

JULY 25 | 2021
NOVI, MI

ST. James

CATHOLIC CHURCH

NEWS

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"The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs."



AS ST. JAMES CATHOLIC COMMUNITY WE WELCOME AND SERVE ALL
PEOPLE AS DISCIPLES WHO CELEBRATE AND LOVE AS JESUS TAUGHT

mass times & information

SAT 4:00 pm
SUN 8:00 am,
9:30 am, 11:30 am
MON 9:00 am
TUE 9:00 am
WED 7:00 pm
THU 9:00 am
FRI None

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS STARTING MAY 31, 2021

SUN Please Call or Email
MON 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
TUE 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
WED 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
THU 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
FRI Closed
SAT Please Call or Email

BAPTISMS

By appointment. Parish membership and pre-registration for preparation class required.

RECONCILIATION

WED 6:00 pm
SAT 2:30 pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, we can visit upon request. There will also be an opportunity to receive the sacrament on the 2nd Saturday of every month after the 4pm mass.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office to make an appointment with clergy.

FUNERALS

When planning a funeral at St. James, many details need attention and our staff is willing to assist you during this difficult time. Once you have contacted the funeral home, please call the parish office to plan the funeral Mass and other arrangements. The usual time for funerals is 10:30 am with visitation prior.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms are located on the credenza in the Narthex or on our website. Notify the Parish Office of address changes.

A few things . . .

I want to begin by expressing gratitude to the "Gardening Angels" for taking on the task of addressing our landscaping needs not only at the parish but at the parish residence as well. The community garden is already supplying nourishing food to our brothers and sisters in need. What a wonderful way to give praise and thanksgiving to God by being great stewards and taking care of his creation.

We have received permission to proceed with the completion of our parking lot project. Initially we were going to complete the project in two years, but after some thought, it was decided that to be good stewards of the resources of the parish, we should complete it this summer. We will realize a savings in the cost of materials, not compromising the work completed in order to address the final phase next year, and the parish will receive a discount by completing the entire project this summer.

As I stated, we will not have a special fundraiser in order to pay for this project. The funds for this project will be taken from the savings of the parish. I am, however, encouraging you to support the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). Any money that we

collect after reaching our goal of \$189,593 will be used to assist in paying for this much needed project. For those that have not as yet contributed, please give serious consideration to do so. The other option that I am suggesting is that you consider increasing your weekly contribution to the parish. I recognize that these are challenging times for some, but I also need to express a concern that there are folks that can be better with their sacrificial giving for the good of the church and are not doing their part. Remember: "Together We Can!"

As we begin to open up our facilities, we are beginning to create a process so that we can best maximize the use of our facilities and at the same time create a safe environment. Some groups have already been requesting the use of space. I ask for your continued patience. I hope that we can have something in place within the next couple of weeks. We will keep you informed.

I encourage you. to reach out to someone today with an invitation to come and join us for worship. All it takes is a simple invitation. All are welcome at St. James!

*God's peace,
Fr. Ed Z.*

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Religious Education News

2021-2022 Religious Education Registration is Open

New Class Times:

Sunday	1:00-2:15:	Gr. 1-5
	3:00-4:15:	Gr. 1-5
	5:00-7:00:	Gr. 7+8*
Monday:	5:00-6:15	Gr. 1-5
	5:00-6:30:	Gr. 6*
	*Alternating weeks	

Adult and Youth Volunteers Needed!

Go to saintjamesnovi.org for more information and registration.



Children's Liturgy of the Word for Pre K - Gr. 4

Starting Sept. 12th
at 9:30 and 11:30 Masses



Kids Korner

Why did the elephant refuse to ride the train?

Because he'd have to leave his trunk in the baggage car.

When does a rabbit go the same speed as a train?

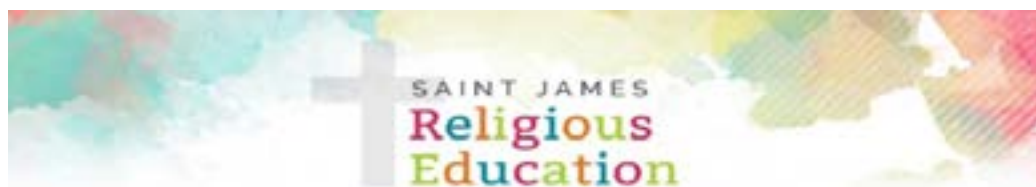
When it's a passenger on the train!

What do you call a train with allergies?

Ah-choo-choo train.

How do trains hear?

With their engine-ears!



Dear Jesus,

I am so grateful for the book, *My Life with the Saints!* This past week I read all about Thomas Merton, a wonderful follow-up to learning about St. Therese of Lisieux. Like St. Therese, Thomas Merton speaks a great deal about embracing who we are, the beauty that I have just "being me", as St. Therese would say, "a beautiful and unique flower in Your garden". Reading Merton's writings reminds me to always give thanks to You for who You made me to be with all the gifts and weaknesses that make me, me! And to remember to love myself for who I am and not to compare myself to others, who You have created with their own unique gifts, as well!

Merton shared in his writings, "Why do we have to spend our lives striving to be something that we would never want to be, if we only knew what we wanted? Why do we waste our time doing things which, if we only stopped to think about them, are just the opposite of what we were made for?"

We cannot be ourselves unless we know ourselves. But self-knowledge

is impossible when thoughtless and automatic activity keeps our souls in confusion. In order to know ourselves, it is not necessary to cease all activity in order to think about ourselves. That would be useless, and would probably do most of us a great deal of harm. We cannot begin to know ourselves until we can see the real reasons why we do the things we do, and we cannot be ourselves until our actions correspond to our intentions, and our intentions are appropriate to our own situation. But that is enough. It is not necessary that we succeed in everything. A man can be perfect and still reap no fruit from his work, and it may happen that a man who is able to accomplish very little is much more of a person than another who seems to accomplish very much."

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me and creating me for who I am! And for reminding me that I am enough - just as I am.

Your beloved daughter,
Meredith

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Bringing the Gospel Home

nobody wants to eat that week-old salad!

In today's Gospel story, Jesus feeds over 5000 with five barley loaves and two fish. Everyone eats their fill and there are still leftovers! 12 baskets full, and I'm sure it didn't go to waste! I hope the boy who offered up his food to be multiplied got to take some home!

This story teaches us about God's generosity. Being earthly people, we tend to think in numbers and calculations. We know that when we have six apples and give two away, we'll have four left. But heavenly math works differently. When we share heavenly goods; joy, peace, love, instead of having less, what we offer is multiplied like the loaves and the fish. When we rely on ourselves our means our limited but we have access to an unlimited supply of grace from God, enough to



serve all those we meet with basketsful left over. So, when you feel as if you are running out of steam, inspiration, or patience, lift your eyes to heaven as Jesus did, give thanks, and let Him feed you, full to overflowing!

May God bless and strengthen your family!

Marge Fitzpatrick
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I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Phil. 4:13

upcoming events

july

**Backpack
Project
Underweay**

august

23-25 Food Packing
28 Food Delivery

food pantry

immediate needs

- Ketchup
- Minute Rice
- Pudding
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Oatmeal (regular and instant)
- Mac & Cheese
- Laundry Soap

additional needs

- Coffee
- Frosting

**PLEASE - Do Not
Leave ANY fresh
or perishable
food items!**

**Please be aware, we are
unable to accept any
items that are expired.**

*Thank you for supporting
this ministry throughout
the year.*



St. James Food Pantry

Our monthly food program, as well as the emergency food program, is not meant to provide recipients with food for a whole month. It does, however, offer enough food for at least a week or two. This assistance allows the recipients (families, single with children, senior citizens and the disabled) to use the monies they have toward rent, utilities, gas for cars etc. The food list located on this page is updated weekly. Please consider bringing in an item or two from the list whenever attending mass. Items may also be dropped off anytime at door #6. Your continued generosity allows our pantry to make a difference in the lives of many in our community! Thank you!!

If you are a Kroger shopper, please read the article on this page to see how you can help the pantry at no cost!

Kroger Shoppers



For the quarter ending 4/30/2021, St. James Food Pantry received \$656! Thank you to all who have designated St. James Food Pantry to benefit from the Kroger Community Rewards Program! The Kroger Community Rewards Program is a no cost, easy way to assist the St. James Food Pantry. If you are not enrolled, pick up a Kroger Rewards card from any Kroger store and go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com to sign up. Our organization number is **IH458**. Information may also be found in the Narthex on the credenza under the bulletin board, or by contacting Christian Service.



Meals on Wheels

MORE THAN A MEAL!

Meals on Wheels is always looking for drivers to deliver meals to homebound seniors in the Western Oakland and Livingston County areas. As a driver, you are not only bringing them a hot, prepared meal, but also providing a means of human contact on a daily basis. Time commitment would be anywhere from 1 to 2 hours, as little or as often as you would like. If interested or for more information, please contact Lucy at (810) 632-2155 or email info@lwmow.org.

Traveling this Summer?

Please assist with our year-round St. Aloysius homeless and senior citizen ministry. Our collection of travel size soap, shampoo, deodorant, and disposable razors enable St. Al's to continue distributing these personal hygiene essentials on a regular basis. Donations may be placed in the Food Donation box in the narthex when attending mass or left inside door #6.



Computer Paper Boxes Needed

Please continue to bring in any computer paper boxes you may be able to obtain. We use approximately 100 boxes each month for our Food Pantry program. If you are able to help with even one or two, please leave them by the Food Donation box in the church narthex or by the Food Donation cart inside door #6. Thank you!

Annual Backpack Project

The Backpack Project is underway!

Our goal is to provide local children with new backpacks filled with supplies needed for their school year. Last year we distributed 171 backpacks! These children are from families that are included in our monthly food program or have received other assistance during the year. Their family budgets don't allow for extras such as backpacks and school supplies.

A list of needed school supplies is available through SignUpGenius. You can access SignUpGenius through the parish website at



www.stjamesnovi.org. In addition, the poster board with sticky notes for a few of the supplies will be in the church narthex.

If you prefer to make a financial contribution to the Backpack Project instead of shopping, your donation can be made through Online Giving by clicking on the Backpack Project donation button on our website, www.stjamesnovi.org. Additionally, donations can be made by check, payable to St. James Catholic Church and sent to the church office attention: Beth. Please be sure to mark Backpack Project on the memo line.

Note: Donations may be placed on the cart inside door #6 (this door is open 24 hours a day) or put in the blue bin in the narthex when attending mass. All donations are due by Sunday, August 22nd.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness to those in need!



baptisms

July 24 -
Cassie Elizabeth Cid

July 25 -
Everleigh Lynae Darling

July 31 -
Layla Parker



wedding banns

II - Danielle Haggerty
Ryan Dwyer

scripture readings

WEEK OF JULY 25

SUNDAY

2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

MONDAY

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

TUESDAY

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY

Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

THURSDAY

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

FRIDAY

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

SATURDAY

Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

SUNDAY

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

From Your Parish Nurse

Protect your eyes from sun damage in every season

Many sunglasses shoppers forget to check the UV rating before purchasing a pair. Be sure to select sunglasses that provide 100% UV or UV400 protection, or block both UV-A and UV-B rays. If you're unsure, check out our recommended types of sunglasses.

Here are additional tips to protect your eyes from UV damage, no matter what the season:



- Wear a hat along with your sunglasses. Broad-brimmed hats are best.
- Protect children and senior citizens with hats and sunglasses. Everyone is at risk for sun damage.
- Know that clouds don't block UV light. The sun's rays can pass through haze and clouds.
- Sunlight is strongest midday to early afternoon, at higher altitudes and when reflected off of water, ice or snow.
- Never look directly at the sun. Doing so at any time, including during an eclipse, can damage the eye's retina and cause a serious injury known as solar retinopathy.
- Avoid tanning beds. Tanning beds pose the same risks to your eyes and body as outdoor UV light.

By embracing these simple guidelines, you and your family can enjoy the sun safely all year long.

<https://www.aao.org/eye-health/tips-prevention/sun>

4:00 PM

Jean Karol (Family)

SUNDAY, JULY 25

8:00 AM

Frank & Rose Luscri
(Massara Family)

Michael Massara
(Massara Family)

9:30 AM

For the Intentions of St. James
Parish Family

11:30 AM

Richard Miller
(Betty & Gill Shultz)

MONDAY, JULY 26

9:00 AM

Giuseppe & Norina Benedettini
(Graziano Canini)

TUESDAY, JULY 27

9:00 AM

Giuseppe & Norina Benedettini
(Graziano Canini)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

6:30 PM

Rosary Before Mass

7:00 PM

Ruth Herzog (Julie Fernster)

THURSDAY, JULY 29

9:00 AM

Ricardo Martinez
(Sharon Steinbock)
Joe Manelis (Mary DeMattia)
For the Intentions of Frank
Zaorski - 88th Birthday
(Claudia and Amy Jarvis)

FRIDAY, JULY 30

NO MASS

SATURDAY, JULY 31

4:00 PM

Bernard MacDonald
(Anita Wheat & Catherine Brown)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

8:00 AM

For the Intentions of St. James
Parish Family

9:30 AM

For the Intentions of St. James
Parish Family

11:30 AM

Carmine Chiarelli (Family)
Patricia Burtka
(Mr. and Mrs. John Drummond)



Email and Gift Card Scams

You may receive an email that looks like it comes from the church pastor, **(example: parishfather48@gmail.com)** saying something like: "Can you do me a favor?"

If you reply, the next email asks you to purchase a gift card on their behalf. The message may say they need the card immediately, but they are too busy to do it, and they will pay you back as soon as possible.

These emails are **not legitimate**. They are being sent by malicious entities who are impersonating people in your contacts list to gain your trust and exploit you. These kinds of fraudulent emails, known as "phishing", attempt to gain your trust in order to access your personal and/or credit card information, or to get money (in the form of gift cards).

DO NOT click any links or reply to such messages. Delete these emails immediately!



Rest In Peace

Remember in your prayers:

**All of the Loved Ones
We Lost In The Past Year**

Please remember in your prayers the sick listed below:

Mary Baker
MaryAnn Balon
Pat Barney
Cathy Beal
Laurie Benedetto
John Boulton
Donna Bradshaw
Fr. George Charnley
Christine Christensen
Jean Collins
John Cummings, Jr.
Gregory Danilowicz
Berni Di Marco
Carol Dombrowski
Alexander Donovan
Gloria Downey
Mark DuFresne
Tom Dull
Don Durance
Morgan Elliot
Fr. Richard Elmer, C.S.B.
Ruth Elwood
Ethan Elwood
Timothy Evans
Bill Farmer
Frank Fella

Karen Ferns
Daniella Fremstad
Malia Gadwell
Gina Garcia
James Gee
Dean Giachino
Tim Haley
Tom Hart
George Hlava
Karen Hryciuk
Jasper Jawanda
Gary Johnson
Christine Kalis
Candice Kemp
Anne Koziara
Jameson Kunz
Julie LaFata
Joan Letourneau
Al Letourneau
Jane Lockard
Mary Ellen Lohning
Michael Maguire
Margarete Mares
Simas Martisauskas
Dunstan Mascarenhas
Jan Mathison

Mary McBurney
Mick McCanna
Michael McCanne
Michael McCarthy
Mary Anne McDonnell
Kathy McDonough
Alex Michaels
Sam Misuraca
Laurel Mitchell
Carmel Mizzi
Catherine Mizzi
Donna Monforton
Robert "Bob" Monk
Larry Moriarty
Amanda Nagy
Kenneth Nelson
Brenda O'Brien
Mary Lee O'Keefe
Estelle O'liansky
Marie Rahilly
Anne Reilly Logue
Carol Richie
Fr. William Riegel
Michael Romanik
Lori Rucinski
Ariano Russo

Claire Salyers
Shirley Sanborn
Anna Savickas
Denise Schebil
Lyn Schrecengost
Betty Shultz
Michael Skowronski
Kimberly Smith
Jacob John Snow, Jr.
Greg Stawara
Jack Swanson
Peggy Tacchella
Lynn Tankersley
Claire Taylor
Dan Taylor
Rani Thangasamy
Betty Verkerke Gonda
Jim Viazanko
Frank VonKoss
Judy Ward
Joan Warner
Karen Wing
Alice Woods
Carol Zalek
Julie Ziegler-Maddocks

Pray for the Sick List: Please note that we regularly clear the "Pray for the Sick List" because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don't always hear from people when they've gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish office at 248-347-7778, ext. 10 or send an email to parishsecretary@sjnovi.net.

St. James Grounds Beautification and Community Garden

The Gardening Angels invite you to join us in keeping the St James grounds beautiful. We greatly need help with weeding and dead heading flowers in the many gardens. The vegetables are being harvested and washed on Tuesday evenings. Once the vegetables are ready we bag them up for the transport to St. Aloysius church to some Detroit needy families. To provide fresh and healthy vegetables to people with food insecurities gives the Gardening Angels great satisfaction.

We need your help!

The Garden Ministry needs your help to accomplish the creative canvas they are dreaming of. With your help of time, talent and donations we can achieve the backdrop our building deserves.

Monetary donations welcomed as well.

[Signup Here](#)



*God gave us eyes to see the beauty in nature,
and hearts to see the beauty in each other.*

Pope Francis' message for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers,

Dear Elderly Friends,

"I am with you always" (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. "I am with you always" are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone! I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time: the pandemic swept down on us like an unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone, but especially for us elderly persons. Many of us fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods. The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic. Tradition has it that Saint Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, felt estranged from those around him because he had no children; his life, like that of his wife Anne, was considered useless. So the Lord sent an angel to console him. While he mused sadly outside the city gates, a messenger from the Lord appeared to him and said, "Joachim, Joachim! The Lord has heard your insistent prayer".^[1] Giotto, in one of his celebrated frescoes,^[2] seems to set the scene at night, one of those many sleepless nights, filled with memories, worries and longings to which many of us have come to be accustomed.

Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us: "I am with you always". He says this to you, and he says it to me. That is the meaning of this Day, which I wanted to celebrate for the first time in this particular year, as a long period of isolation ends and social life slowly resumes. May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an angel!

At times those angels will have the face of our grandchildren, at others, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us. How sad it makes me that in some places these are still not possible!

The Lord, however, also sends us messengers through his words, which are always at hand. Let us try to read a page of the Gospel every day, to pray with the psalms, to read the prophets! We will be comforted by the



Lord's faithfulness. The Scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our lives today. For at every hour of the day (cf. Mt 20:1-16) and in every season of life, he continues to send labourers into his vineyard. I was called to become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age and thought I would not be doing anything new. The Lord is always – always – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (28:19-20). These words are also addressed to us today. They help us better understand that our vocation is to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones.

Think about it: what is our vocation today, at our age? To preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young and to care for the little ones. Never forget this.

It makes no difference how old you are, whether you still work or not, whether you are alone or have a family, whether you became a grandmother or grandfather at a young age or later, whether you are still independent or need assistance. Because there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren. You just need to set out and undertake something new.

At this crucial moment in history, you have a renewed vocation. You may wonder: How this can be possible?

My energy is running out and I don't think I can do much. How can I begin to act differently when habit is so much a part of my life? How can I devote myself to those who are poor when I am already so concerned about my family? How can I broaden my vision when I can't even leave the residence where I live? Isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? How many of you are asking just that question: isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? Jesus himself heard a similar question from Nicodemus, who asked, "How can a man be born when he is old?" (Jn 3:4). It can happen, the Lord replies, if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills. The Holy Spirit whose freedom is such that goes wherever, and does whatever, he wills.

As I have often observed, we will not emerge from the present crisis as we were before, but either better or worse. And "God willing... this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing... If only we might keep in mind all those elderly persons who died for lack of respirators... If only this immense sorrow may not prove useless, but enable us to take a step forward towards a new style of life. If only we might discover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human frailty can experience a rebirth" (Fratelli Tutti, 35). No one is saved alone. We are all indebted to one another. We are all brothers and sisters.

Given this, I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided. All of us must "take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies" (ibid., 77). Among the pillars that support this new edifice, there are three that you, better than anyone else, can help to set up. Those three pillars are dreams, memory and prayer. The Lord's closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of dreams, memory and prayer.

The prophet Joel once promised: "Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men will have visions" (3:1). The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream. Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future. You need to show that it is possible to emerge renewed from an experience of hardship. I am sure that you have had more than one such experience: in your life you have faced any number of troubles and yet were able to pull through. Use those experiences to learn how to pull through now.

Dreams are thus intertwined with memory. I think of the painful memory of war, and its importance for helping the young to learn the value of peace. Those among you who experienced the suffering of war must pass on this message. Keeping memory alive is a true mission for every elderly person: keeping memory alive and sharing it with others. Edith Bruck, who survived the horror of the Shoah, has said that "even illuminating a single conscience is worth the effort and pain of keeping alive the memory of what has been." She went on to say: "For me, memory is life."^[3] I also think of my own grandparents, and those among you who had to emigrate and know how hard it is to leave everything behind, as so many people continue to do today, in hope of a future. Some of those people may even now be at our side, caring for us. These kinds of memory can help to build a more humane and welcoming world. Without memory, however, we will never be able to build; without a foundation, we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory.

Finally, prayer. As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said: "the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others."^[4] He spoke those words in 2012, towards the end of his pontificate. There is something beautiful here. Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 262). Especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, your intercession for the world and for the Church has great value: it inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore.

Dear grandmother, dear grandfather, dear elderly friends, in concluding this Message to you, I would also like to mention the example of Blessed (and soon Saint) Charles de Foucauld. He lived as a hermit in Algeria and there testified to "his desire to feel himself a brother to all" (Fratelli Tutti, 287). The story of his life shows how it is possible, even in the solitude of one's own desert, to intercede for the poor of the whole world and to become, in truth, a universal brother or sister.

I ask the Lord that, also through his example, all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs. May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: "I am with you always"! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 31 May 2021, Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Youth Sports Information



REGISTER FOR FALL VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

Calling all 4th-8th grade girls!!! Fall volleyball tryouts are set for August 9 in the evening. Previous experience is not required. CYO Athletics is a parish-based program that is dedicated to the development of youth as a student athlete by encouraging them to express Catholic values, sportsmanship, and fair play that leads to a positive athletic experience.

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Novi, Michigan

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- ◆ Opening Prayer
- ◆ Planning
- ◆ Speaker or Teaching
- ◆ Social Time
- ◆ Closing Prayer

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July 5, 2021

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- Sisterhood = Friendship: Bracelet-making event, Tuesday, July 20th
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