

Bridges

June 5, 2026



Saint Frances de Chantel- Field Day



Depicted are 8th graders with Fr. Sandro.



Depicted are the 3rd and 4th graders.



Depicted are the kindergarten class after playing with water balloons.

The students at Saint Francis de Chantel had a field day this week filled with excitement, laughter, and school spirit. To celebrate the end of the school year, students participated in a variety of fun outdoor activities and games throughout the day. Students from all grade levels had the opportunity to join in the events and spend time together enjoying the beautiful weather. One of the highlights of the day was a water balloon activity that helped everyone cool down and added even more fun to the celebration. It was a wonderful way for students and staff to come together and end the school year on a positive and memorable note.

News from Jean Rabel



Depicted are the participants of the RJM Jean Rabel Team.

Many years ago, Sr Vivian set up a group named "Research Vocational." Today, that group is still going, led by two of her former members, Modena and Sherline. Recently, they had a weekend seminar for 9 youngsters in the Fromadou school. Sherline and Modena prepared and supervised the proceedings! Friday afternoon, they had a 45-minute walk to Fromadou, crossing two rivers.

The leaders came by motorcycle carrying tanks of drinking water and other supplies. The school staff welcomed them and gave them the use of the school classrooms. Carpets were put down in two of them, sleeping quarters for girls and guys. The other classroom was their meeting room. After a meal cooked by the school cook, they met for orientation and prayer. The next morning, after breakfast, Dr. Geralda visited. She spoke on health in general, and then focused on relationships, sexuality, respect for oneself, and for others.

There was a group discussion and sharing. Questions were asked and information given. There was an atmosphere of openness and trust. The school cook and her assistant prepared a delicious meal. A game of football followed. Then there was the trip for water....no water on tap in these areas! There was no problem in bedding down after prayer. On Sunday morning, they attended the church service, where they joined in the singing. Many were curious to know who they were and what they were doing in Fromadou...it is not often groups come to this area. One of the young guys explained who they were and that their group was open to anyone. It was time to clear up, thank their hosts, and walk back to Jean Rabel. A very satisfactory time was had by all!

Rjm Jean Rabel Team

World Day of Prayer for Creation

Various Catholic networks will co-convene an important webinar on June 9 to support the upcoming celebrations of the 'World Day of Prayer for Creation' with the new Mass that Pope Leo added to the Missal. This online event will feature church leaders and liturgical scholars who will unpack the significance of these two gifts that the last two popes made to the universal Church.

On one hand, the 'World Day of Prayer for Creation' is celebrated annually on September 1st or the following weekend, inspired by an ancient Orthodox tradition commemorating God's act of creation of the world. As Pope Francis wrote in his 2015 letter instituting the observance, the day of prayer should be "properly celebrated with the participation of the entire People of God: priests, men and women religious, and the lay faithful." Moreover, an extended 'Season of Creation' (Sept 1 - Oct 4) is inspired by and flows from that special day.

On the other hand, Pope Leo enabled our liturgical celebrations of this observance by promulgating the 'Mass for the Care of Creation', which was recently added to the Missal, something unprecedented since 2002.

For the first time, we have a Mass with a dedicated set of creation-related biblical readings (lectionary) and prayers (formulary) that make our September celebrations much more meaningful. Ultimately, the Eucharistic celebration of this special day is an opportunity to celebrate. God as Creator and appreciate the sacred gift of creation with a new lens, while inspiring us to care for it more fervently at this time of ever-growing ecological crisis.

We hope you are able to join the webinar and encourage your networks to participate, so we raise awareness about the huge opportunity and pressing urgency of celebrating the world day of prayer with the new Mass.

Webinar details and registration forms are available at: www.bit.ly/webinar-june-9

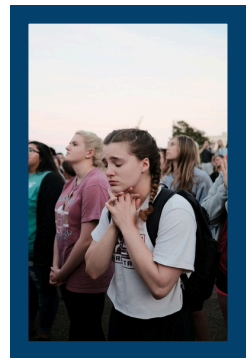


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Catherine Vincie, RSHM

Please Pray For...



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- Edward Stolba, brother of Sr. Janet Stolba, who requests prayers
- Michele Higgins, the sister of Sr. Pat Dillon
- All the innocent victims of violence in the Middle East and around the world
- Continuing prayers: for the safety and security of the people of Haiti and our mission teams there
- We also pray for the needs of our RJM sisters, family, and friends

For those who were able to join us, we're really grateful you took the time to be there with us. You can also rewatch the session anytime using the recording link.

And for those who couldn't make it, we missed you, but you can still catch up with everything we shared by watching the recording as well. Thanks again for being part of this community, whether in real time or catching up later, you're always welcome to Bethany

Warm regards,
Bethany Team

[WATCH THE WEBINAR RECORDING →](#)



We also want to warmly invite you to join us for Bethany's Weekly Café, a short and friendly weekly space to connect, reflect, and share together:
Wednesdays | 10:45–11:15

It's a simple half-hour moment to pause, meet others, and continue the conversation around faith and care for our common home.

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June 4	Teresita Morse, RJM
June 13	Patricia Brito, RJM
June 20	Joan Faraone, RJM



Praised forever be Jesus and Mary