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I would like to wish all of you a Happy Labor Day. As you know, this is the holiday that brings summer to a close. Today, may we take some time to enjoy our family and friends, to reconnect with nature, and to reflect upon the many ways that God has blessed us. God is good all the time; all the time, God is good.

Labor Day affords us the opportunity to reflect on the many blessings God has bestowed upon each of us. It allows us to see God's handiwork in all that we do and to create with the gifts and talents that God has gifted us. It encourages us to use God's gifts for His greater glory and for the benefit of all of us. We all have value, and we all contribute in our own ways to the betterment of our society and the world.

As students and teachers prepare to return to the classroom this academic year, may we as a community of faith offer to them our prayers and blessings that they may enjoy learning, take delight in new discoveries, and share those experiences with others.

We also remember parents, who are the first teachers of the faith. Let us pray that their faith and love may be an example to their children and the community. May you experience wonderment and awe in each passing day. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

As students, teachers, and parents prepare for a new school year, we offer them this blessing from the Book of Blessings:

Lord our God, in your love and wisdom, you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. In times long past, you sent us your prophets to teach your laws and to bear witness to your undying love. You sent your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from you alone. Send your Holy Spirit upon these students and their teachers and fill them with your wisdom and blessing. Grant that during the academic year, they may devote themselves to their studies and share what they have learned from others. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bon mot: "The distance we have gone is less important than the direction in which we are going. Live seeking God; then you will not live without God."

-Leo Tolstoy, Spiritual Writings

Have a great week.

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021 for Labor Day.

Normal office hours will resume the next day.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

TWENTY-THIRD 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	F-20mm
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, September 6, 2021 Parish Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 7, 20215:30pmConfession6:00pmRosary7:00pmMass

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

8:00am Mass
9:30am Needlecrafters
6:00pm Needlecrafters
7:00pm Lectio Divina (Remote Mtg.)

Thursday, September 9, 20218:00amMass9:00amSwiffers Team #26:30pmK of C General Mtg.

Friday, September 10, 2021 Parish Office closed

Saturday, September 11, 2021 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, September 12, 2021 9:00am Mass 10:00am Cantor Practice 11:30am Mass



Laurie Hall Pastoral Associate LHall@sjfparish.org Ext. 104

Happy Labor Day! Today I share with you this Labor Day prayer from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Lord God, Master of the Vineyard, how wonderful that you have invited us, who labor by the sweat of our brow, to be workers in the vineyard and to assist your work to shape the world around us. As we seek to respond to this call, make us attentive to those who seek work but cannot find it. Help us listen to the struggles of those who work hard to provide for their families but still have trouble making ends meet. Open our eyes to the struggles of those exploited and help us speak for just wages and safe conditions, the freedom to organize, and time for renewal. For work was made for humankind and not humankind for work. Let it not be a vehicle for exploitation but a radiant expression of our human dignity. Give all who labor listening hearts that we may pause from our work to receive your gift of rest. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that you might work through us to let your justice reign.

Amen.

EUCHRE NIGHT: WELCOME BACK!

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.

When: Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 5:00pm until about 10:00pm.

Where: In the Fr. Page Activity Center.

How: Sign up in the Parish Office. The cost is \$10.00 per player; this covers the cost of dinner, snacks, dessert, beverages, and prizes. We ask that the \$10.00 please be paid **before** the night of the event. The cutoff for signing up is Monday, September 20, 2021. (No refunds for cancellations will be issued after September 20, 2021.)



Questions: Contact Linda Smith at LSmith@sjfparish.org or 586-977-8080, Ext. 113.



LABOR DAY

This Monday, September 6, is Labor Day! Our parish has released a new formational video about Labor Day, the Church's role in its history, and our Catholic call to respect the rights of workers. Visit **sjfparish.org/thewayoffaith** to view.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Labor Day is an annual national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of the United States. Labor Day originated with the labor movement of the late 19th Century—when workers, including children, endured 12-hour days and extremely unsafe working conditions for unlivable wages. Labor unions began organizing strikes and rallies to protest these poor conditions. Violence often erupted. The unrest of workers in factories, mills, and mines continued for over a decade.

In an open letter to all Catholics in 1891, Pope Leo XIII addressed the conditions of the working classes. He called on Catholics to advocate for the dignity and rights of workers. In the wake of this massive unrest, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in 1894. On Labor Day, we pay tribute to the contributions and achievements of all American workers.

So, what does our Catholic faith tell us about work and the dignity of workers? It tells us that there is no one definition of work.

The concept of work began with Adam and Eve. In Genesis, we read that the "LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden to cultivate and care for it." Work is our way of continuing to participate in God's creation. It's how we use the gifts that God gave us—and every one of us has work to do.

Work is anything we do for the good of our society, whether through paid employment, unpaid family responsibilities, or volunteer service. Just because work isn't paid doesn't mean it isn't work! Our Catholic faith calls us to respect all workers—to value their contributions and recognize their human dignity, regardless of the type of work they do.

We must recognize that dignity by ensuring that all work is rewarded with just wages and benefits. Workers must have decent working conditions, as well as the right to organize and join unions or other associations to create better working conditions for themselves, as stated by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Amid the sales and celebrations of this Labor Day, spend some time in reflection on the nature of work and the dignity of workers:

Where do you see the dignity of work and the rights of workers being violated? Where do you see it being protected?

How will your purchasing and voting choices impact whether the rights of workers are violated or protected?

LECTOR SCHEDULE				
Tuesday Sept. 7, 2021	Wednesday Sept. 8, 2021	Thursday Sept. 9, 2021	Saturday Sept. 11, 2021	Sunday Sept. 12, 2021
<i>7:00pm</i> Chris Bajercius	<i>8:00am</i> Judy Taylor	<i>8:00am</i> Cindy Guzi	<i>4:00pm</i> Phil Mina	<i>9:00am</i> Julius D'Ambrosio <i>11:30am</i> Annette Mobley

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF SEPT. 5, 2021

Sunday

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 35:4-7a Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37

Monday

Col 1:24—2:3 Ps 62:6-7, 9 Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6ab, 6c Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Thursday

Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 6:27-38

Friday 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11 Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a & 6-7 Lk 6:43-49

Sunday 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 50:4c-9a Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35



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OFFERTORY INFORMATION AUGUST 29, 2021

Registered Families:	1,365
Envelopes Returned:	206
Amount Offered:	\$6,798.00
Loose Offering:	\$651.00
Online Giving Contributors:	102
Online Contributions:	\$2,995.00
Total Offerings:	\$10,444.00
2020 Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Actual Offertory:	\$10,444.00
Difference:	-\$1,342.00

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 be meeting 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.

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. The members participate of their own free will, understanding that any exercise program has the inherent risk of injury.

For detailed liability information and information on how to sign up for rides, visit **sjfparish.org/bikeclub**.

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Michael Novak Faith Formation & Youth Ministry MNovak@sjfparish.org

Today I'm excited to announce our new youth ministry program. We will be working in partnership with St. Rene

Goupil on "Courage Above the Stars," our exciting and innovative program for 2021 and 2022. For information about when and were we will meet, please see the flyer inserted in this bulletin. All high school students and youth ministry alumni are welcome. I hope to see you there!

THE 2021 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: FUEL THE MISSION

St. Paul wrote to the Colossians, "Whatever you do, do from the heart" (Colossians 3:23).

As we face so many challenges in 2021, we are reminded of our call as missionary disciples to act out of the heart that God has formed in us. The CSA raises funds that make possible the work of the AOD, including supporting more than 100 ministries, programs, and services. This includes helping the hungry and homeless, supporting AOD parishes, priests, and seminarians, promoting the work of the Catholic schools, and so much more.

What is the CSA?

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. The CSA is an opportunity for the faithful to respond to Christ's command "to love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12) by helping to fund services throughout the broader area of southeast Michigan.

The Catholic Services Appeal benefits parishes and people in the Archdiocese of Detroit by helping to fund more than 170 ministries, programs, and services, including support for men discerning God's call to the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, grants to Catholic schools, and young adult programs.

Our parish goal is \$91,324.00. Once a parish reaches its individual annual goal, 100 percent of the overage is returned to the parish.

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.

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



SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



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

In today's world, there's so much with which to be concerned. Events in the Middle East have all of us uneasy as we ask, "What's next?" We're frightened. Will all of

this spill over closer to home? The escalation of the COVID-19 Delta variant in our own area presents issues, and no one truly knows where to turn. Tempers are short and we lose patience. So many are suffering not only from illness, but from being depressed emotionally. However, that doesn't mean we have to be barren spiritually. These are the times when we must seek God and pray for a change of heart to take over—not only in others, but in ourselves.

Last week I talked about never giving up, no matter what. Good things can be right around the corner, at the next bend, or tomorrow, if we have faith. Faith gives us hope and can work miracles. I promised you a song which is one of my favorites. When I'm down and in need of peace, I'll sing it. I've used this at liturgies of resurrection, including at my own father's second funeral. His Eye Is on the Sparrow is a staple in African-American worship services, though the song was originally written in 1905 by two Caucasian songwriters, lyricist Civilla D. Martin and composer Charles H. Gabriel. It has been recorded by artists from all walks of life. The theme is inspired by the words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel: "Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" (Matthew 6:26) and "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29-31). Keep the song handy, and more importantly, keep the faith.

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart feel lonely and long for Heav'n and home? When Jesus is my portion, a constant friend is He: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Let not your heart be troubled, for His tender word I hear, and resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears. Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds shall arise, When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies; I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He cares for me. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy; I sing because I'm free. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

With Deepest Sympathy

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

Brian K. Ziemba Loving father to Alyssa, Anthony, Elizabeth, and Nichole. Beloved brother of Bruce, Lisa, Michelle, Mike, and Sandy.

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.

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ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

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PRAYER LIST

Gary Jacobs Joanna Sweet Jacob Runkle Laura Thomson Stephanie Runkle Rockne Whitehead Mark Sadecki June Sadowski Tom Sadowski David Sweet

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

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 28 & 29, 2021:

Jane Delphine Barr

Parents: Brian & Holly Barr Godfather: Jeffrey Morrell Christian Witness: Cindy Esquibel





Joel Robert Gasparovich, Jr. Parents: Joel & Kaylyn Gasparovich Godfather: Rodney Almeria Godmother: Phuong Almeria

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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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 6, 2021 No Mass

Tuesday, September 7, 2021				
7:00pm	For the Parishioners			
Wednesday, September 8, 2021				
8:00am	Dec. Mae Taylor (Judy Taylor)			
Thursday, September 9, 2021				
8:00am	Dec. Esther Scavo (Judy Taylor)			
	Dec. Rose Martin (25 th Anniv.) (Diane & John Martin)			
	Dec. Georgette Martin (1 st Anniv.) (Diane & John Martin)			
Friday, September 10, 2021 No Mass				
Saturday, September 11, 2021				
4:00pm	For the Parishioners			
	Dec. Mary Mayernik (Debi Teran)			
	Dec. Ron Suwinski (Bernie & Ann Cattivera)			
	Dec. Norma Connors (Judy Taylor)			
Sunday, September 12, 2021				
9:00am	Dec. Diane Bosca (Mary Ann Gleich)			
11: 30 am	Dec. Madeleine Kempa (Ed & Sandy Kempa)			
	Dec. Richard VanAcker, Sr. (Grandchildren)			
	Dec. Ray Mandziuk (4 th Anniv.) (Pat Mandziuk)			
	Dec. Bernie Markaity (Family)			

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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.

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Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Contact Laurie Hall to begin the process. Welcome home!



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