Easter Vigil in 2021. Once we have seekers, we will need sponsors and those who are willing to share their faith with a small group. I ask you to please include prayers for a Spirit-filled group of people to come forward to form the RCIA team, but, most importantly, for our evangelization efforts to be increased so that we bring in those seeking initiation.

Struggling with how to pray for seekers? If you need a little inspiration, here are some thoughts:

Pray that God will send his Holy Spirit to those who know they are missing something, but don't recognize yet what it is they are missing.

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you so that you walk in my statutes, observe my ordinances, and keep them. You will live in the land I gave to your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God" (Ezekiel 36:26—28).

Pray for more people to come to Christ. There is only one way to salvation: through Christ and Christ alone.

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

Remember, too, that Christ is the one who calls us. (See Matthew 11:28—30.)

**Pray that God would open people's hearts** to believe the gospel. God is always calling us and seeking to bring us to Himself. We must respond. So pray that God would open the hearts of these unbelievers so they can, in turn, believe, just as Lydia did.

"The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what Paul was saying" (Acts 16:14).

Pray to the Saints. Here is a prayer from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers:

O God, you made your name known to us through the Apostles. By the intercession of St. Jude, let your Church continue to grow with an increased number of believers. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** WITH RECITATION OF THE **DIVINE PRAISES**

Please join us in the main worship space on Tuesday, July 14th, anytime from 1:00pm—6:00pm for Eucharistic Adoration, ending with recitation of the Divine Praises at 6:30pm.

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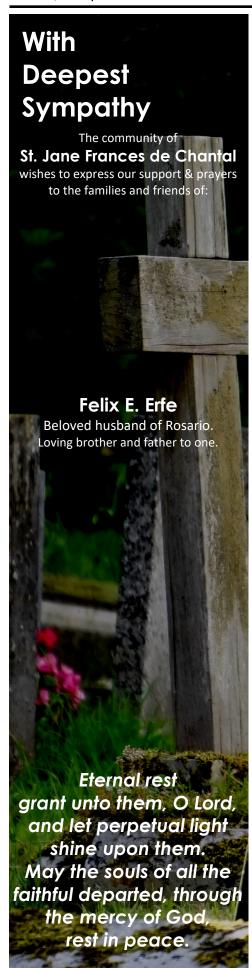
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If you have any questions, contact Jody at JGazo@sjfparish.org or call 586-977-8080, ext 112.



The following is an excerpt from an article on unleashthegospel.org. If you're interested in reading more like this, consider signing up for Parish News at **sifparish.org**. Every Sunday, we release an email with resources & articles like this one.

#### WHAT IS A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?

By Fr. Stephen Pullis, courtesy of unleashthegospel.org.

Have you ever been asked, "Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ?" Sometimes it comes from a non-Catholic Christian. And recently, Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have spoken about this concept. Therefore, it is natural to ask, "What does a personal relationship with Jesus look like?" To help us discern what exactly we are being called to, we need to think about these three aspects of a personal relationship: consistency, vulnerability, and truth-rootedness.

#### Consistency

A personal relationship with Jesus requires consistency. Like any important aspect of my life, this relationship requires a commitment of my time. If I want to learn to play the violin, spin a basketball on my finger, speak French or read the top 100 American novels, I need to commit time to the endeavor. It is humbling because we have to start from the beginning, but everyone has to start at some point. There is no shame—no matter what you "should have done" in your past—in committing to it now.

#### Vulnerability

Vulnerability in prayer is also essential to your relationship with Jesus. There are myriad ways to pray, but I must spend time sharing the depths of my heart with Jesus. Having a personal relationship with him means he gets unrestricted access to my soul. Whatever is making me angry right now, I bring that to him. Whatever is making me self-conscious, I bring that to him. Whatever I am worried about, I bring that to him. Whatever I am excited about—no matter how trivial any of these may seem—I bring them to him.

#### **Truth-rootedness**

I do not think truth-rootedness is actually a word, but it expresses a key aspect for this kind of personal relationship with the Lord. When I come to Jesus, I should remember that he is not there to rubber-stamp my ideas, plans, or desires. He is in control, and I come seeking his guidance. Of course, he does not restrict my freedom or intimidate me—he is "meek and humble of heart" (Mt. 11:28-30). But I cannot pick and choose "the Jesus" from whom I seek counsel. He is the mighty Lord and calls me to holiness to become a saint. I cannot simply hear his gentle words without also hearing his radical demands: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me" (Mt. 10:38).

Do I have a personal relationship with Jesus? If I am consistent in taking time to pray, willing to hold nothing back from Jesus, and ready to let him be Lord of my life, then yes, I do.

#### TUNE INTO OUR DIGITAL MUSIC SERIES!

While in-Mass singing is suspended due to COVID-19, we are pleased to offer our Digital Music Series. Join Janina Jacobs, Director of Music at St. Jane Frances de Chantal, as she performs music fit for Ordinary Time. You'll feel like you're back in Mass—while in the comfort of your own home!

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2020

**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**, Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr:

Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday**, Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs:

Hos 11;1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday**, *Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot*: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; 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

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, JULY 6: NO MASS** 

**TUESDAY, JULY 7** 

**7:00pm** Dec. Lenie Rettich (Judy Taylor)

Dec. Mary Zalewski (1st Anniv.) (John Zalewski)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8** 

8:00am Dec. Rachel Guadagni (Laurie)

**THURSDAY, JULY 9** 

**8:00am** Dec. Lois Theisen (Friends)

FRIDAY, JULY 10: NO MASS

**SATURDAY, JULY 11** 

**4:00pm** For the Parishioners

Dec. Daniel Stec (Catherine)

Dec. Harold Kraft (Robert & Frances Kraft)
Dec. Evelyn & Joey Rekowski (Family)

**SUNDAY, JULY 12** 

9:00am Liv. Weglarz Family (Dorothy Weglarz)11:30am Dec. Felix E. Erfe (SJF Ushers Club)

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#### **SACRAMENTS**

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#### Reconciliation

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#### Marriage

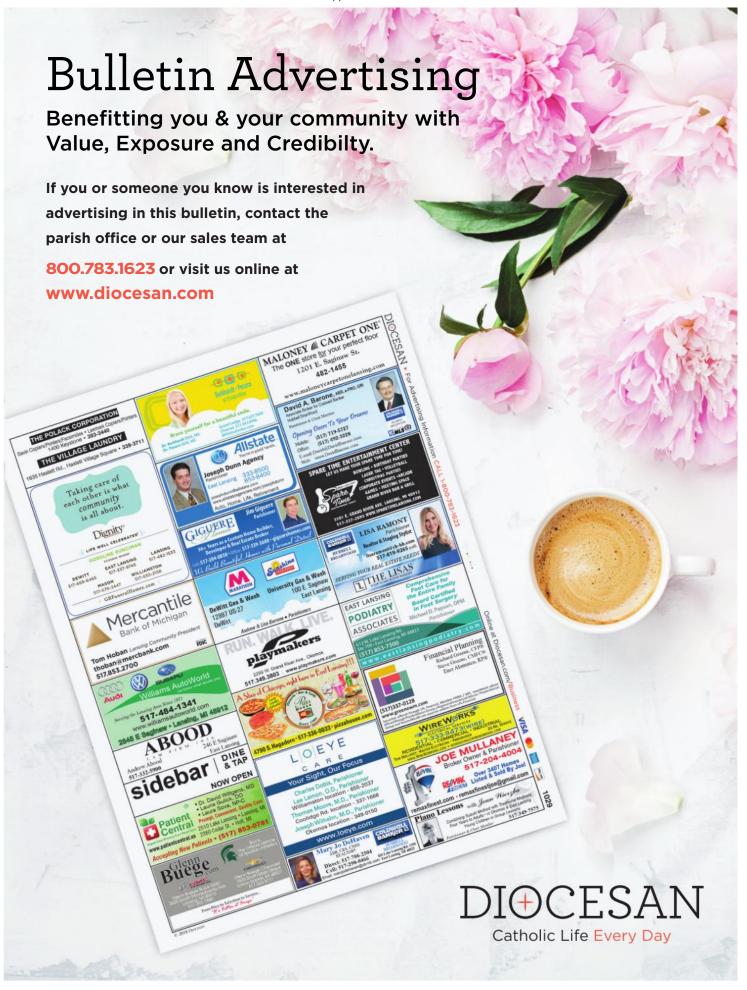
Congratulations! Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to begin preparations.

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

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

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

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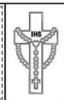


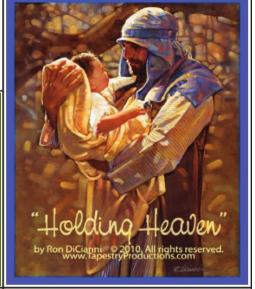
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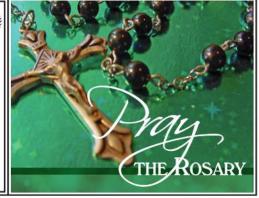
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