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CATHOLIC DEAF NEWSLETTER- AUGUST 2021

### From Fr. MD's Desk



Dear Detroit Catholic Deaf Community,

I hope all of you are enjoying the summer. Last week, we had Jesus Deaf CREW (Catholic Religious Enrichment Week) at Carl's Family Village (at Camp De Sales) in Brooklyn, Michigan. We had people coming over from all over the United States: California, South Dakota, Texas, South Carolina, Kentucky, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Iowa, and of course, Michigan! If things remain under control with COVID, we plan to host this program again next summer. I hope you will consider coming next year!

You may have heard that St. Barnabas Church (next door to St. John's Deaf Center) will be closing officially on August 22, 2021. Needless to say, this is very sad news for that church community for they have lost their church. Not surprisingly, the closure will have some impacts on the communities at Holy Innocents' and St. John's Deaf Center. Fr. John, the pastor of Holy Innocents Church will have to add one more Mass for people at St. Barnabas'. Hence, we will have to move the time for our Mass from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM. That way, Fr. John will have two Masses with one for the Holy Innocents' community at 8:30 AM and another one at 10:30 AM for those from St. Barnabas'.

While this has caused a great inconvenience for all of us. Yet, I empathize with Fr. John for being in this very difficult situation. Along with people at St. Barnabas being not happy about losing their church, some members at Holy Innocents are not pleased about their Mass time being moved earlier from 9 AM to 8:30 AM.

You might wonder why the Archdiocese close St. Barnabas Church... St. Barnabas / Holy Innocent's had been financially struggling for several years. They had relied much on income from renting out the school building at Holy Innocent's to a charter school. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, the charter school had shut down. With no reliable income, St. Barnabas Church was forced to close.

In addition, the Archbishop had made an important announcement last year that the archdiocese will go through many changes by dividing parishes into a group of Families of Parishes. Under this new structure, three or four churches, will be run by a group of a few priests and staff. The new change will save much money for the Archdiocese and local churches. It also offers as a solution to the shortage of priests.

It is not only St. John's Deaf Center, St. Barnabas', and Holy Innocents', there are many churches in the Archdiocese of Detroit going through many difficult changes. True, changes are not always easy. Yet, we can draw many good things out from difficult times such as developing more appreciation of what we have; more empathy for other people who go through difficult times; learning to become more patient, etc.

It is hard to understand sometimes why God would allow us to face hardships. Yet, we believe and trust that God is always with us and that we are always in His best interest. Often after we go through a difficult time, we look behind and realize that God was there all the way with us and that we have become better and stronger people. Let us continue to pray that God will help us trust Him more. Thank you and I wish all of you all the best. God bless.

Fr. MD

# St. Jane Frances de Chantal

*By Garil*



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*St. Jane Frances de Chantal was wife, mother, nun, and founder of a religious community. When she was 32, Jane met St. Francis de Sales who became her spiritual director and a good friend. She founded the religious Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary. The order accepted women who were rejected by other orders because of poor health or age. She is considered the patron of forgotten people, widows, and parents who are separated from their children.*

## **Remember in your prayers!**

For those who have died:

- Mary Hanes
- Christopher (Jeff) Lawrence

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

- Helen Booker
- Ellen Gibb
- Paul Kuplicki, Sr.
- Bev Marchuk
- Harold Miller
- Betty Schommer
- Kathy Wilson
- Karen Zabik
- Loretta Milne

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



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**P**  **H** **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**DEAF CANCER SUPPORT GROUP  
WILL BE GETTING TOGETHER  
SAVE THE DATE!!!!  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH FROM 12PM TO 3PM  
ST. JOHN'S DEAF CENTER**

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## Child Tax Credit

US Congress approved stimulus package back in March which included child tax credit. President Biden signed into law. IRS will begin to send payments to millions of families. The payments will help both, low-income families and “better off” families. The tax credit is only in until end of 2021. There are four things you need to know about the expanded child tax credit.

- 1. Who qualifies?** The credit will be a viable for heads of households earning \$112,500 and joint filers making up to \$150,00. Families can check their eligibility through IRS website
- 2. How much will you get?** That depends on your household income and family size. Eligible families can receive a total of up to \$3,600 for each child under 6 and up to \$3,000 for each one age 6 to 17 for 2021
- 3. When will you see the money?** Parents will receive half of their credit up to \$300 a month for each child under 6 and up to \$250 for each one age 6-17 monthly from now through the rest of the year. The payments will be made on the 15th of each month unless it falls on a weekend or holiday.
- 4. Do I have to will do anything to get it?** Most of the families would get the credit automatically if they filed 2019 or 2020 tax returns claiming the credit. Many people will receive the monthly payments through direct deposit, paper checks or debit cards.

You can always check your information on IRS website. If you have any questions, contact your tax preparer or me.

Be well, Kathy Mitchell

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-

*by Veronica*

Mary is the most vivid example of Living by Faith. From the moment the angel Gabriel appeared, she trusted God's plan and His promises. Amid uncertainty, she said “YES” to becoming the mother of Jesus. During sorrow, she accompanied Jesus until the end. Mary's YES was the beginning path to our salvation. Mary understood even though we do not fully understand God's plans, we are called to put our hope and trust in Him.



Mary's assumption to Heaven is another mystery that is hard to comprehend. We believe that Mary ascended into Heaven in body and soul. We do not know how it happened, but we do know that this was God's way to honor Mary for her role in the world's salvation. God blessed Mary because She believed. And as Elizabeth said to Mary, “Blessed are those who believe”.

Let us pray to Mary to intercede for us, so we can have a strong faith like hers, that we are quick to say “YES” to God's call and that we can follow her example to embrace her Son, Jesus, with all our heart and soul.

Virgen Mary, Pray for us!

Blessings,

*Veronica*

## 1700 CLUB

*Congratulations to*

**Richard Slosar**

1700 Club  
\$ 100  
Winner

July 2021

# Summer Picnic... Save the date!!!

*St. John's Deaf Center Parish Council is planning a picnic on **September 26** starting at 1pm. Bring your own lunch and/or snacks and we will provide drinks. Location will be announced in the September newsletter. Looking forward to a blessed time together!*



## *Important Schedule Changes!*

Due to the reopening of churches and adoration chapels, Adoration & Rosary Live Stream will now only be taking place on the first Friday of the Month, starting in September. No adoration in August. Fr. Mike encourages us to visit our local adoration chapel and spend an hour with Jesus present in the Eucharist!

**NEW MASS SCHEDULE:** Due to the closing of St. Barnabas Church, starting **Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**, Sunday Mass at Holy Innocents will be at **noon (12:00 pm)** rather than 11:30 am. We appreciate your understanding and your support to all St. Barnabas and Holy Innocents parishioners.

**Senior Citizens Gathering-Tuesdays-** We will be reopening the center from 10am-3pm on Tuesdays starting on **August 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Mass at 10:30 am. Please bring proof of vaccinations if you wish to attend. Bring a sack lunch!!

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