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Remembering those who have gone before us

As we see the close of October, we begin the month of November, a month in which the Universal Church remembers those who have died. At St. Jane Francis de Chantal, as well as in every parish, those who were buried from the parish this past year will be remembered. We will recall the many ways in which those who have died have influenced and touched our lives.

On one of my trips to Argentina, we arrived to celebrate the Day of the Dead, commonly known to us as All Souls' day. The Day of the Dead is a holiday in South America as in most of Europe. It is a day to celebrate the lives of those who have gone before us. The celebration takes place at the graves of the loved one. There is usually a picnic lunch with music, dancing and food for all to enjoy. It is a joyful celebration of life and of memories. It is a celebration of faith.

It is important to remember and to pray for those who have died. An older priest once told me years ago, that it is important to pray for those who have been called home by the Lord because someday others will be praying for you. Death is indeed a part of life and I believe what surprises us about death, is that we don't know when it will come. Pope Francis said, "we pray that God prepare us for the encounter. We know not the date, but the encounter will happen."

As we celebrate The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, let us reflect upon the many people in our lives that have walked this journey with us, those who have left their imprint on our life and on our vocation in life. We are where we are at and are doing what we are doing because of someone's influence our life. We do not journey through life alone. Many people join us in our joys and challenges. Some are with us for a lifetime, others may be with us for a short part of the journey, yet everyone we come in contact with leaves their mark with us.

The Church reminds us of the importance of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that we are encouraged to pray, "As in the prayer of petition, every event and need can become an offering of thanksgiving." The letter of St. Paul often begins and ends with thanksgiving, and the Lord Jesus is always present in it: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ. Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."

Oh Lord, Eternal rest grant unto our brothers and sister. May the Light of your face be upon them.

Bon mot: Remembrance is the only paradise out of which we cannot be driven away.

----Jean Paul Richter

Have a great day. Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

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

Weekday Masses

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

Holy Day Masses As Announced

Confession

Tuesday 5:30pm

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, October 31, 2022

No Events, Parish office closes at 1:00pm

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 **Solemnity of All Saints**

8:00am Mass 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Confessions 6:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

All Souls' Day 8:00am Mass

9:30am Needlecrafters

10:00am Seniors

6:00pm Needlecrafters

6:00pm All Souls' Day Memorial Mass 6:45pm All Souls' Day Memorial Recept.

7:00pm Lectio Divina (Zoom)

Thursday, November 3, 2022

8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers Team #4

Friday, November 4, 2022 Parish Office Closed/No Events

Saturday, November 5, 2022

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, November 6, 2022

9:00am Mass 9:00am **RCIA** 11:30am Mass

1:00pm **Fatih Formation Classes**

7:00pm Youth Ministry

FOR THE SON OF MAN HAS COME TO SEEK & TO SAVE WHAT WAS LOST

Luke 19:10



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THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

In the Church calendar, the month of November begins with the Solemnity of All Saints, a time to remember all saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us in faith. November 2nd is All Souls' Day, when we remember all those who have entered into eternal life. It is a day when we are also reminded of the importance of caring for the bereaved. We will remember all those of our parish community who have died in the last year at our Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Mass here on Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:00 pm. All parishioners are invited to join us for this special Mass. At this liturgy we will remember all those whose crosses have been displayed on our remembrance wall throughout the year and distribute those crosses to the families of the deceased.

We encourage all parishioners to share in this month of remembrance by signing the names of their loved ones in the Remembrance Book that is located in the Gathering Space. We remember all those listed in the Remembrance Book in our prayers throughout the month of November.

As we remember our loved ones, may this month of remembrance serve to remind us of our need to care for each other as we grieve and to support one another in spirit.

Here at St. Jane Frances, we have an amazing Funeral Ministry team. This team, led by Mary Wolf, serves as Sacristans, Altar Servers, Readers, Greeters, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and basically as caretakers of those family members who participate in their loved ones funeral Mass.

Thank you to:

- Mary Wolf, Bill Bishop, Bill Burr, Brian Finn, Dan & Darlene Rys, and Bob Skwara
- Bill Burr and Bob Skwara who also lead the Vigil Prayer Services/Rosary at the Funeral home the evening before a funeral.
- Joe Nida who makes the crosses for each family member to place on our wall of remembrance and Jan Machusak who prayerfully records the name of the deceased on the crosses.

The community is grateful to all those who serve to comfort the grieving. If you feel called to join this team, please contact me for more information. We are always happy to welcome and train new ministers.

REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

We have a small supply of Remembrance Candles for All Souls' Day, available in the Parish Office for a donation of \$5.00. These beautiful candles are for home use and can be personalized with a permanent marker or label maker and lit in remembrance of your loved ones.

2022 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Reminder: Your Christmas Flower Offering envelopes are due on November 6th in order to be included in the 2022 Christmas Flower Insert.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET COLLECTION 2022

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?" Mt 25:44

Holidays are a time we give thanks to God for the blessings we have received and share those blessings with families in need.

For both Thanksgiving *and* Christmas our St. Vincent de Paul chapter provides holiday meal packages to **families in need** within our parish boundaries. This only happens because of the **generosity of you**, our parish members.

We will provide gift cards for families so they can purchase items for their holiday meal, based on the needs and preferences of their family.

You can help provide a memorable holiday meal by donating **gift cards** in the amount of **\$10**, **\$20** or **\$30** dollars from Meijer, Kroger or pre-paid Visa/MC.

Please place the gift cards in an envelope and write **"St. Vincent de Paul holiday food"** on the envelope. Gift card envelopes should be returned to the parish office **no later than Wednesday, November 16**th.

Thank you for your generosity toward families that need our support!

The statue of Mary has arrived!

After a long wait, I am happy to say that our new statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary has arrived, just in time to be installed during October, the month the Church dedicates to the Rosary, in honor of our Mother Mary.

We are very grateful to all who donated to this new addition and to Craig Smith for preparing the garden space and the statue for placement. Please join Fr. Tony as he blesses the statue on Saturday, October 29th, following the 4:00pm Mass. We pray that this image of our Blessed Mother will be a place of prayer and a source of peace and comfort for all.



SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF October 30, 2022

Sunday

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 11:22-12:2;

Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14; 2

Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

Monday

Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Ik 14:12-14

Tuesday

Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls')

Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Thursday

Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b -2, 5-6, 8a & 9; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38 or Lk 20:27, 34-38



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HEAVENLY DELIGHTS

Join us once again on **Sunday, November 13**th, **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!

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

Thank you for your continued support

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



A FREE dinner will be offered in the Activity Center on the Sunday afternoon before Thanksgiving from 3:00pm-6:00pm All parishioners from St. Jane Frances de Chantal and our other Family of Parishes churches are welcome. RSVP is required and you can register in the parish office or on our website sifparish.org.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE						
	Tuesday Nov. 1, 2022	Wednesday Nov. 2, 2022	Thursday Nov. 3, 2022	Saturday Nov. 5, 2022	Sunday Nov. 6, 2022	
	7:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	8:00am Mass	4:00pm Mass	9:00am Mass	11:30am Mass
Sacristan	Sac/Lector 8am John Martin	John Martin	Judy Taylor	Mary Wolf	Ray Knapp	Jeannemarie Trotta
Lector	Janice Machusak Denise Dara	Annette Mobley	Cindy Guzi	Linda Smith Craig Smith	Janice Machusak Chris Bajercius	William Burr Barb Milczynski

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Proposal 3

As we prepare to vote on November 8th this year, it is important to be informed as "voters in Michigan will decide on an issue of paramount importance to protecting the inherent, God-given dignity of all people" (Archbishop Vigneron Letter to the Faithful).

The Archdiocese of Detroit has provided a number of resources that will clarify the issues of Proposal 3 and guide you in forming your conscience as you prepare to vote. All resources are available at the website: Aod.org/prolife.

TURN BACK THE CLOCKS!

Daylight saving time ends next Sunday, November 6th at 2:00am







SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12 10:00AM-12:00PM St. Jane Frances de Chantal

ACTIVITY CENTER

38750 Ryan Rd., Sterling Heights, MI



ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Falls are a national public health concern and there are many ways to prevent accidents. The St. Jane Frances de Chantal Health Ministry will be presenting a fall prevention workshop called **Safe Steppin'**. St. Jane Frances Physical Therapist, Wendy Rzeppa, will offer awareness, safety tips and ways to reduce the risks of falling. Other topics will include great advice on what to do if you do fall down.

Falling is not a normal part of aging. This workshop could be very valuable for you or your loved ones to keep you safe and healthy for many years to come. No need to register. JUST COME!

ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army

Nicholas Brosowski, Army

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Michael DeVito, Army Reserve

Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines

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Carmen LaForest, Navy

Matthew McDowell, Air Force

Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force

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

PRAYER LIST

Karen Belloli Mary Ann Clay

Tom Kendro

Christine LePoudre

Nadia Raft Daniel Reghi Eric Rzeppa Raymond Turczyn

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 31, 2022 No Mass

Tuesday, November 1, 2022 (All Saints)
8:00am Dec. Kol Dhesh Hasa (Maria)

7:00pm Dec. Christine Flaviani (Judy Taylor)
Wednesday, November 2, 2022 (All Souls' Day)
8:00am Dec. Mark & Lena Pepaj (Gjuk Pepaj)

6:00pm The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Thursday, November 3, 2022

8:00am Dec. Marsha Olson (Family)

Friday, November 4, 2022 No Mass

Saturday, November 5, 2022

4:00pm Dec. Pauline Gronowski (Gronowski Family)

Dec. Joseph & Maria Gronowski (Gronowski Family)

Dec. Gabe Durante (Durante Family)
Dec. Gerald Williams (Williams Family)

Dec. Helen Krull (Family) Dec. Pacifico Medado (Family)

Dec. Mri Hasa (Maria)

Sunday, November 6, 2022

9:00am First Sunday Monthly Memorial Members

Dec. Virginia Bessette (Alan & Connie Rozak)

Liv. Valentin Vacaj (Mom, Maria)

Dec. Elaine Cook (Bob & Joyce Youngert)

Dec. Paula Trombley (Daughter) Dec. Dhash & Katrina Hasa (Maria)

11:30am For the Parishioners

Dec. Will Fasczewski (Graziano Family)

Dec. Helen Starr (Daughter)



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 sjfparish.org/joinus. We would love to have you!

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