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World Day of Prayer for Vocations: You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek

A few years ago, I received a book entitled *Disciples Together on the Road, Words of Pope Francis for Priests*, published in 2016 by Libreria Editrice Vaticana. The book is a series of talks that Pope Francis gave to priests bishops and laity throughout his travels.

In his very down to earth style, Pope Francis explores the joys and challenges of priesthood. I have found the book to be very affirming of the role of priests in today's society and the world. I use it often as spiritual reading and my prayer life.

Today, the Catholic Church celebrates Priesthood Sunday, a day set aside to affirm the role of priests as central to the life of the church. As I reflect upon my years as a priest, I can honestly say that there have been more joyful experiences in my ministry as priest. However, like any vocation or profession we do experience the challenges that life does present to us from time to time.

As we have seen over the course of a few years, the number of priests are declining yet the needs of the people are still being met. Children are being baptized, the dead are being buried, the sick are being anointed, men and women are being married, and people have choices as to what Mass they wish to attend on any given weekend. There is no shortage of priests because as I said, peoples spiritual needs are still being met.

God continues to call and the care of the Church is in God's hands. We are servants of God and we are called to be of service to our brothers and sisters and to the church. The one overall challenge that I have experienced throughout my priesthood is getting people to share their gifts and their talents with the greater Church. We all have something give and to share with the community of believers.

In a homily I gave a few weeks ago, I mentioned that we are all equal in the eyes of God, no one is greater than anyone else. Certainly, we might have different responsibilities, different vocations, different titles or rank. However, at the end of the day we are seen as equals in the eyes of God. The challenge that is presented to us is: how do I use my position, title, or rank to build up the Body of Christ which is the Church and the community I am a part of?

As we call to mind this Priesthood Sunday, may we give praise to God for all priests who have and continue to serve the Catholic Church throughout the world. May we remember them daily in our prayers, asking God to sustain them in their ministry.

May God empower us to hear His voice and respond to His call in service to the Church. By virtue of our Baptism everyone in the church is called to holiness and service.

Bon mot: "Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage."

—St. Pope John XXIII

Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony

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, May 1, 2023 No Events

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

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

6:45pm May Crowning

7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

8:00am Mass

9:30am Needlecrafters

9:45am Seniors

6:00pm Needlecrafters 6:30pm **Cantor Rehearsal** 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Lectio Divina (Zoom)

Thursday, May 4, 2023

8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers team #4

Friday, May 5, 2023

No Events/Office Closed

Saturday, May 6, 2023

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, May 7, 2023

9:00am Mass

9:45am **Heavenly Delights**

11:30am Mass 12:15pm Baptism

Faith Formation 1:00pm 7:00pm Youth Ministry

I AM THE GATE whoever enters through me will be saved

John 10:9



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The Fourth Sunday of Easter traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. Today, let us listen for and hear the Shepherd's voice and know that he is our God.

Today is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly celebrate vocations to ordained ministry and religious life in all its forms. Please pray today for all our priests (and especially for Fr. Tony) and for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and religious life everywhere.

We also enter the month of May this week, traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is part of our yearly celebration of the 50 days of the Easter season, a time to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord and await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Mary is especially remembered during this season as she experienced extraordinary joy in her son Jesus' victory over death; Mary was also present with the apostles in the upper room, prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

During this month, it is good to spend more time in contemplation of Mary's role as a model of faith, as a disciple of Jesus, and as an intercessor for us. In 1965, Pope Paul VI wrote a short encyclical on the month of May. He wrote that May is an occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance."



MAY CROWNING

At St. Jane Frances, we will celebrate the crowning of Mary just before the 7:00pm Mass on Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:45pm. This is a beautiful custom that expresses our love for the Mother of God as our Queen. There is also a group that prays the Rosary each Tuesday at 6:00pm in the main Worship Space. You are always welcome to join in.

In honoring Mary, we are ultimately praising God for the grace He bestowed on her. May the Blessed Virgin Mary intercede for us and draw us closer to Christ her Son!

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FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations First Communicants: Logan Bussa, Isabella Gianetti, Leila Nicole Mee, Chase Papandrea, and Tessa Penberthy.













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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2023 CSA Kick-off begins next weekend, May 6th & 7th. Look for your pledge cards and information packets this week. Please consider helping us reach our goal for this year of \$92,951.00.

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF April 30, 2023

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:11-18 or Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



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Online Contributors: 96

Online Contributions \$3,182.00

Total Offerings: \$10,754.00

Budgeted Offertory: \$11,786.00

Difference: -\$1,032.00

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9:00am—1:00pm & 4:30pm—7:45pm

Tuesday

2:00pm - 7:45pm

Saturday

3:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday

10:00am—12:30pm





ATTENTION SENIORS JUNE 22nd "THURSDAYS AT THE MUSEUM"

The Detroit Institute of Arts is offering a FREE program for adults 55 and older

The DIA is once again offering groups of people from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties FREE admission and bus FREE transportation to the DIA. Also, we will receive a coupon for a free cup of regular coffee, decaf coffee, or tea to be redeemed in Café DIA.

If you are interested in joining us on June 22nd, please sign up in the parish office by June 4th. The itinerary will be as follows:

- 12:00pm— Bus pick up from St. Jane Frances parking lot (please plan on being on the bus by 11:50am)
- 1:00pm—2:00pm Highlights tour
- 2:00pm—3:00pm Self guided tour
- 3:00pm—Bus departs for St. Jane Frances

We ask that if you plan on attending the event there are new policies concerning what can be brought into the Museum. Please refer to the list below:

Visitor Entrance and Bag Policies

- No bags larger than 11" x 10" x 3" are allowed in the museum.
- For the protection of the art, nothing may be carried on the back in the museum.
- No water bottles or food or drinks are permitted in the museum.

We will be taking 25 to 35 people, so sign up early!! Any questions contact Linda Smith at 586-977-8080, ext. 101 or Lsmith@sjfparish.org.



HEAVENLY DELIGHTS

Join us once again on **Sunday, May 7th, 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!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Saturday Sunday May 2, 2023 May 3, 2023 May 4, 2023 May 6, 2023 May 7, 2023 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 Ray Knapp Dan Rys Lector Barbara Sadecki **Judy Taylor** Cindy Guzi Eileen Clase Denise Dara Annette Mobley Keith Morris Gary Bjornrud **Ronald Mobley**

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2023 ST. JANE FRANCE DE CHANTAL CAR SHOW

Join us for a Cruise-In Car Show on Friday, June 9, 2023 from 4:00pm—8:00pm. Proceeds from the evening go to the Pastoral Outreach Support Fund. Whether you're bringing a car to show, or just want to stroll around and check them all out, consider yourself invited! Concessions will be provided by the Knights of Columbus, and music provided by Rockin' Ronnie! We hope you can join us!

Bringing a car? Registration information is available in the parish office.



ATTENTION!!

The Mass for the weekend of May 6th & 7th will NOT be recorded and posted on our YouTube channel. You may view the livestream from the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 11:00am on Sunday, May 7th at cathedral.aod.org or on their Facebook page.



EUCHRE NIGHT: RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

WHEN: Saturday, May 20th, from 5:00pm until about 10:00pm.

WHERE: In the Fr. Page Activity Center.

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.

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 please be paid by the cut-off date of Sunday, May 14th.

(No refunds for cancellations received after May 14th)

Questions: Contact Linda Smith at 586-977-8080 ext. 101 or LSmith@sjfparish.org



Meet the Knights Benefit Luncheon

Sunday, April 30th 1:00pm-3:00pm

Fr. Page Activity Center

Open to all families Brief insurance presentation

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ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

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Lauren Patterson. Air Force

Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force

Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy

Anthony Trotta, Navy

Kyle Wiegand, Army

Steven Zurek, Navy

PRAYER LIST

Rita Barras Debbie Coomes Judy Koelzer Dennis Lichocki Mark Myers

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

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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 1, 2023 No Mass

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

7:00pm Dec. Cynthia Krull (Family)

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

8:00am For the Parishioners

Thursday, May 4, 2023

8:00am Dec. Guiseppe Maini (Rosa Maini)

Dec. Angela Gasperoni (Rosa Maini) Dec. Shirley Putrycus (Novak Family)

Friday, May 5, 2023 No Mass

Saturday, May 6, 2023

4:00pm Dec. Shirley Putrycus-10th Anniv. (Putrycus Family)

Dec. Ralph & Marie Beaufait (Robert & Frances Kraft)

Dec. Eugene & Frances Berthiaume (Joyce) Dec. Scott Sikora-1st Anniv. (Linda Franczyk)

Dec. Betty Cianfarani (Family)

Sunday, May 7, 2023

9:00am First Sunday Memorial Members

For the Parishioners

Dec. Khame Raffo (Family)
Dec. Riaha Mansour (Family)

11:30am Liv. Rosario Erfe (Anne Marie Erfe)

Dec. Kirk Rado (Brenda Albrecht)

Dec. Denise Ann Schmitt (Brenda Albrecht)



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 April 23, 2023:

Dominic Anthony Bortnem

Parents: Matthew & Jacquelyn Bortnem Godfather: Jason Bortnem

Godmother: Jane Potulski

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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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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