

ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL PARISH

February 26, 2017



8TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do not worry about tomorrow;
tomorrow will take care of itself.

Matthew 6:34



Ash Wednesday March 1st, 2017

8:00am Mass with Distribution of Ashes
at St. Jane Frances

9:00am Mass with Distribution of Ashes
at St. Ephrem

12:15pm Liturgy of the Word with
Distribution of Ashes at St. Jane Frances

7:00pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes
at St. Ephrem

8:00pm Liturgy of the Word with
Distribution of Ashes at St. Jane Frances

Reconciliation Opportunities

Confessions heard at St. Jane Frances on
Tuesday, February 28th, from 6:00pm-7:00pm

Starting Tuesday March 7th
Confessions will be heard from
5:30pm-6:30pm.
(except for March 28th)

Tuesday, March 28th
Communal Reconciliation Service with
Individual Confessions
at St. Ephrem at 7:00pm

Friday, April 14th Confessions will be
heard from Noon to 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 3rd at 6:30pm

Friday, March 10th at 6:30pm

Friday, March 17th at 6:30pm

Friday, March 24th at 6:30pm

Friday, March 31st at 6:30pm ~Taize

Thursday, April 6th at 2:30pm~
Stations of the Cross in Times of Illness

Friday, April 7th at 6:30pm~Youth Led Stations

Sunday, April 9th at 6:30pm~Youth Led Stations

Friday, April 14th from 12:00pm-3:00pm~
Personal Reflections on the Stations of the Cross

Fish Frys 2017

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st
4:00pm-7:00pm

Dine In or Carry Out

Meal Choice One—\$8.00*
2 pieces of fish, coleslaw, roll, and
fries or macaroni & cheese

Meal Choice Two—\$10.00*
3 pieces of fish, coleslaw, roll, and
fries or macaroni & cheese

Sides

French Fries \$2.50

Macaroni and Cheese \$3.00

Coleslaw \$1.00 Slice of Pizza \$1.00

*All dine in meals include Lemonade,
Water, Coffee, or Tea.

Pop and desserts are available for \$1.00 per
item and benefit St. Vincent de Paul.

TUESDAY NIGHT CHANGE

Starting, Tuesday, March 7th, we will have a
schedule change for Confessions
and Evening Mass.

Confessions will be heard from **5:30pm-6:30pm.**

Tuesday night Mass will be at **7:00pm.**

Please mark your calendar!

Little Black Books

The Little Black Book for Lent are now
available in the Parish Office and in the
Gathering Space.

Suggested donation: \$1.00 per book

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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bulletinsjfparish@gmail.com
Copy deadline is Tuesday at 10:00am.

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

Knights of Columbus #13340
Brian Barkkari 586-215-4669
Parish Nurse Ministry
Doreen Corby 586-977-8080
Seniors
Don Rogowski 586-977-8080
Soup Kitchen
Steven Gadzinski 586-731-4091
St. Vincent de Paul
Tom Harris 586-977-8080
Ushers-Ministers of Hospitality
Brian Brennan 586-264-1087

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, February 27

6:00pm Faith Formation Classes,
Grades K-6
7:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team Mtg.
7:00pm Annulment Workshop

Tuesday, February 28

4:30pm Faith Formation Classes,
Grades K-6
6:00pm Rosary
6:00pm-7:00pm Confessions
6:30pm Faith Formation Classes,
Grades 7 & 8
7:30pm Mass with Anointing and
Intercessory Prayers Following
Mass

Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday

8:00am Mass with Distribution of Ashes
9:30am Needle Crafters
12:15pm Liturgy of the Word with
Distribution of Ashes
6:00pm Needle Crafters
8:00pm Liturgy of the Word with
Distribution of Ashes

Thursday, March 2

8:00am Mass
1:00pm Swiffers, Team 3
7:00pm Coffee & Catholicism

Friday, March 3

4:00pm-7:00pm Fish Fry
6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 4

Right to Life Baby Shower
5:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 5

Right to Life Baby Shower
8:30am Parish Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Mass
11:30am Mass with Children's Liturgy
of the Word
6:00pm Youth Ministry Gathering

See Fasting and Abstinence for Lent on
page 7.

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.



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

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."



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Tuesday Evening Mass Schedule Change

Effective Tuesday, March 7, 2017, Tuesday evening Masses will begin at 7:00pm and confessions will be heard from 5:30pm - 6:30pm.

On Tuesday, March 28th, at 7:00 pm there will be a Communal Penance service held at St. Ephrem Church. There will be no confessions or Mass here at St. Jane's that evening as Fr. Jerry will be assisting at St. Ephrem's.



Thoughts on Discipleship: It's Relational

Jesus made disciples in a relational environment. Sure there were times when He needed to take time-out to spend on His own with God the Father - but everything else was done with others. Always modeling, always training. This is why community is important to us. We need to journey together - that's the way Jesus intended it to be.

"Do what you do and add one or two."

Group *Lectio Divina* to begin in Lent

Beginning March 8th, on Wednesday evenings 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.



God's Invitation - Preparing for Lent

Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way. "Come back to Me, with all of your heart," our Lord beckons. "We will," we respond, but we aren't quite ready yet, our hearts are not prepared. We want to squirm, evade, avoid. Our souls not yet perfect. We are not ready for God to love us. Yes, of course we want to have a deeper relationship with God, we tell ourselves earnestly. And we will, soon. God calls to us again: *Come back to Me, with all of your heart.*

Ok, ok, I really will. Just a few more things to do at work. Let me spend a little more time in prayer first. Let me get to Reconciliation. Let me clean my oven, tidy my closets. Sell my yoke of oxen. Check a field I have purchased....

Come back to Me, with all of your heart.

It is an extraordinary invitation to each one of us. To *me* in a personal, individual way. God invites me to drop the defenses that I hold up between myself and God. All God wants is for me to realize that *my* standards, my way of judging and loving are so very different from God's way, and so much smaller. God offers an entire Lent season, an entire lifetime, of loving me unconditionally, no matter what I have done or how much I think I have hidden from God.

From the first day of Lent, the Ash Wednesday readings make God's call to us clear: "Return to me with your whole heart." "A clean heart create for me, O God," Psalm 51 offers. "Give me back the joy of Your salvation." That is exactly what our loving God wants to give us, the joy salvation.

In North America, Lent falls in winter and these days are cold and dark, perfect for hiding ourselves indoors, perfect for hiding from God - or so we imagine. But our God is insistent, loving, gently prodding. God is the parent of the Prodigal Child, waiting faithfully, eagerly on the road for our return, night after night. There are no folded arms and stern judging stares, only the straining eyes of a parent eager for our return, longing to embrace us and rejoice in us.

Yet we spend so much time trying to think of *how* to return and what to say, how to begin the conversation. It's only when we finally appear after so much time away, embarrassed and confused, that we understand we don't have to say anything. We only have to show up. Look up there on the road ahead of us: our loving God is jumping up and down for joy. The invitation to us has been heard. We have returned home!

But, wait... What stops us from this great reunion? What keeps us from accepting this invitation to something deeper in our lives with God? We feel in our hearts that there are things we should say first: "wait...but...if only" and finally, "If God really knew about me..."

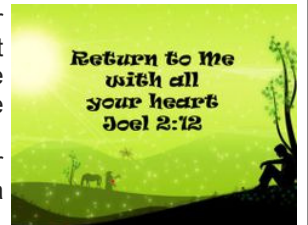
It doesn't matter. None of it matters. Only the joy that we have turned to God and that like a loving father or mother, God is smothering us with embraces and joyful cries. We have returned!

Come back to Me, with all of your heart.

Our acceptance of this call, this appeal to our hearts is simple if we can only get beyond the fear. All we have to do is say to our Lord, "I'm here. Where do I start? Yes, I want to be with You." Our hearts have been opened and we have taken the first step toward the rejoicing parent on the road. No explanations are necessary, only to pause and picture in our hearts the joyfully loving and unblinking gaze of God that falls on us.

What's the next step on our journey home? We could take the earliest moments of our day, before we have gotten out of bed to thank God for such a loving invitation and ask for help in opening our hearts to it. We could remember throughout the day the invitation that has moved our hearts: *Come back to Me, with all of your heart.* And we can rejoice along with God.

That is the invitation of each day of Lent. Today is the day to accept it.



AND A WORD ABOUT ANNULMENTS THIS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27th at 7:00pm

On the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website, it states:

An annulment is a declaration by a Church tribunal (a Catholic church court) that a marriage thought to be valid according to Church law actually fell short of at least one of the essential elements required for a binding union. The annulment process is frequently misunderstood.



Take some time this week to learn more about annulments, the process, and more!

WHEN: Join us on Monday, February 27th, from 7:00pm until 8:30pm.

SPEAKER: Fr. Jerry, who has many years experience working at the tribunal for the Archdiocese of Detroit, will speak on this topic and there will be time for questions as well!



WHO: Anyone who is interested in learning more or has questions about annulments.

HOW: If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to the parish office at 586-977-8080 or email Tara at tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com. While an RSVP is not required, it does help us plan. Thank you so much!

QUESTIONS? Contact Tara at tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com or 586--977-8080, ext. 107.



Vacation Bible School

It is that time of year! We are beginning to look to the summer, and plan for this year's Vacation Bible School program. There are a bunch of volunteer spots that will be available this summer. If you have time to help, the week of June 26th through 30th, drop us a line and let us know.

Email us at FaithFormation.sjf@gmail.com, in the subject line, type: VBS Volunteer.

We'll just need to know your name, the grade you'll be going into in the fall (if your still in school), and your contact information.

This will be a good start! When meetings come up and the leaders need to contact you, we will have everything we need to get a hold of you!

Prayers for Students

We have many students preparing for sacraments here at the parish. In the coming weeks and months, we will have young people celebrating their First Reconciliations, First Communion, and Confirmation. As the community initiating them, we get the privilege of praying with and for them. Here is a prayer you can easily use.

Father of love and power, it is Your will to establish everything in Christ and to draw us into His all-embracing love.

Guide these students as they draw closer to You.

*Strengthen them in their baptismal promises,
build them into the kingdom of your Son,
and seal them with the Spirit of your love.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Taken from <http://dsjliturgie.blogspot.com/2006/09/blessing-for-confirmation-candidates.html>



Are you a college student or young professional who is trying to decide how God is calling you?

Join us for Discernment Day 2017

Saturday March 18, 2017 9:00am-5:30pm

\$10 Includes Lunch and Liturgy

Hosted by DAVA (Detroit Archdiocese Vocation Association)

Mercy Center

28650 W. 11 Mile Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI 48336

To Register: DetVocations@gmail.com

Questions: Karen Egri, RSM 248.473.7175 or

Kathy Onderbeke, IHM 248.347.7778 Ext.31

Overnight accommodations available Friday 3/17 \$15 fee.

ADULT FORMATION



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COFFEE & CATHOLICISM

Join us 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. Contact Tara at tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 107 for more information. Upcoming dates and topics are:



Thursday, March 2nd—Calvin's Theology
Thursday, March 9th—Council of Trent

For details on the Annulment Presentation, please see page 4.

St. Jane Frances "SENIORS": Years of experience being young at heart!

Seniors meetings for 2017 begin **Wednesday, March 15th !!!**

Are you 55 or older (and wiser!)? Do you enjoy conversation, community, a shared meal or playing cards? Then join our SENIORS group! SENIORS (55 yr +) meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month (excluding Jan. and Feb.) from 10:00am-2:00pm. All meetings include **morning refreshments** at 9:45am and also a **lunch** served at noon!

Entertainment options include...

- *Progressive Pinochle (\$1.25)
- *Bingo with playing cards (5 cards for \$1.00) - \$2.00 prize awarded per game!
- *Card and Dice games of your choosing
- *Meet, make and visit with friends!

Membership is \$5.00 for the year. A \$4.00 donation is collected at the door every meeting to fund refreshments and lunch. [Note: If you are new, you are welcome to join us for a meeting or two before you decide to join and pay the \$5.00 membership fee.]

STEWARDSHIP

LENTEN FISH FRYS 2017

4:00pm-7:00pm



Fish Frys are back each Friday of March this year! Each Fish Fry is hosted by a different organization to raise funds for an activity or cause. We hope you can join us this Lenten season! You can find the menu on the front page of the bulletin! Check out the schedule below for who is hosting what dates. See you Friday!

- Friday, March 3rd—Youth Ministry
- Friday, March 10th—The Christian Service Commission
- Friday, March 17th—The Knights of Columbus
- Friday, March 24th—The Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality
- Friday, March 31st—The Knights of Columbus AND the Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality

Desserts and cans of pop are available for \$1 each and proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. To donate a dessert, please see page 6 of the bulletin. The Knights of Columbus will have tootsie rolls available as well.

VOCATIONS



ATTENTION SINGLES

Are you interested in making new Catholic friends, renewing your relationship with God, as well as finding peace and meaning for your life? If so, attend the next

REFLECT Catholic Retreat for single men and women at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt (10 miles north of Lansing).

REFLECT is for and about single men & women (mid-30s to 50s) looking to connect with others who also face the unique challenges of being a mid-life single in a couple's world. It's a great way to get to know and share with others in a caring, Christ-centered environment.

The next REFLECT weekend is March 17-19, 2017 The cost is \$175.00 for a single-occupancy bedroom, plus meals and materials. Step outside of your comfort zone and into a wonderful opportunity for personal growth. TAKE A CHANCE & GET INVOLVED...you won't regret it!

For more details, check out www.ReflectRetreat.com. You can also contact them at reflect.michigan@gmail.com or call 586-770-1772.

Please see page 4 for information on Discernment Day 2017 at the Mercy Center in Farmington Hills, MI.

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.



Metro Detroit has multiple English and Spanish programs scheduled for 2017. The next retreat is scheduled for March 17th-19th(English).

For more information or to register, please see our website: helpourmarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. Scholarships are available so don't let cost keep you from attending.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE



Debbie Mazur
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 Christian Service Coordinator
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Human Trafficking: Modern Day Slavery

On February 11, 2017, I attended a conference on Human Trafficking "From Darkness To Light: Human Trafficking and Our Response" given by Michigan Catholic Conference. This conference gave an abundance of information, had several speakers and organizations represented that are working to educate and eliminate human trafficking.

In future bulletins, I will periodically address human trafficking and hopefully bring an awareness to this issue of modern day slavery.

Definition of Human Trafficking

The following information is adapted from www.polarisproject.org

- The federal definition of human trafficking includes both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals.
- Trafficking does not require transportation, although transportation may be involved as a control mechanism to keep victims in unfamiliar places.
- Human trafficking is a crime against a person...it involves commercial sex acts **or** labor **or** services that are induced through **force, fraud, or coercion**.
- Trafficking does not require physical restraint, bodily harm, or physical force. Psychological means of control, such as threats, fraud, or abuse of the legal process are sufficient elements of the crime.
- The federal definition of human trafficking encompasses both **sex trafficking and labor trafficking**, and the crime can affect men and women, and children.
- Although poverty can be a factor in human trafficking because it is often an indicator of vulnerability, poverty alone is not a single causal factor or universal indicator of a human trafficking victim. **Trafficking victims can come from a range of income levels**, and many may come from families with higher socioeconomic status.
- Victims of human trafficking often do not immediately seek help or self-identify as victims of a crime due to a variety of factors, including lack of trust, self-blame, or specific instructions by the traffickers regarding how to behave when talking to law enforcement or social services.
- Trafficking can occur in legal and legitimate business settings (i.e., restaurants, hotels, and manufacturing plants) as well as underground markets.
- Not all foreign national victims are undocumented. A significant percentage may have visas for various purposes (i.e., education, migrant workers).

Human trafficking involves force, fraud, or coercion.
 National Human Trafficking Hotline 1-888-3737-888
 Please keep these victims in your prayers.

Right to Life Baby Shower

During the weekend of March 4th & 5th, St. Jane Frances will join with other participating churches in hosting the Annual Baby Shower for area pregnancy help centers. Our parish will be a drop off location where new and gently used baby and maternity items will be collected. A bassinet will be available in the church Gathering Space for your gifts.

Gift items most needed include sleepers, socks, receiving blankets, crib sheets, diapers, baby wipes, wash cloths, towels, pacifiers, bottles, bibs, personal hygiene items for baby, gift cards, and cash donations. Maternity clothing for moms, especially in large and extra large sizes are also greatly needed.

Caring for the Caregiver

Caring for memory-impaired loved ones can be a full-time job. For many, it is. Caregivers need support and information.

- Free gathering sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan in collaboration with Home Instead Senior Care
- Approaches to improve communication with loved ones affected by dementia by "Communicating in their Reality"
- Techniques to reduce the caregiver's own stress levels
- Resources available to help



Guest presenter

Dee Hubbard, RN
 Home Instead Senior Care

Thursday, March 9, 2017
 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan
Adult Day Health Services
 3300 S. Adams Road
 Auburn Hills, MI 48326



Space is limited!

Please **RSVP** to Trista Johnson
 by calling **248-559-1147 ext. 3941**
 or by email: johnsont@ccsem.org



DESSERTS

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be selling desserts at the Friday Fish Fry's. We need your help to make it a success! You can donate your desserts (be sure **NO** nuts or peanut butter) to the Parish Office on **Thursday before 8:00pm** the week of the Fish Fry's!

Our First Fish Fry is scheduled **March 3, 2017**
From 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

We look forward to your delicious donations!!



**FAST AND
ABSTINENCE
IN LENT —
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

FASTING: The law of fasting binds persons from the completion of their 18th year to the beginning of their 60th year (i.e. from the day after their 18th birthday to the day after their 59th birthday). Fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening. The order of meals is optional; i.e. the full meal may be taken in the evening instead of at midday. Also, the quantity of food taken at the two lighter meals should not exceed the quantity taken at the full meal and the drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast.

ABSTINENCE: The law of abstinence requires a Catholic of 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays during Lent. Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs — all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Fish are a different category of animal. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, (cold blooded animals) and shellfish are permitted.

PRAYER

IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS

We thank thee, God, for the equations of life — joy and pain, work and play, sun and rain, victory and defeat — that one portion, we may understand the other also.

YOU ARE PART OF IT

The Church is not something distinct from you; it is you. You are the church. While your church needs your money, it needs you even more. It needs not merely what you have, but also what you are. It needs your time and talent.

Give of yourself to your church in time, talent and treasure, as a good steward and enlightened and dedicated member of the congregation.

ASH WEDNESDAY

God makes us from nothing, but dust, the dirt of the ground. This is confusing: how can we be made of dirt and still be special to God? It is because we are really two things: the humble dust of the earth is the material God used, but then God breathed divine breath into us, so we have breath and spirit from God. Through baptism, each of us has something of God in us; we are made of dust, but brought alive by God. Ash Wednesday we remember that dust can also symbolize our tendency to sin, but at the same time we need and love God, who breathed life into us. So on Wednesday we begin our annual journey from sin as creatures of dirt to salvation as creators of God. To remember this, we can put some dirt in a jar and keep it where we can see it during our Lenten journey.

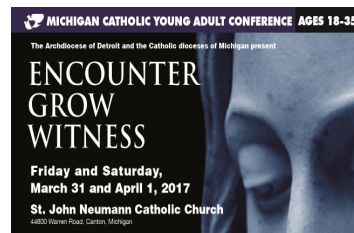
BAPTISMS

The Catholic Community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal welcomes the following child who was baptized by Fr. Jerome Slowinski on Saturday, February 18th:



Zackary Michael Siwka

Parents: Steven Gerard Swika
Samantha Marcyanna Sroka
Godparents: Melissa Sroka
Witness: Mark Renard



**MICHIGAN CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT
CONFERENCE (MICYAC)**

The dioceses of Michigan offer a conference each year for Young Adults and it is right here in the Metro-Detroit area! The conference includes great speakers, break-out sessions, time for adoration, a service project, food, and time with other young adults!

The theme of this year's conference is "Encounter. Grow. Witness. A Plan to Unleash the Gospel." Take some time to encounter the Lord, grow as His disciple, and reflect on how to share your friendship with the Lord! The keynote speakers are Mary Wilkerson and Peter Herbeck. The conference is at St. John Neumann in Canton. The event starts Friday, March 31st, and ends Saturday, April 1st. You can attend Friday night, Saturday, or both! The cost is under \$55 by March 1st, then the price goes up! To sign-up, visit:

<http://2017micyac.eventbrite.com>

CALLING ALL NEEDLE CRAFTERS!

Do you like to sew, knit, crochet, quilt, etc.? Whether you are new to the craft or a seasoned veteran, please join us at any of our gatherings to socialize and work on projects (your own or ours)! Some of our projects include blankets for those in the hospital, prayer shawls, and gloves and scarves for the homeless. There is no RSVP necessary and there is no cost. You can come to one, some, or all of our gatherings! Please join us: *Wednesdays from 9:30am until 11:30am OR from 6:00pm until 8:15pm.* We are also in need of more yarn to complete the projects we are working on. If you have some you are able to donate, please drop it off in the parish office. Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Tara at tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.

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

Fr. Jerry

for hosting our Traveling Chalice. If you would like to participate in The Traveling Chalice Program please contact Ray Sroka at 586-979-7879.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST,
LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

8:00am — Mass — w/Ashes

Presidor: Fr. Jerry
Sacristans: Dick & Nancy Volpe
Lector 1: Kathy Pawlik
Lector 2: Judy Taylor
Altar Server: Dennis Kozlowski
Ushers: Volunteers

12:15pm — Liturgy of the Word — w/

Ashes

Presidor: Fr. Jerry
Sacristans: Dan & Darlene Rys
Lector 1: Brian Brennan
Lector 2: Barb Wojtas
Ushers: Volunteers

8:00pm — Liturgy of the Word — w/

Ashes

Presidor: Fr. Jerry
Sacristans: Lynn & Dave Burley
Lector 1: John Czarski
Lector 2: Jolynn Friedmann
Ushers: Volunteers

**Readings
Week of February 26, 2017**

Sunday

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5;
Mt 6:24-34

Monday

Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23;
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and
17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Saint Casimir

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

THE SEASON OF LENT

When you close your eyes and say “Lent” what is the first thing that comes to mind? Frequently, most people think of: penance, purple, fish, ashes, fasting, sacrifice, no movies and no candy. However, maybe when we think about Lent we should first and foremost think about our baptism. The more we see a link between “Lent” and “Baptism” the more we will understand the Church’s selection of readings and symbols during the Lenten season.

The season of Lent is meant to refocus our vision on the sacrificial life, death, and glorious resurrection of Jesus. It is meant to clarify our vision of what is truly important in our lives, that is, our conversion to Christ through the community of the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 27

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

Tuesday, February 28

7:30pm Father Ron Milligan
(Tom & Judy Taylor)
Deceased Members of the
Poissant & Wagner Families
(Chuck & Mary Wagner)

Wednesday, March 1

8:00am Dec. Wayne Wiczorkowski
(Judy Taylor)

Thursday, March 2

8:00am For the Parishioners

Friday, March 3

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

Saturday, March 4

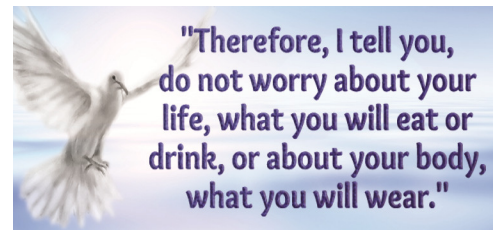
5:00pm Dec. Eugene & Frances
Berthiaume
(Joyce)
Dec. Sophia Kraft
(Robert & Frances Kraft)
Dec. Edward Malozeic
(Mick & Judy Oleszkiewica)
Dec. Judy Coulter
(Susan Putrycus)

Sunday, March 5

9:00am First Sunday Memorial
Association Members
For the Parishioners
Dec. Marsha Olson
2nd Anniversary
(Family)
Dec. Joseph Papaleo
(Kowaleski Family)
11:30am Dec. Edward Sokolowski
7th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)
Dec. Stanley Wilcox
(Family)
Dec. Mary Varani
(Tom & Judy Taylor)
Dec. Charlene Hannish
(Family)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — MARCH 4TH & MARCH 5TH

	5:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Jerry	Fr. Jerry	Fr. Jerry
Sacristan(s)	Tim & Karen Pawlik	Ray Knapp	Mike Burley
Lector 1	Dale Erickson	John Martin	Annette Mobley
Lector 2	Lisa Erickson	Denise Dara	Robert Skwara
Altar Servers	Danielle Erickson	Maggie Friedmann	Terasa Mezzapelle
	Raegan Watson	Sarah Friedmann	Maddie Kleinberg
	Kayla Pickens	Ray Benvenuti	Isabella Schilling
Ushers	Team 3	Assigned	Team 1
Music	Melissa & IIP	Choir	Jeanette



WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 28th, @ 7:30pm
Mary Minjeur
(Mass with Anointing in Church)

Thursday, March 2nd, @ 8:00am
Judy Taylor



Sunday, February 19, 2016
Budgeted Weekly Obligation:
\$12,237.00

Actual Average Weekly Collection:

Registered Families.....1473
Envelopes Returned.....366
Amount Offered.....\$8,635.62
Loose Offering.....\$1,017.00

Online Giving:
Contributors.....73
Contributions.....\$2,414.00

Total Offerings.....\$12,066.62

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.sjffparish.org

to sign-up for Online Giving. Contact Jody Gazo at jgazosjffparish@gmail.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 112 with any questions.

If you are using on-line giving and are still receiving envelopes, you have the option to stop receiving envelopes. Please email me at jgazosjffparish@gmail.com I will send out quarterly reminders for any special collections coming up.

Thank you!

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

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We want to thank Joe Zehnpfennig of Michigan Electrical Maintenance Co., Inc. 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
 James Brown
 Mary Sue Bruce
 Margaret Cardamone
 Richard Cardamone
 Sam Castelli
 Sandy Castelli
 Vicki Chrzanowski
 Bernie Colasanti, Jr.
 Greg Corby
 Anna DiDonato
 Rita Duffey
 Kevin Duffoor
 Pam Evanzia
 Charles Grade
 Shirley Faszczewski

James Friedmann
 Cindy Graham
 Scott Harris
 Andrew Hetrick
 Mary Ann Joly
 John Karalunas
 James Klassen
 Joan Knapp
 Walter Kronner
 Jeffrey Leonardi
 George Lutfy
 Addison Mathews
 Charlotte Miles
 William Navalta
 Norma O'Connor

Kathleen Pawlik
 Matthew Pawlik
 Helen Perliskey
 Adam Phillips
 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
 Mary Woywood

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

RICE BOWL

You will be receiving a Rice Bowl with this week's bulletin. This is an annual campaign at St. Jane Frances de Chantal. The Rice Bowls are to be returned at the Holy Thursday Mass (Mass of the Lord's Supper).

Students will receive their Rice Bowls in their Faith Formation Classes this week. They can be returned to their teacher on Monday, April 10th, or Tuesday, April 11th, or they can return them at the Holy Thursday Mass.

The Rice Bowls are part of the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Lenten program. CRS Rice Bowls is a way for Catholics in the United States to live Pope Francis' call to end world hunger.

**COMMUNITY SUPPER
 ST. RONALD CATHOLIC
 CHURCH**

(7701 15 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp.)
THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND
5:00pm-6:30pm

The St. Ronald Community offers a free meal to those who are financially

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

In some cases, the answer to loneliness is to make new friends or develop new interests. But there is a type of loneliness that only an intimate relationship with God can take away. That's the way our souls are built.

IN SYMPATHY

The Community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal expresses support and prayers to the family of the one who has lost a loved one this past week:

Dorothy Kubicki

Wife of the late Harry
 Mother of the late Gary and Gregory

Lawson F Davey

Husband of the late Cindi
 Father of Lawson, Bill, Kathleen
 and Mark

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Amen.