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AUGUST 8, 2021

• NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."
- Jn 6:48-50



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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

What is a transitional deacon?

There are two types of deacons in the church. Both are members of the clergy. Both have the same liturgical role. Both have the service of the community as their primary work. One is called a permanent deacon, usually a married man ordained as a deacon with no intention of becoming a priest. They preach, baptize, witness marriages, conduct funeral services, and look after the needs of the poor. They also visit the sick and take Communion to them, although they cannot celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. They might also assist the pastor in his administrative duties. Permanent deacons are usually well known and respected in their communities and have roots there.

A transitional deacon is one who functions as a deacon for a period of time prior to ordination as a priest. His diaconate assignment serves as a kind of internship of ordained ministry. During his year or two as a deacon, he will learn the practical aspects of parish life, getting a firsthand look at the life of a priest. His work has a different focus than a permanent deacon in that he is looking forward to ordination as a priest.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN

Which sacrament makes us members of the Body of Christ?

- Marriage
- Confirmation
- Reconciliation
- Baptism

Answer is on the calendar page.

What's Your Hearth Cake?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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FR. STEPHEN ROONEY MEMORIAL ROSARY WALK



What: We will walk one of Fr. Rooney's favorite routes through the city of Trenton. We will begin the walk with a rosary, just as he would every day, then spend the rest of the time remembering a dear family member, friend, and pastor.

When: August 14, 2021

Where: St. Joseph Parish Parking Lot
2623 3rd Street; Trenton, MI 48183

Time: 10 am – noon
(Participants may finish earlier depending on pace)

Distance: 2 miles

Cost: Free-will donation for Gabby's Ladder, an organization that was close to Fr. Rooney's heart **or** non-perishable food items for the local food bank • Please bring your chosen gift on the day of the event!

"Our death is not the end for any of us...the urge to pray for our departed is woven into the fabric of our very lives and rebels at the notion that death is the end." Fr. Stephen Rooney, 08-07-2020

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

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What: *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, a bible study by Ascension Press

When: Thursdays 7 - 8:30 pm
September 2nd - October 21st (8 sessions)

Where: Archangel Room and/or gymnasium

Cost: \$25, which includes a workbook, *The Bible Timeline*[™] Chart, access to online resources

**** This 2nd study is limited to the first 20 people registered by August 18, 2021**

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"AND BEHOLD,
I AM WITH
YOU ALWAYS,
UNTIL THE
END OF
THE AGE."

MATTHEW 28:20

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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FEAST DAY NEWS

As we get back to "normal," the parish is planning Feast Day events again for September. Kitchen renovations will be complete, so it will be a great time to see the updated facilities. But, for it to be successful, we need YOUR help! There is a meeting **Tuesday, August 10th at 6 pm** in the Archangel room. *Everyone* is encouraged to attend. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

January 28, 1572 - December 13, 1641



ST. JANE FRANCES
DE
CHANTAL

AUGUST 12

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**REFLECT
&
RESPOND**



FIRST READING:

The prophet Elijah was exhausted and literally prayed for death. The Lord answered his prayer by sending Elijah food and drink for strength. How do you encourage others in your life who are spiritually drained?

SECOND READING:

Paul held Christian communities to very high standards of conduct. How well do you think your faith community holds to these standards today?

GOSPEL:

We hear today John's account of Jesus' rejection by his own people. The Jews struggled to think of Jesus as "the living bread that came down from heaven." What are some of Jesus' words that challenge you or cause you to struggle?

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal's Story

Jane Frances was wife, mother, nun, and founder of a religious community. Her mother died when she was 18 months old, and her father, head of parliament at Dijon, France, became the main influence on her education. Jane developed into a woman of beauty and refinement, lively and cheerful in temperament. At 21, she married Baron de Chantal, by whom she had six children, three of whom died in infancy. At her castle, she restored the custom of daily Mass, and was seriously engaged in various charitable works.

Jane's husband was killed after seven years of marriage, and she sank into deep dejection for four months at her family home. Her father-in-law threatened to disinherit her children if she did not return to his home. He was then 75, vain, fierce, and extravagant. Jane Frances managed to remain cheerful in spite of him and his insolent housekeeper.

When she was 32, Jane met Saint Francis de Sales who became her spiritual director, softening some of the severities imposed by her former director. She wanted to become a nun but he persuaded her to defer this decision. She took a vow to remain unmarried and to obey her director.

After three years, Francis told Jane of his plan to found an institute of women that would be a haven for those whose health, age, or other considerations barred them from entering the already established communities. There would be no cloister, and they would be free to undertake spiritual and corporal works of mercy. They were primarily intended to exemplify the virtues of Mary at the Visitation—hence their name the Visitation nuns—humility and meekness.

The usual opposition to women in active ministry arose and Francis de Sales was obliged to make it a cloistered community following the Rule of Saint Augustine. Francis wrote his famous *Treatise on the Love of God* for them. The congregation consisting of three women began when Jane Frances was 45. She underwent great sufferings: Francis de Sales died; her son was killed; a plague ravaged France; her daughter-in-law and son-in-law died. She encouraged the local authorities to make great efforts for the victims of the plague, and she put all her convent's resources at the disposal of the sick.

During a part of her religious life, Jane Frances had to undergo great trials of the spirit—interior anguish, darkness, and spiritual dryness. She died while on a visitation of convents of the community.

Reflection

It may strike some as unusual that a saint should be subject to spiritual dryness, darkness, interior anguish. We tend to think that such things are the usual condition of "ordinary" sinful people. Some of our lack of spiritual liveliness may indeed be our fault. But the life of faith is still one that is lived in trust, and sometimes the darkness is so great that trust is pressed to its limit.

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Larkin Wensink, 5th-8th Grade Physical Education

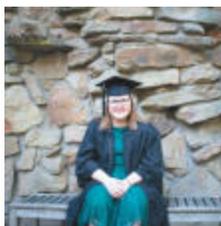
Hello, my name is Larkin Wensink. Growing up, I attended a St. Mary Catholic School in Leipsic, OH. After this, I graduated from Bowling Green State University in 2020. During my time as a falcon, I played on their men's club volleyball team. Fitness and health have always been something I have been passionate about. Outside of being a teacher, I'm still in the gym coaching. I have had the privilege of coaching volleyball for the last 6 years at Premier Academy. I can't wait to get started, meet all of the students and families, and most importantly, help those in my class achieve the tools necessary for lifelong physical activity and health.



Diana Costantini, 5th & 6th Grade Social Studies

Hello! My name is Diana Costantini, and I am blessed to be the new 5th and 6th grade Social Studies teacher at Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools! I'm a transplant from the Diocese of Cleveland, where I grew up in a really awesome and close-knit Catholic community. Just this past May, I finished my undergrad at Franciscan University of Steubenville with a degree in History and Education and a minor in Theology. I have been lovingly described as "nerdy" by those who know me well. Ask me a question about theology or history and I will go on for hours in an overly enthusiastic and excited tone of voice. I am so excited that I have found myself in a position where it is now my JOB to share what I know about the subjects I love,

and to help my students to cultivate their own love for these subjects. I am SO EXCITED to get to know the community at Monroe Catholic Elementary Schools!



Miriam Sponsler, 8th Grade Religion

Hello! My name is Miriam Sponsler and I am the new 8th grade religion teacher at MCES and Sophomore Theology Teacher at SMCC. In May 2020 I graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville with degrees in both Theology and Catechetics, with a Concentration in Youth Ministry. I spent years volunteering as a SENT Missionary and a core team member for the EDGE youth groups at both Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth and Holy Family in Steubenville. I have also spent the last year building a youth program at St. Thecla in Clinton Township. I believe that the number one thing lacking in modern Catholic education is personal relationship with Jesus Christ, so I am deeply excited for this chance to use my education and experience in youth ministry to provide your children with a daily opportunity to encounter Jesus.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Answer: **d**

Readings for the Week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

THIS WEEK ~ AUGUST 9 - 15

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Mass 8:15 am - church
Devotions 9 am - church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Michael's Men Meeting 7 pm - SMCC Chapel

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

St. Clare, Virgin
Worship / Christian Service Mtg 6 pm - Archangel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Mass 8:15 am - church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Confession 3:30 pm - church
Mass 5:00 pm - church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass 8:30 am - church
Mass 10:30 am - church



LITURGY SCHEDULE AUGUST 9 - 15

DAY & TIME	INTENTIONS
Monday 8:15 am	† Peter Imski † Maria Vitale
Friday 8:15 am	† Pietro Vitale † David Skinner
Saturday 5:00 pm	† The People of St Michael
Sunday 8:30 am	† Gloria Collingsworth † Salvo Rotolo & Antonina Terrasi
10:30 am	† Angela & Jack Grippi † Angela Furnari Vitale

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LIVE THE LITURGY

Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgments using a Divine lens. Often, we perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When using human eyes exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply as a prophet who has some wise things to say. The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus and the abundant everlasting life God offers. Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships: with God, others, ourselves, and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love.

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Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time:

In this Gospel the love that Jesus reveals through the symbol of bread is: self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving, in solidarity with the weak, confident in the power of God.

During the hot summer months many of the elderly, especially those who are sick, are not able to find relief from the heat. Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring respite and hope to them.



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