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# 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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#### **Funeral Protocol**

From time to time I put this reprinted article in the bulletin for those parishioners who are new to St. Jane Frances de Chantal and to remind all of us of the protocol that works

best at St. Jane Frances de Chantal in regards to funerals.

Since my arrival at St. Jane Frances de Chantal we have had our share of funerals. I would like to share with you funeral protocol in the event that you find yourself planning a funeral for a loved one. This is the time for the church to minister to you. The death of a loved one is difficult and the Funeral Ministry Team at St. Jane Frances de Chantal is here to assist you in any way that we can.

Once a death occurs please call the funeral home of your choice. Once you have made contact with the funeral home have the funeral home call St. Jane Frances de Chantal and ask for me. I, together with the funeral home, will set the date. We will always try to honor the wishes of the family. Funerals are scheduled at 10:00am, with the body lying in state in the chapel at 9:30am.

After you have met with the funeral home, please call the parish and set a time to meet with me to pick out the readings and music for the funeral liturgy. I will also ask for some background information about the deceased. Of note, eulogies or sharing of memories are not permitted at church and should be done at the funeral home the night before the funeral. From my experience the funeral home is a more relaxed atmosphere to share memories of a loved one.

The day of the funeral, members of the Funeral Ministry Team will be there to answer any questions you may have. They will also instruct those who are reading at the Mass and others who were asked to participate in some way at the Mass. They will guide you through the whole of the liturgy.

I would like to thank the Funeral Ministry Team for all that they do. It is a great ministry to the families who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Lastly, a person does not have to be a member of St. Jane Frances de Chantal to be buried from St. Jane Frances. One of the corporal works of mercy is to bury the dead and everyone has the right to a Christian burial. Let we pray for those who have died because someday someone will be praying for us.

Bon mot: Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift.

---- Eleanor Roosevelt

Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony

**OCTOBER 2, 2022** 

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm 9:00am & 11:30am Sunday

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm 8:00am Wednesday & Thursday

**Holy Day Masses** As Announced

Confession

Tuesday 5:30pm

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

#### PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, October 3, 2022 No Events

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Confessions 6:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass

#### Wednesday, October 5, 2022

8:00am Mass

Needlecrafters 9:30am

10:00am Seniors

6:00pm Needlecrafters

7:00pm Lectio Divina (Zoom)

#### Thursday, October 6, 2022

8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers Team #4

Friday, October 7, 2022

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, October 8, 2022

K of C Tootsie Roll Drive

4:00pm Mass

#### Sunday, October 9, 2022

K of C Tootsie Roll Drive

9:00am Mass 9:00am RCIA

9:45am **Heavenly Delights** 

11:30am Mass





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#### **Eucharistic Adoration with Recitation of the Divine Praises**

Please join us in the Chapel on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, anytime from 1:00pm until 6:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration ending with recitation of the Divine Praises at 6:30pm.



#### **Respect Life Sunday**

Today, on Respect Life Sunday, we hear Jesus use the image of the mustard seed. The mustard seed is tiny—not much larger than a grain of sand—but when it is planted and nurtured, it grows into a large, strong tree. It takes time, though. All of us were once the size of a mustard seed, but now, loved and nurtured, we have grown in body, soul, and spirit.

Our faith is just like that. Faith, even just the size of a mustard seed, can go a long way. It allows Habakkuk to withstand destruction and violence. It allows Paul to bear imprisonment and encourages Timothy to face his share of hardships. It allows the disciples to serve the Lord, often without understanding his ways. Seeds are a great image for our faith. A gardener plants seeds in the spring, nurtures the shoots by watering and weeding and fertilizing, tends them throughout the summer, allowing them to flower, then harvests their fruit in the fall. Within each one of us are seeds that were planted before we



were born: seeds of kindness and courage, generosity and patience, faith, hope, and love. Do we nurture and care for these seeds? How do we nurture the seeds within us? Nurturing requires attention and action. We nurture the seeds of virtue by exercising those virtues. We exercise kindness and generosity through acts of care and charity. We exercise courage when we stand up for what we believe in when it's easier not to. We exercise faith by placing our trust in God.

Listening to the readings today, let us reflect on how our own faith has allowed us to overcome difficulties and pray for the grace to realize its strength. Throughout this week, consider this: Which seeds have I nurtured? Which seeds will I make the effort to nurture now?

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#### Alzheimer's Awareness

Dementia is a term used to describe brain disorders that affect memory, thinking, behavior and emotion. Alzheimer's disease is the most common, but not the only, cause of dementia. Early symptoms can include memory loss, difficulty performing familiar task, problems with language and changes in personality. Dementia is NOT a normal part of aging. Normal aging includes occasionally making a bad decision, missing a monthly bill payment, forgetting what day it is, but remembering it later, sometimes forgetting which word to use, and losing things from time to time. Signs of dementia include making poor judgments and decisions a lot of the time, difficulty managing the monthly budget, losing track of the date or time of year, trouble having a conversation and misplacing things and being unable to find them. If you are concerned, about yourself or a family member, talk with your doctor. There are treatable causes for these symptoms, infections, medication side effects, depression, thyroid problems and nutritional deficiencies among others. And if the diagnosis IS dementia, there are early interventions that can slow the progress and improve the quality of life. You can control your risk of dementia by making healthy life style choices: eating healthy, keeping physically active, getting plenty of sleep, controlling high blood pressure and staying connected with family and friends.

See the Health Ministry Bulletin Board for additional information and resources.



#### **HEAVENLY DELIGHTS**

Join us once again on **Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:00am Mass** for coffee, bagels, donuts, juice, and tea! This is a great time to build community and form new friendships! There is no cost, but a free will offering is accepted. We hope you can join us!

#### **EUCHRE NIGHT: HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm until about 10:00pm

WHERE: In the Fr. Page Activity Center 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 Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> (*No refunds for cancellations received after October 10<sup>th</sup>*).

**Questions:** Contact Linda Smith at <u>LSmith@sjfparish.org</u> or 586-977-8080, ext. 101.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF October 2, 2022

#### Sunday

#### Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

#### Monday

Gal 1:6-12; PS 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 & 10c; Lk 10:25-37

#### Tuesday

Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk 10:38-42

#### Wednesday

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

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

#### Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19



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#### **Getting Back to Normal**

Two events were recently held that have not occurred in over two years! The entire world came to a screeching halt in the Spring of 2019 and it has taken a long time to get things back to "normal". There are many parts of our lives

that look very different now. We do things differently. We do things more cautiously. Some of the places that we used to go are not around anymore. We became familiar with the word "Zoom".

Parish life has yet to return to 100% and there are still many people that are still watching our livestream Masses and we have not re-instated the distribution of Precious Blood. Many of the ways that we worship and participate in what goes on in our churches have returned. Many events both here at St. Jane Frances and throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit are back! Some may look and feel a little different but it gives us great joy and comfort to get back together again.

With tremendous planning and support of the Knights of Columbus and the numerous St. Jane Frances volunteers, both the Pancake Breakfast and the Coffee House have retuned. Yes, they operate with more safety precautions, but they are back and that should give all of us increased joy and hope.















LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE						
	Tuesday October 4, 2022	Wednesday Oct. 5 2022	Thursday Oct. 6, 2022	Saturday Oct. 8, 2022	Sunday Oct. 9, 2022	
	7:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	8:00am Mass	4:00pm Mass	9:00am Mass	11:30am Mass
Sacristan	Brian Finn	John Martin	Judy Taylor	Mary Wolf	Karen Frontera	Brian Finn
Lector	Kris Bajercius	Annette Mobley	Cindy Guzi	Craig Smith Linda Smith	Eileen Clase Kathleen Pawlik	Ronald Mobley Annette Mobley

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## JWJCatholic.Academy Youth Ministry 2022-23



# begins Sunday October 2, 2022 7:00-8:30 PM

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Youth Group room

All High School Teens Welcome

#### Thank you for your continued support

Visit sifparish.org/onlinegiving to sign up for online giving or email Jody Gazo at JGazo@sifparish.org for assistance.

#### **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 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.

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#### TRUNK OF TREATS

Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Join the fun and bring your little ones (ages 10 years and younger) for games, activities, dinner, and a round of

Trunk-of-Treating. All are encouraged to come dressed in their Halloween costumes (please make sure they are family friendly). Please sign-up by Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Office.

This event is limited to registered parishioners and their families only.

If you are interested in decorating a trunk to pass out candy or to just pass out candy, you are invited too!! Please sign-up by October 24<sup>th</sup> and we will get you all the details! Want to volunteer, help is needed the night of the event. Please sign-up in the parish office!

Questions, contact Linda at Lsmith@sjfparish.org or 586-977-8080 ext. 101.

# If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts

Psalm 95:7-8



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Janina Jacobs Director of Music Ext. 103

Today's Gospel tells us of the mighty power of the mustard seed. We should all have JJacobs@sjfparish.org faith so strong as to believe such a tiny seed can grow into something so large. I believe that is true with any type of seed

we sow, to trust it will grow and prosper, even long after we leave this earth.

One parishioner sent me a lovely note of congratulations on my retirement. Within it was a quote from Cicero: "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." As I pondered that thought, a few memories came to mind about both gardening and reading, and guess what? Cicero was correct.

When I was a little girl, Mom used to sit and read the paper each night. I was too young to read and sat by her side, constantly bugging her "What's THAT word and THIS word?" Patiently, she'd tell me and explain what it meant. Obviously she believed it was important for me to know and for her to teach. From those days, I learned to read quickly, to devour books, and to seek knowledge in so many arenas. I got my first library card then and still have one in my home city. Mom helped plant that 'mustard seed' of solving my curiosity through reading. It has given me a lifelong quest for all that I didn't know, that I don't know! That journey will never end.

Dad was from a family farm in Tennessee and he and my mom planted a garden every year in the back of our yard near the alley (does anyone have those anymore?). Tomatoes, cucumbers and carrots, mostly. We also had a peach and a pear tree. I would watch the garden vegetables and the trees fruit grow from seed to harvest, always mystified at how God made that happen, with a little help from Mom and Dad's tending. Lessons were learned in that garden. At about age 8 or 9, I came home from school one day and found Mom watering the plants, seated in her lawn chair and smoking a cigarette as she often did. Feeling brave, somewhat silly and full of myself, I said "Hey Ma, how about a drag on your cigarette?" never for a moment thinking she would have offered it. But she did. I was shocked and had to take that drag to save face. It was awful. That was the one and only time I've ever taken a puff of anything. I asked her why she did that and her reply has stuck with me for all these years. "One leads by example. If you want to smoke, don't hide it. Bring it out in the open and tell me. I can't ask you kids not to do something I do myself." That 'mustard seed' of leadership taught me to never ask others to do what you don't or won't do yourself.

I've always been interested in health, fitness, and medical issues, probably from an early age and also from my first two years in the Pre-Med curriculum in college. That was one reason I chose to become Health Minister through Ascension Health at St. Basil and I continued assisting the Health Ministry program here at St. Jane Frances. I am disappointed to say that Ascension recently chose to discontinue the program, but have no doubt our fine group of parish nurses will continue to serve in other ways, including hosting the St. Jane Frances Health Day on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. God gave us one of His greatest gifts ever, a human body that should be used to do good. It is up to us to keep it healthy, as best we can. I thank Mom all the time for offering me that 'drag' so long ago, so as to avoid even thinking about smoking!

Since this will be my final column for the St. Jane Frances de Chantal bulletin, I want to thank you all again for your support, your prayers and for your good wishes while I've served here and for my future endeavors. I'll continue to watch for more 'mustard seeds' as signs from God to bloom and grow wherever they may be planted. God be with you and may He bless you always.



Donations of Halloween candy will be collected at the Masses during the weekend of October 15th & 16th in the Gathering Space.

The donations will be distributed to our Coffeehouse guests at the October gathering.

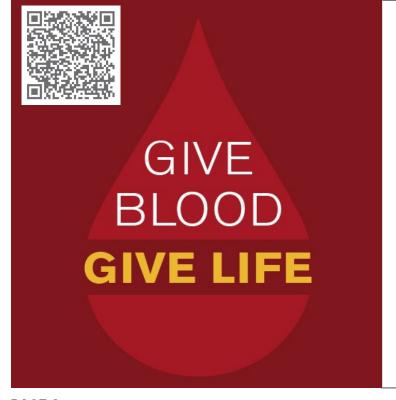
The Coffeehouse Program has been on hiatus since the beginning of the pandemic and it will be resuming next week. The evening features a meal, dancing and socialization for intellectually disabled adults in the Tri-county area.

THANK YOU for your continued support and generosity!



Blessing of Pets Sunday, October 2nd 1:00pm







#### **Blood Drive**

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church

> Church Hall 38750 Ryan Road Sterling Heights

Sunday, October 16, 2022 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment to help save lives, please log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: stjane) or call Sam at 586-884-3410.

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#### St. Jane Frances Health Ministry to hold a Health Day on Sunday October 23rd

The St. Jane Frances Nurses and Health Ministry will be holding a day dedicated to physical health and safety of our parishioners. On Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> you can receive immunizations, get your blood pressure taken or get some helpful information.

The great staff from Ryan Health Pharmacy will be prepared to administer flu shots, pneumonia vaccinations and both Moderna and Pfizer Covid vaccinations. If you plan on receiving any vaccinations, the pharmacy asks that you bring your ID, your insurance card and your CDC card if you are getting a Covid shot.

## RYAN HEALTH PHARMACY Transforming Your Health

Other features of the Health Day will include:

**Ask a Pharmacist**—Do you have any questions regarding the medications that you are taking? The Pharmacy Manager from Ryan Health Pharmacy can answer your questions.

Ask a Nurse—a Nurse Practitioner will be at a table to answer any health concerns that you may have.

**Prescription Medication Disposal**—You can bring in any medications that have expired or that you no longer need. They will be disposed of with the Sterling Heights Police Department.

**Eyeglass Recycle Donations**—Bring your useable eyeglasses for recycling by the Lions Club International. Please do not include any eyeglass cases.

**Refreshments**—Enjoy coffee, juice and some healthy snacks.



## ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army

Nicholas Brosowski, Army

Chris Burley, Navy

Shaun Chaplin, Air Force

Michael DeVito, Army Reserve

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Matthew McDowell, Air Force

Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force

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

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Dolores Darner Frances Kraft Julia Nida Nadia Raft

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

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, October 3, 2022 No Mass

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

**7:00pm** For the Parishioners

Virgin Mary (Maria & family)

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

8:00am Dec. William Gorski Sr. (Harry & Judy Burzynski)

Thursday, October 6, 2022

8:00am Dec. Willaim Caiozzo-Wedding Anniversary (Family)

Dec. Andy & Gerri Maiuri-60thWedding Anniversary (Family)

Friday, October 7, 2022 No Mass

Saturday, October 8, 2022

**4:00pm** Dec. Herbert Dempz (Dempz & Aaron Families)

Dec. Isabella McLaughlin (Dempz & Aaron Families)
Dec. Jeffrey Matthew Scharfenkamp (Pat & Al Smolek)

Mother of Jesus (Maria & Family) David Koczara (Koczara Family)

Sunday, October 9, 2022

**9:00am** For the Parishioners

Dec. Carl Anthony Tringali (D'Angelo Family)

Dec. Nancy Aaron (Aaron Family)

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

### With Deepest Sympathy

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

#### Geraldine Delores Miles

Beloved wife of Walter
Mother to Susan, Gary & MollyJo
Sister to Kenneth, Virginia, Rosalie, Frank & Eugene
Cherished grandmother

#### Leonard Francis Parada

Beloved husband to Marilyn
Father to Darrin & Denise
Brother to Dennis, Rick, Gary, Gail & Gregory
Cherished grandfather

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."

#### **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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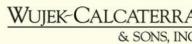
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