

ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL PARISH

January 8, 2017



# Epiphany

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!  
Your light has come, the glory  
of the Lord shines upon you.

Is 60:1



**ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL  
PARISH COMMUNITY**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Weekend Masses</b>	
Saturday	5:00pm
Sunday	9:00am & 11:30am
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	
Tuesday	7:30pm
Wednesday, Thursday	8:00am
<b>Holy Day Masses</b>	As Announced

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday  
8:30am - 8:30pm  
(Closed from 12:00 to 1:15 for lunch)

Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 2:30pm - 6:30pm  
Sunday: 10:00am - 1:30pm

**MINISTRIES**

<b>Knights of Columbus #13340</b>
Brian Barkkari 586-215-4669
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**SACRAMENTS**

**Children's Baptism**

If you have a child who is not yet baptized, but you would like them to be, we would be delighted to talk to you about your options. Please call the Parish Office (586-977-8080) to make any arrangements.

**Reconciliation**

Tuesday from 6:00pm-7:00pm  
(or by appointment)

**Marriage**

Arrangements must be made by contacting the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired date. Marriage guidelines are available at the Parish Office and must be read before your appointment. Participation in pre-marriage preparation will be arranged.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Contact the Parish Office at 586-977-8080. Also available once a month during the Tuesday evening Mass. Speak with Fr. Jerry before Mass.

**Rite of Christian Initiation  
of Adults**

This is a shared program with St. Ephrem, conducted at St. Ephrem. Those taking part in RCIA from St. Jane Frances will receive the faith formation at St. Ephrem's but celebrate associated rites at St. Jane Frances de Chantal. Please make initial contact with our pastor, Fr. Jerry Slowinski, before contacting St. Ephrem Parish.

**Parish Policy**

We ask that in order to have your child baptized here, or to be married here, you should be a registered parishioner or active in your previous parish. This means attending weekly Mass with your faith community, using your envelopes and taking part in parish activities.

**Visits to the Homebound  
for Communion/ Anointing**

Contact Parish Office: 586-977-8080

*This Week in our Parish*

**Monday, January 9**

1:30pm Intercessory Prayer Team Meeting

**Tuesday, January 10**

6:00pm Rosary  
6:00pm-7:00pm Confessions  
7:30pm Mass

**Wednesday, January 11**

8:00am Mass  
9:30am Needle Crafters  
1:00pm Swiffers, Team 4  
6:00pm Needle Crafters

**Thursday, January 12**

8:00am Mass  
10:00am Fish Fry Committee Meeting  
6:15pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

**Friday, January 13**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, January 14**

Knights of Columbus Recruitment  
Red Cross Blood Drive Sign-up  
8:00am-3:00pm Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service; Off-Site  
5:00pm Mass with Baptisms

**Sunday, January 15**

Knights of Columbus Recruitment  
Red Cross Blood Drive Sign-up  
9:00am Mass  
10:00am-11:00am Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast  
11:00am Grief Ministry Session  
11:30am Mass with Children's Liturgy of the Word  
6:00pm Youth Ministry Gathering

*We have come from the East*



**NEW PARISHIONERS**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A  
REGISTERED PARISHIONER AT  
ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL?**

You may register at the Parish Office at any-time after Mass on the weekend or during regular office hours. Please call 586-977-8080 if you have any questions.

**Parish Mission Statement**

"Nourished by God's Word and the Eucharist, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



Tuesday, 6:00pm,  
Novena to the Mother  
of Perpetual Help & Rosary  
Join us in the Church

## WORSHIP & EVANGELIZATION



A huge 'thank you' goes out to everyone who helped with the Christmas decorating — inside and outside!! Thanks too, to Jody Gazo and to Tara Stenger for heading up the efforts of decorating the church and gathering space. Not to go unnoticed are the efforts of Hosie King and Rich Centalla, who do so many things behind the scenes as we prepare for Christmas. Thank you, thank you!! All is very much appreciated!!

The thank you's continue in advance as we take these very same decorations down this week! Just like in our homes we come together to put things up and then to take them down.

Thank you!! Happy New Year to all!!

### Epiphany Blessing

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 17. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2017 is the year.

#### Blessing the Chalk

*V. Our help is the name of the Lord:*

*R. The maker of heaven and earth.*

*V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:*

*R. From this time forth for evermore.*

#### Let us pray.

*Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the in-vocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health (of body and protection of soul for all who) dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 17 while saying:

*The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and seventeen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.*

Then offer the following prayer: *Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen*

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

### A New Year for Prayer

Often I am asked to comment on ways to pray and to offer some guidance in helping a person to "go deeper" in their prayer life. The beginning of a new year can be a time to set your aspirations to commit more firmly to a regular prayer life, to grow stronger in faith and spirituality, and to open your hearts to the nudging of the Spirit and the small, quiet voice of Jesus as your relationship deepens.

One particular way to pray is through the purposeful reading of scripture. *Lectio divina* is a slow, purposeful, and contemplative way to pray the scriptures. *Lectio divina* offers an avenue for God's word to speak to you and touch you in a very personal way. *Lectio divina* means "sacred reading" which is different from Bible Study. *Lectio divina* is not about knowing the story being read or the context of the story within scripture or history, but rather what is being given to you personally from the story — a word or phrase that strikes you and speaks to you in your own life.

#### How to pray using lectio divina:

Choose a passage of scripture that you would like to pray.

Don't know where to begin? Try using the daily readings for liturgy. You can find these on the U.S. Bishops website: [usccb.org/readings](http://usccb.org/readings). Each day provides a different set of passages from scripture — a reading from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament and one from the Gospels. This gives you plenty of material to pray with. Or start out by looking to the readings of the Sunday liturgies, preparing to hear the readings proclaimed at Mass in addition to praying with them. Let the Spirit guide you as to how much scripture you will cover.

Find a quiet prayer place. Place yourself in God's presence and allow your mind and heart to become silent. Light a candle to give you focus.

*Lectio:* Read the text slowly, gently. Read it over three times. Each time listen. Savor the words. Pay attention. Be aware of any words or phrases that may stir you, any way that the passage may be speaking to you. Allow for silence between each reading during which the words or phrases can evoke something within you.

*Meditatio:* Meditate on those words or phrases. How are they significant for you? What are you experiencing? What does it mean for you?

*Oratio:* Pray in response to what is being "spoken" to you, what you may be experiencing. This can be a prayer asking for help, in praise, in thanksgiving, etc.

*Contemplatio:* Contemplate as you enjoy being in the presence of God. Spend some time just "being with" God, not speaking, not thinking, just being with.

Close with a final prayer of your choice — spontaneous, the Our Father, or other.

### Group Lectio Divina to begin in Lent

Beginning March 8<sup>th</sup>, on Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm – 8:00pm, I will be facilitating a group prayer using the *Lectio Divina* method of prayer. We will be using the readings from the Sunday liturgies during our prayers. If you are interested in joining this group please call the parish office at (586) 977-8080 or by emailing me at [maureenblair.stjane@gmail.com](mailto:maureenblair.stjane@gmail.com).



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### Canticum Novum – Epiphany by Andy Langlands

Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Dromedaries from Midian and Ephah shall come bearing gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. The Prophet Isaiah, from whom these words come, gives us a dazzling picture of what the coming of the Lord Jesus will look like. Historians believe the prophet lived about 700 years before Jesus was born. From Jerusalem, and was a descendant of the house of David, as is Jesus. Epiphany, which is the point of our celebration today, is celebrated by many cultures and countries as “Little Christmas”. Concerts and church celebrations abound, and many cultures give gifts to each other on this day, just as Isaiah foretells in the first reading. Many churches around our city will host musical offerings today. I hope you will consider finding a concert. Check the Michigan Catholic website for more information ([themichigancatholic.org](http://themichigancatholic.org)).

It is my pleasure to say thank you very much to all the instrumentalists and singers in the parish who contributed their time and talent to St. Jane Frances during Christmas Eve and Christmas. Special thanks to Josef Wainz, Linda Osabka, Fawn Koppas and Alex Pawlik for their contribution at the 4:00pm Mass. The Trotta Family (Jennifer, Maria and Kevin – strings) and Sarah Gleich (clarinet) for their contribution at the 6:00pm Mass, Cameron Langlands (Guitar) at 4:00pm and 6:00pm and Alice Lankford (flute) at 9:00am and 11:30am. Thank you as well to the Parish Choir for their contribution at the Midnight and 9:00am Mass. Cantors Vanessa Carr (4:00pm) Therese Smith (6:00pm and 11:30am), Bill Burr (Midnight), and Jan Machusak (9:00am) for sharing their gifts so humbly with us all. Without these people, Christmas would just be another day, but with them, there is magic and music in the air. Thank you again.

The Parish Choir needs fresh voices. Sopranos and Altos, Tenors and Basses are invited to discover choral music and singing as we begin our new season on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the Church. Call me at the office to inquire further or email me.

Bell Choir: Let’s use our handbells to enhance worship. Anyone can learn (I will be learning too!) we need 8 to 12 people to do it. Kids, families, seniors... anyone can ring! Call me at the office or email to inquire further.

Happy Epiphany!



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### Faith Formation Reminder:

Faith Formation sessions begin again on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. At that time we will meet until the students (and families) have “Winter Break” in mid to late February.

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation begins again on January 24<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. We’ll see you all there!

### Children’s Liturgy of the Word

The New (Calendar) Year has begun, and the Children’s Liturgy of the Word is picking up again! All children, pre-school aged – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to join us at the 11:30am Mass on Sundays!

Listen for Fr. Jerry to invite you and your friends to come to the front, process out, and go to hear the Word of God in a way better suited for young ears.

If you brought a canned good for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, bring it with you, and we’ll take them all up when we re-join our moms, dads and grandparents!

### Sunday Evening High School Youth Ministry Gathering

With a new year, begins a new season of fun and time with friends. How do you view your faith? Where are you on your path in life? Do you have questions like, “What’s the point in school?”, “Who is there in this world that I can *really* look up to?”, “How can I possibly squeeze more into my day?”

These, and many other things, are what we speak about on Sunday evenings. Come and join us on most every Sunday night of the school year from 6:00pm – 8:30pm in the Fr. Leon Page Activity Center – Enter through door #4 (the circle drive).

### Epiphany thoughts:

Epiphany – an illuminating realization.

*(taken from Merriam-Webster’s dictionary 3a3)*

In Faith Formation it is that moment that we truly realize that God Loves US! The moment that it really comes to light, that in all that we do, God wants US to be with HIM always, forever, for the rest of eternity. Each one of us has a role in teaching and showing our younger Catholics this very thing, coming to Mass, inviting others to join us for Mass, participating while at Mass, encouraging others outside of Mass.

In this season of “resolutions”, let’s make one together – to see each other more frequently, and actively at the Table of the Lord – See You There!

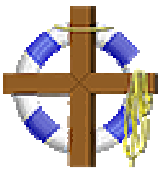
**ADULT FORMATION****COFFEE & CATHOLICISM**

Join us twice a month for great presentations on topics near and dear to our faith! Our speaker will present about the history, philosophy, and theology of things like the development of the soul, Purgatory, the Council of Trent, grace, the Vatican councils, and more!

There is no cost to attend! We will meet from 7:00pm until 8:20pm. Upcoming dates are:

Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

Contact Tara at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107 for more information.

**NOTHING CHANGES IF NOTHING HAPPENS**

Does your marriage need help? Retrouvaille (pronounced *retro-vi* with a long i) is a Christian Peer Ministry focused on reaching out to hurting couples longing for renewal and hope. Over 5,500 hurting couples have experienced hope through the Retrouvaille program in the Detroit area. Struggling couples are looking for help and want a lifeline, but do not know where to turn. Retrouvaille can help.

Metro Detroit has multiple English and Spanish programs scheduled this year. Two upcoming weekend retreats are January 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> (English) and January 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> (Spanish).

For more information or to register, please see our website: [www.retrouvaille.info](http://www.retrouvaille.info) or call 1-800-470-2230.

**YOUNG ADULTS****THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Join young adults (ages 18-35) for food, fellowship, fantastic speakers, and faith! Here are some upcoming dates around the area:

\*Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Traffic Jam 8<sup>th</sup> and Snug in Detroit. Fr. Patrick Gonyeau will speak about Encountering Christ Anew. Contact Chris with questions at [Gawel.Christopher@aod.org](mailto:Gawel.Christopher@aod.org)

\*Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30pm-9:00pm at Mr. B's Food & Spirit in Rochester. Bishop Byrnes will be speaking about the new Evangelization. Contact Kim with questions at [agapepav@gmail.com](mailto:agapepav@gmail.com) or 1-248 906-8571.

**YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE**

Save the Date! The statewide Michigan Catholic Young Adult Conference is March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> at St. John Neumann in Canton! More details will be coming soon.

**VOCATIONS**

**Priestly Vocations: Discernment Weekend**  
**January 19-22, 2017**

**Who:** Men — High School Senior to 55 years old

**What:** Discernment Weekends are a unique opportunity for anyone feeling a call to the priesthood. You will spend four days living at the seminary which provides you with a first-hand opportunity to see what it's like from the inside. This weekend provides you with many great tools for proper discernment.

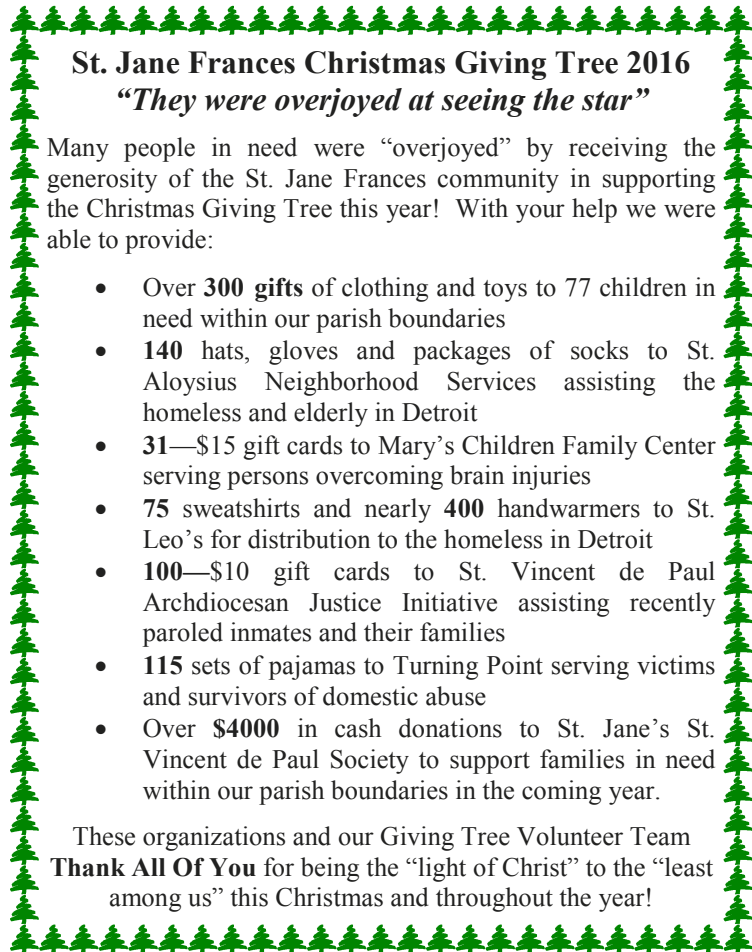
**Where:** Sacred Heart Major Seminary

**How:** For more information or to register visit [detroitpriest.com](http://detroitpriest.com)





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**St. Jane Frances Christmas Giving Tree 2016**  
*“They were overjoyed at seeing the star”*

Many people in need were “overjoyed” by receiving the generosity of the St. Jane Frances community in supporting the Christmas Giving Tree this year! With your help we were able to provide:

- Over **300 gifts** of clothing and toys to 77 children in need within our parish boundaries
- **140** hats, gloves and packages of socks to St. Aloysius Neighborhood Services assisting the homeless and elderly in Detroit
- **31**—\$15 gift cards to Mary’s Children Family Center serving persons overcoming brain injuries
- **75** sweatshirts and nearly **400** handwarmers to St. Leo’s for distribution to the homeless in Detroit
- **100**—\$10 gift cards to St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocesan Justice Initiative assisting recently paroled inmates and their families
- **115** sets of pajamas to Turning Point serving victims and survivors of domestic abuse
- Over **\$4000** in cash donations to St. Jane’s St. Vincent de Paul Society to support families in need within our parish boundaries in the coming year.

These organizations and our Giving Tree Volunteer Team **Thank All Of You** for being the “light of Christ” to the “least among us” this Christmas and throughout the year!

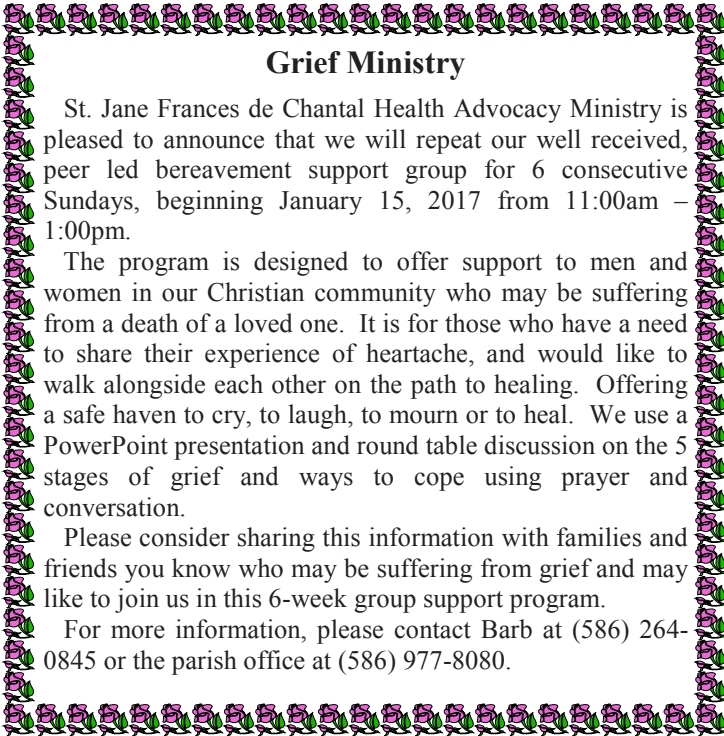
**Grief Ministry**

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Health Advocacy Ministry is pleased to announce that we will repeat our well received, peer led bereavement support group for 6 consecutive Sundays, beginning January 15, 2017 from 11:00am – 1:00pm.

The program is designed to offer support to men and women in our Christian community who may be suffering from a death of a loved one. It is for those who have a need to share their experience of heartache, and would like to walk alongside each other on the path to healing. Offering a safe haven to cry, to laugh, to mourn or to heal. We use a PowerPoint presentation and round table discussion on the 5 stages of grief and ways to cope using prayer and conversation.

Please consider sharing this information with families and friends you know who may be suffering from grief and may like to join us in this 6-week group support program.

For more information, please contact Barb at (586) 264-0845 or the parish office at (586) 977-8080.



**Knight of Columbus**  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
**January 15, 2017**



Come and join the Knights of Columbus for a delicious pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 15, 2017 following the 9:00am Mass. It is a free will donation. Enjoy breakfast with your friends and family while helping the Knights help others!

**ATTENTION ADULT VOLUNTEERS**

For the Parish to be in compliance with the “Safe Environment” policies of the Archdiocese, it is **MANDATORY** that volunteers submit a background check and attend a “Protecting God’s Children” seminar. **This is mandated by the Archdiocese and ALL Parishes must follow this Policy.** If you are a volunteer in any ministry (even just one event a year such as MCREST or the Soup Kitchen) and have not completed one or both of these tasks, please sign up for the class at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) as soon as possible. If you do not have access to a computer, come to the office and we will help you register. You can obtain a background check form from our office.



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**  
**SUNDAY, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**8:00am-2:00pm**

We are taking Blood Drive Sign-ups next weekend on January 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>. The donation of one unit of blood can potentially help to save three lives.

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING!**

**TO REGISTER ONLINE:**

- Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)
- Go to box down on left and middle of screen that says “Make a Donation” and click “Enter a Sponsor Code” which is stjane.
- Click “click here” to schedule an appointment to donate.
- First time users must then click the blue “create a profile” link to the right of the screen before logging into schedule a time. Complete all fields marked with an asterisk.



**St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help**

After filling the holiday baskets, our shelves are bare! With the winter season upon us and an increase in calls for food, we are in need of refilling our pantry. We are low on the following canned items: tuna, chicken, ham, baked beans, peas, carrots, beets, mixed vegetables, fruit and soups. Also peanut butter and jelly/jams, powered milk, cereal, jello, rice, macaroni & cheese, instant potatoes, pasta and cans/jars of spaghetti sauce. Cake mix and frosting are also welcome. **Please no canned corn or green beans at this time (we have these!)** Your donations can be deposited in the baskets in the front of the church, given to the ushers or drop them off at the parish office. Cash donations can be placed in the collection basket or parish office, please write St. Vincent de Paul on the envelope. We are grateful for your continuing support.



Jerry-atics

Fr. Jerry Slowinski  
ext. 102

Pastor

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The account of the Epiphany is one that most of us know by heart. The Magi travel to Jerusalem to inquire about the location of the newborn king of the Jews. The Magi had observed a star at its rising and they had come to pay the king homage.

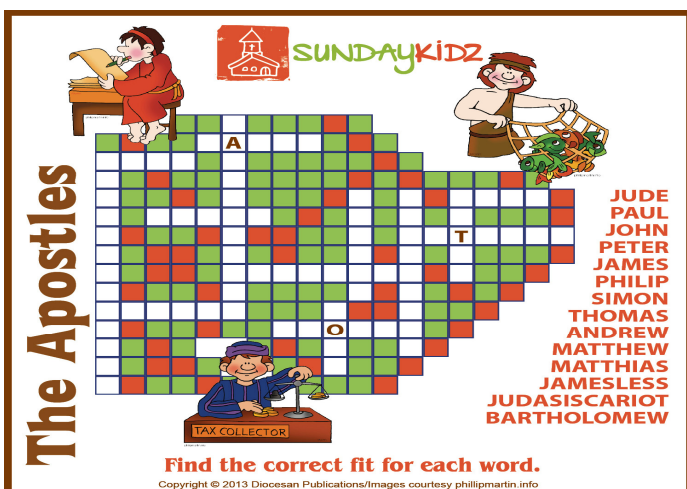
The appearance of the Magi is unique and only found in the Gospel of Matthew. You may be aware that Matthew does not call the Magi astrologers or kings, nor does he report from exactly what country or countries they came from. In fact, Matthew never even specifies the names of the Magi. We have traditionally presumed there were three Magi since three gifts - gold, frankincense and myrrh - were presented to the Christ child.

The Magi, in many respects, provide a preview of what will later take place in Matthew's Gospel. The reactions of various people to the birth of Jesus parallel the effects that Jesus' teaching will have on those who hear it. Herod reacts with anger and hostility. The chief priests and scribes are apathetic and highly suspicious towards the One who comes to give new life and meaning to the rituals and laws of Judaism.

Matthew also reminds us that the Magi, non-believers in the eyes of the religious leaders of the day, possess something unique, something seldom appreciated by the leaders of Israel. The Magi possess the humility and the openness of mind and heart to seek and welcome the Son of God who has come into the world. Their following of the star is a journey of faith, a search for meaning, for purpose and for the presence of God in their lives. They were not deterred on their journey, even as they had people who had the potential for keeping them from achieving their goal. The Magi's search mirrors our own life-long search for compassion, justice, love, peace and forgiveness. That is the heart of the message of this celebration of the Epiphany.

In addition to the Magi's search for God, there is something else which speaks to us. The Magi are "outsiders", foreigners to the people of Israel. In the eyes of many, they would have been unworthy to encounter God. That was reserved only for God's chosen people. Yet, in being welcomed to experience the presence of Christ by Mary and Joseph, the Magi serve to remind us that the gift of the Savior is given to the whole world - Jew and Gentile alike. All of us are, to a certain extent, foreigners, not because of the country of our origin, but because of our behaviors, our sins, our addictions, our struggles and our brokenness. The message of Matthew's Gospel, proclaimed on this Feast of the Epiphany, is that all are welcome to encounter Christ. No one is excluded from God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

There is one more lesson that can be gleaned from the Magi. We are told they "prostrated themselves and did Him homage" and their lives were undoubtedly exchanged forever. When the Magi returned to their homes, they unquestionably would not have been able to contain themselves. They would have shared with others what they had seen and experienced. This serves to remind us that as those who encounter Jesus through our reception of the Body and Blood of Christ, are living an incomplete manner if we live a life that is closed in on ourselves. We are incomplete if we live only for ourselves. We are **complete** when we receive the good news of the Gospel and witness and share that good news with all whom God has placed in our lives. What we have been freely given by the Lord - the love of God - we must share with those whom we live, work and interact with.



**Our Cluster Partner**  
**ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC CHURCH 38900 Dodge**  
**Park, Sterling Heights**  
 Phone: 586-264-1230 Fax: 586-264-2757  
**Pastor: Fr. Craig Giera**  
**Deacon: Edwin McLeod**

**Weekend Masses:**  
 Saturday — 4:30pm ; Sunday — 9:00am & 11:00am

**Weekday Masses:**  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday — 9:00am

**Confessions**  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday —  
 8:30am  
 Saturday — 12:15pm



**Traveling Chalice  
A Program of Prayer  
For Vocations**

Parishioners are asked to take the chalice home and display it in a place of honor, we ask them to pray each night for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This week our parish gratefully acknowledges

*The Cecchini Family*

for hosting our Traveling Chalice. If you would like to participate in The Traveling Chalice Program please

**2016 CONTRIBUTION  
STATEMENTS**

If you have given \$200 or more in 2016, you will be sent a 2016 Contribution Statement after January 16<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise you need to call the parish office (586-977-8080) to request a 2016 Contribution Statement.

**2016 CONTRIBUTION  
STATEMENTS FOR  
CATHOLIC SERVICE  
APPEAL (CSA)**

If you contributed \$250.00 or more to the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) for 2016, a statement from the Archdiocese of Detroit will be mailed to you in the upcoming weeks.

If your contribution is under \$250.00, please email or call the Archdiocese of Detroit to request a statement:

Email: CSA@aod.org  
Or call: 313-596-7330.

**Readings**  
Week of January 8, 2017

**Sunday**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Monday**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**  
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;  
Ps 29:1-2,3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

**Tuesday**  
Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

**Wednesday**  
Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9;  
Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday**  
Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11;  
Mk 1:40-45

**Friday**  
Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8;  
Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday**  
Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;  
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

**Low-Gluten Hosts available**  
For our parishioners who have Celiacs Disease we now have procedures in place to help you celebrate the Eucharist with your parish family. For more information or to take part, please contact Maureen Blair,  
586-977-8080 or by email  
maureenblair.stjane@gmail.com



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, January 9**  
No Mass at St. Jane Frances

**Tuesday, January 10**  
**7:30pm** For the Parishioners

**Wednesday, January 11**  
**8:00am** For All Clergy

**Thursday, January 12**  
**8:00am** For All Souls

**Friday, January 13**  
No Mass at St. Jane Frances

**Saturday, January 14**  
**5:00pm** For the Parishioners  
Dec. Frances Berthiaume (Joyce)  
Dec. Bernard & Ceola Trinity (Robert & Frances Kraft)  
Dec. Beatrice Piché (Briana Liller)

**Sunday, January 15**  
**9:00am** Dec. Chester Rudzewicz (Mike & Janet Sepanik)  
Dec. Robert Austin (Tom & Phyllis Harris)  
Dec. Paul Sharich (Sam & Sharron)  
Living — Scott Harris (Tom & Phyllis Harris)

**11:30am** Dec. Florentino Camitan (Family)  
Dec. Alba & Marino Donati (Sarti Family)  
Dec. John Rossio (Family)  
Dec. Ireneo Diego, Jr. (Mr. & Mrs. Cyrus Lopez)

**WITH CHRIST BESIDE ME**

If you are anxious, but love Christ, you can be assured that you will never be alone.

He lived the life of a refugee and knew what it meant to be lonely. He was imprisoned, faced pain, and peered into the darkness of an uncertain future. Because of this, He can be your companion as you face the uncertainties of life.

**WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, @ 7:30pm**  
Mary Minjeur

**Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, @ 8:00am**  
Judy Taylor

**Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, @ 8:00am**  
Tom Kraniak

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> & JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

	5:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Jerry	Fr. Jerry	Fr. Jerry
<b>Sacristan(s)</b>	Lori & Joe Nida	Selma & Paul Marzec	MaryAnn Webb
<b>Lector 1</b>	Chris Darner	Denise Dara	Phil Mina
<b>Lector 2</b>	John Czarski	Brian Brennan	Barb Wojtas
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Matt Pawl	Amanda Belz	Jasmine Abuel
	Taryn Pawl	Samantha Belz	Samantha Abuel
	Kayla Pickens	Ray Benvenuti	Lucas Jeffrey
<b>Ushers</b>	Team 1	Assigned	Team 2
<b>Cantor</b>	Vanessa	Andy	Therese



*Parish Support*

Sunday, December 25, 2016

Weekly Obligation: \$12,237.00

Registered Families.....1479  
 Envelopes Returned.....326  
 Amount Offered.....\$6,926.74

Online Giving:  
 Contributors.....64  
 Contributions.....\$1,856.00

Total Offerings.....\$8,782.74

Sunday, January 1, 2017

Weekly Obligation: \$12,237.00

Registered Families.....1479  
 Envelopes Returned.....371  
 Amount Offered.....\$7,903.20  
 Loose Offering.....\$762.00

Online Giving:  
 Contributors.....81  
 Contributions.....\$3,394.00

Total Offerings.....\$12,059.29

Special Collection:  
 Solemnity of Mary.....\$2,772.33



**ONLINE GIVING**

We are grateful for your support of our church. Online Giving allows you to make contributions to our church without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. Please visit our parish website at:

[www.sjfparish.org](http://www.sjfparish.org)

to sign-up for Online Giving. Contact Jody Gazo at [jgazosjfparish@gmail.com](mailto:jgazosjfparish@gmail.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 101 with any questions. Thank you!

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We want to thank Kristina of Gammons Medical Specialists for advertising in the St. Jane Frances de Chantal bulletin.

We ask our parishioners to please patronize the advertisers as they are the ones that help make our bulletin possible.



**TOGETHER LET US PRAY...**

Please pray for those who are in special need of our prayers.

Maureen Blair  
 Judith Brisson  
 James Brown  
 Sam Castelli  
 Sandy Castelli  
 Vicki Chranowski  
 Bernie Colasanti, Jr.  
 Anna DiDonato  
 Kevin Dufour  
 Pam Evezia  
 Shirley Fasczewski  
 James Friedmann  
 Charles Grade  
 Cindy Graham  
 Scott Harris

Henry Helton  
 Mary Ann Joly  
 James Klassen  
 Joan Knapp  
 Walter Kronner  
 Jeffrey Leonard  
 George Lutfy  
 Addison Mathews  
 Charlotte Miles  
 Karen Mills  
 William Nava  
 Norma O'Connor  
 Kathleen Pawlik  
 Matthew Pawlik

Helen Perliskey  
 Adam Phillips  
 Dominic Pietro  
 Tara Pietro  
 Anita Pitlock  
 Frank Polizzi  
 Amy Zachwieja Raggio  
 Marlene Rokicki  
 Olivia Rokicki  
 Daniel Van Acker  
 Dorothy Weglarz  
 Mel Werner  
 Kevin Wilcox  
 Don G. Wisniewski  
 Toni Woodring

Please pray for the men and women serving our country in the Armed Services that they may return home safely to family and friends. Remember particularly:

Robert Bain  
 Richard Brown  
 Christopher Burley  
 Amir Ciplakovic  
 Eric Dillard  
 Lisa Drake  
 Joshua Hebert

Zack Hoover  
 Louis B. Kasper, III  
 Paul Koss  
 Curtis McCoy  
 Matthew McDowell  
 Donovan John Miller

Danielle Marie Minichello  
 Eric Olson  
 Scot Skoczylas  
 Sean Slattery  
 Allison Stewart  
 Anthony Trotta  
 Carl Winowiecki

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA)**

If you made a pledge, please honor it.

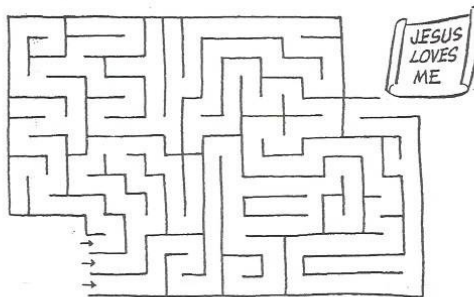
Any amount under the goal that is not met will have to come out of the Church account.

**ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS**

**IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:**

Andrew & Helen Abramczyk  
 Michael & Anna Godlewski  
 From: Mr. & Mrs. John Godlewski

Helen & Tony DeGeorge  
 From: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph DeGeorge



Use your pencil to find a great Bible truth. Don't cross any lines!

**BAPTISMS**

The Catholic Community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal welcomes the following child who was Baptized by Fr. Jerome Slowinski on December 27<sup>th</sup>:



**James Stastny Nash**

Parents: Michael Nash  
 Kristina Stastny Nash  
 Godparents: John Nash  
 Kathryn Nash

