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## Archdiocese of Detroit

St. John's Deaf Center  
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CATHOLIC DEAF NEWSLETTER- NOVEMBER 2021



current topics >>Advice from Kathy

### How To Support Older People During the Holidays...

Holidays are coming up (Thanksgiving and Christmas). Holidays should be a joyful time to be together with friends or families. It can be a lonely time for some people. Some of us lost family members or friends in the last year. Most of all isolation makes the holidays hard. People who are isolated are at high risk for depression. There are some things we can do to ease the pain, grief, and isolation.

1. Include your family member in meal or event planning. They can pick out tablecloth or help cook if they are able. This will make older people feel needed.

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## From Fr. MD's Desk

Dear Friends,

Happy November to all of you! November is one of my favorite months. I am not sure why, but I always like this month. Maybe it is because the weather is not too cold or hot. I always enjoy walking during this time of year. Looking at nearly bare trees makes me reflect that they will be back to "life" with green leaves in May. Trees going through the cycle of losing and growing leaves every year give me a deep reflection on our death and hope of resurrection. In addition, Thanksgiving is always my favorite holiday because it is very American. Only people in Canada and the United States have this holiday. I cherish Thanksgiving because it serves a good reminder that we have a big responsibility to be thankful to God every day for His love and His many blessings.

During the month of November, all Catholics try to remember and pray for the poor souls in the Purgatory. If you want to learn more about the Purgatory, then please come to our Catholic Faith 101 class on Friday, November 5 around 1 PM (join us for Adoration, bring a sack lunch and then Catholic Faith 101). My talk will be about the Catholic belief on the afterlife. From this class, you will learn more about Heaven, Purgatory, and Hell.

On November 14, I will celebrate Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick after Mass at OLL and Holy Innocents'. Any Catholic who is elderly, has a chronic illness, struggling with depression, or expecting a surgery soon is welcome to receive this sacrament. Why should I receive this sacrament, you may wonder to yourself. God want you to know that He loves you and He wants to support you in your suffering. If you have questions about this sacrament, then please do not hesitate to ask me or Veronica.

Wishing you a very happy Thanksgiving! God bless.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. MD

Saints >>>

*By Gail*

## All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day, also called All Hallows' Day, Halloween, or Feast of All Saints, in the Christian church, a day honoring the memory of all saints, both known and unknown, who have reached heaven. It is celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup>. These are the people who help us believe that love is the most important thing in the world. Their lives tell us that what matters most in life is not what we earn or own, not the job we have or the people we know. What really matters is how much we love God, others, and ourselves, and how well we show that love in all we do.



### **Remember in your prayers!**

For those who are sick, awaiting or recovering from surgery:

- Helen Booker
- Marilyn Burchi
- Jackie Felix
- Ellen Gibb
- Bev Marchuk
- Harold Miller
- Loretta Milne
- Debbie Mitre-Smith
- Mike Rea
- Debbie Shahady
- Betty Schommer
- Kathy Wilson
- Karen Zabik

And for all members of our church who are lonely, grieving and dealing with mental issues.



## CATHOLIC FAITH 101

*Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith? About Mass? About other Faith related topics? Are you interested on discussing these with other members of the Deaf Catholic Community?*

*If you are interested, please join us for another Catholic Faith 101 gathering:*

**When? Friday, November 5th at 1 pm EST (Suggestion: Join us for Adoration at 11 am, bring a sack lunch and stay for this discussion)**

**Where? SJDC and RingCentral –**

**This is a hybrid meeting-At St. John's Deaf Center for those who are fully vaccinated and can attend in person. For those unable to attend in person, can join us via RingCentral (max 20 participants).**

**To register, visit our website or use this QRcode (use the camera on your phone to get to registration page)**



*Open to members of the Detroit Catholic Deaf community*

# *Blessings of Pets at St. John's Deaf Center*

## October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**LUKA**



**BONNIE & COACH**



**GEMMA**



**LUCY**



**JADE & STAR**



**FR. MIKE & LANCE**



**CINDY WITH MIKA & MILO**



**FUZZY**



**JOSIE & LACY**



**FR. MIKE & JOZIE**



## *How To Support Older People During the Holidays...>>>*

2. If you don't have family member, then host a small dinner with few friends who are alone.
3. If your family member or friend are dealing with memory changes, they can still enjoy the moment. This can be the perfect time to just enjoy what is, right now.
4. Don't expect only happy emotions. Holidays can be emotional time for some people. It is ok to be sad, to grieve or to need space during the holidays. Widowhood, loss of close friends, separation from family, ill health and memory challenges can lead to feelings of sadness for some people. Let elders talk about loved ones they are grieving as a way of remembering.
5. Don't force things. It is important for people to be patient. Some people may appear to be irritable, depressed, tired, or isolated. Do not force them into large family gatherings or busy holiday plans if they are not interested.
6. Visit elders in nursing home. Bring small gift such as personal care item, magazine, books, warm blankets, etc. Small gifts will bring cheers to them.
7. VP is a wonderful way to reach out to those who are alone in home or nursing home.

It would be wonderful if we all can do one visit per week or per month all year around.

Stay safe and be well.

Kathy Mitchell



*HELEN DEAN*

*ETHEL SENICAL*

*MARY HANES*

*CHRISTINE SNYDER*

*IRENE  
KETTINGER*

*ELIZABETH  
SWINNEY*

*IRENE KULA*

*LARRY TRAYNER*

*CHRISTOPHER  
(JEFF)  
LAWRENCE*

*ANTONIO  
GREGOREK*

November 2020 to October 2021

## **In Memory of our Departed Friends**

**“Friendships begun in this world will be taken up again, never to be broken off.”**

## November Servers' Schedule

### November 7, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings – Paul Kuplicki  
Response Leader –Gail Buchalski  
Host- Patricia Dudis  
Sacristan Duty – Beth Ann  
Aylesworth

### November 14, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings – Carol Kuplicki  
Response Leader – Beth Ann  
Aylesworth  
Host-Cindy Landino  
Sacristan Duty – Dan Gibb

### November 21, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings – Bob Buchalski  
Response Leader – Sharon Smith  
Host- Paul Kuplicki  
Sacristan Duty – Carol Kuplicki

### November 28, 2021

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Readings – Dan Gibb  
Response Leader – Paul Kuplicki  
Host-Susan DeFilippo  
Sacristan Duty -James Allen

## Called to be Saints... –

*by Veronica*

In honor of All Saints' Day, let us recall Paul's words to the Corinthians, "To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours..." (1 Cor. 1:2).

Paul writes that we are called to be saints and to sanctified in Christ!!! And Pope Francis reiterates that the gift of holiness comes from God. We cannot achieve it on our own. We must depend from God to achieve this grace.

Pope Francis also reminds that this road to holiness is not exclusive for those who break away from their daily routine to immerse themselves in prayer. He explains that we CAN be saints and live a holy life in the midst of our regular tasks. "Indeed," he said, "it is by living with love and offering Christian witness in our daily tasks that we are called to become saints... Always and everywhere you can become a saint, that is, by being receptive to the grace that is working in us and leads us to holiness." ("Pope Francis: We Are All Called to Be Saints").

As we commemorate those unknown saints on November 1<sup>st</sup> (maybe our grandparents, parents or a friend among those) let us pray for ourselves. Let us ask God for the gift of holiness. May He guide our words, our thoughts and actions every single day so we can become more like Him: humble, eager to serve and quick to forgive, and to love God above all things!

May God bless each one of us!

## Virtual Rosary meetings >>>



Please send an email to Veronica at [Balcarcel.veronica@aod.org](mailto:Balcarcel.veronica@aod.org) to get the RingCentral link. We meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6 pm, Tuesdays at 12:30 pm and Thursdays at noon EST.



**Join us for Adoration at SJDC  
or virtually via Facebook**

**Friday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am EST**

## 1700 CLUB

*Congratulations to*

**Marjorie Migdal**

1700 Club  
\$ 100  
Winner

October 2021

**St. John's Deaf Center**

16103 Chesterfield Ave.  
Eastpointe, Michigan 48021  
Phone: 586-439-0146  
Fax: 586-774-8476

November 1, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

St. John's Deaf Center and Our Lady of Loretto West Detroit Catholic Deaf communities would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Have a blessed 2021! We are also asking you to support us by buying a 1700 Club ticket for year 2022.

1700 Club raffle will begin on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. We have a \$100 dollar drawing every month and a \$500 dollar drawing on December 18, 2022. To play, you need to buy a \$25.00 ticket and we will put your stub into our wheel, and we pick out a name each month. If you win, your stub will go back in the wheel for the next month's drawing.

Your \$25.00 will help our general operations like electricity, heating, other office uses, and our programs depend on it. Our programs are religious education programs, Adult Retreat programs, Mass, services, and senior citizens programs. Our profits will be split between St. John's Deaf Center and Our Lady of Loretto West Detroit Catholic Deaf Communities.

To purchase a ticket, send the stub with \$25 check or money order (payable to St. John's Deaf Center) and mail to St. John's Deaf Center, 16103 Chesterfield Ave., Eastpointe, Michigan 48021. For more tickets, please contact St. John's Deaf Center: 586-439-0146 VP/Voice.

We thank you for your generous support to St. John's Deaf Center and Our Lady of Loretto West Detroit Catholic Deaf. May God bless you and your family and have a healthy 2022.

Sincerely,



**Joanne Galbo**

1700 Club Chairperson

DETROIT DEAF CATHOLICS Retreat at De Sales Camp March 11- 13, 2022

“The Joy of the Gospel: Loving and living the Good News of the Gospel”



Sister Kathleen Schipani, IHM has a BA in Theology from Immaculata University, M.Ed. in Special Education from the College of New Jersey, and a certificate in American Sign Language Studies from Gallaudet University. Sr. Kathleen is currently the Director of the Deaf Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. She has over 30 years of teaching experience with children and adults. Sister has collaborated in international and national projects, presented workshops and trainings and co-authored Teacher Guides and DVD Curriculums to prepare individuals who are Deaf for the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Cost: \$90 per person

Sr. Kathleen Schipani, I.H.M.

Administrator, Director of Religious Education for the Deaf Apostolate for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

When: Friday, March 11, 2022, starting at 7 p.m. until Sunday, March 13, 2022, at 11 a.m.

Where: Lawrence Lodge (De Sales Camp), 1142 Ventura Drive, Brooklyn, MI 49230 (See Map and directions on next page)

Please bring Bible. Also bring your own towels and sheets. Or rent them -- \$7 for towels and \$7 for sheets. Other—bring your personal needs items like soap, shampoo, umbrella, and comfortable clothes.

Send in your registration in the mail (see form below), or you register online by visiting sjdc-oll.org or use QR code on the right. Limited to 24 participants on first come, first serve basis.



Registration Form (RSVP by March 1, 2022) To register and make a check payable to “St. John’s Deaf Center”

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ VP: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: St. John’s Deaf Center 16103 Chesterfield Ave. Eastpointe, MI 48021 Attention: Paul Kuplicki, Sr.

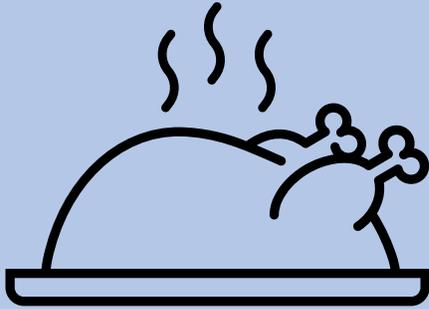
To register or questions, please email: Carol Kuplicki (cpag@prodigy.net) Veronica Balcarcel (balcarcel.veronica@aod.org) SJDC Office VP: 586-439-0146

## Map and Directions to De Sales Center



De Sales Center and Carls Family Village are located at the end of Daugherty Rd. Daugherty intersects M-50 north-west of US-12 and south-east of the town of Brooklyn. From the Detroit area, take I-94 west or US-23 south to US-12. Travel west on US 12 for 35 minutes, turn right on M-50 and turn right on Daugherty Rd. If you drive into Brooklyn, you missed Daugherty. From the Toledo area, travel north on US-23 to M-50 (Dundee). Turn left on M-50 and travel west until you pass US-12.

Stay on M-50, but start watching for Daugherty Rd. Turn right on Daugherty. If you drive into Brooklyn, you missed Daugherty. From Chicago and Lansing, travel east on I-94, pass Jackson, and go south on US-127 (toward Hudson). Take US-127 south to M-50 east. Travel east on M-50, go through the towns of Napoleon and Brooklyn, and turn left on Daugherty Rd. If you come to US-12, you missed Daugherty. De Sales Center is approximately 50 miles from Toledo, Lansing, or Detroit Metro Airport and 200 miles from Chicago.



**SJDC WILL BE CLOSED  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER  
23<sup>RD</sup>**

**HAVE A BLESSED  
THANKSGIVING DAY!**



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT HOLY  
INNOCENTS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 DURING NOON MASS**

**COME AND JOIN US MAKING AN ADVENT  
WREATH TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS!**

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