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#### ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL PARISH

Sterling Heights, Michigan

**February 28, 2016** 

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY GATHERING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> 6:00pm-8:00pm



Jerry-atrics Fr. Jerry Slowinski ext. 102 Pastor

As a student who attended Our Lady Queen of Heaven grade school in Detroit for 8 years, I recall, in the days leading up to Lent, being asked by the good Sisters who taught me, the following question: "What are you giving up for Lent this year?" Everything about Lent revolved around acts of self-denial. It was if, by the mere fact that you chose to give up

something you loved for Lent that, in and of itself, made you a good Catholic.

WELCOME BACK SENIORS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> 10:00am-2:00pm

FISH FRY FRIDAY, (LAST ONE FOR THIS YEAR) MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> 4:00pm-7:00pm

**STATIONS** OF THE CROSS FRIDAY, MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> 6:30pm

YOUNG ADULT MOVIE DAY SUNDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> (See page 3)

It is understandable how you could conclude that giving something up would magically make you a better person. Ritual and rules are far easier to promote, and understand, than spirituality and faith. A child understands rules, even if he, or she, does not like them. It is in fact far easier to tell a child to obey a rule than to explain why they should want to act rightly. It becomes easier to just follow the rules than to understand why the rule exists in the first place. When it comes to Lent, we often do the same, that is, deny ourselves something just for the sake of denial. We give up eating chocolate for Lent thinking that this act of denial is what Lent is all about. And we end up missing the point.

Lent is not about denial, it is about transformation. It is the season in which we prepare to encounter Christ's sacrifice by endeavoring to become more like Christ. Transformation is about letting ourselves be filled with God's presence so we can be shaped by God's grace. If we deny ourselves something, but are not transformed, in at least some small way, we cannot be reborn as new creations. For example, giving up coffee for Lent doesn't make me a better follower of Christ, it just makes me more sleepy.

I've come to learn that in order to even have any hope of being transformed, I need to make a sacrifice that will lead me to make a positive change in my life. In the past I have tried to use the money I would save from not purchasing something I would want and donate that money to a charitable cause because that was more personally transformative than just eliminating something for forty days.

Personally, the question for me no longer is "what am I giving up?", but instead "how is what I am doing helping to transform me in some positive way?" For some people the answer to both of those questions might be one and the same. In any case, it is important to understand what is the ultimate purpose behind why we engage in certain types of discipline. To not understand is to miss the very point of why we choose to practice Lenten discipline.

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

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www.sjfparish.org

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend	Masse
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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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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & 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

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#### **Parish Nurse Ministry**

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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

#### **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."

#### This Week in our Parish

#### Monday, February 29

9:30am Needle Crafter Group

1:00pm Easter Egg Hunt Planning Mtg. 6:00pm Faith Formation Classes,

**Grades K-6** 

#### Tuesday, March 1

4:30pm Faith Formation Classes, Grades K-6

6:00pm Rosary

6:00pm-7:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Faith Formation Classes, Grade 8

7:30pm Mass

Wednesday, March 2

8:00am Mass

10:00am-2:00pm Seniors Meet

6:00pm Needle Crafters Group

6:30pm Vocation Committee Mtg. at St. Ephrem

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 3

8:00am Mass

1:00pm Swiffers, Team 1

Friday, March 4

4:00pm-7:00pm Fish Fry

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 5

1:00pm-2:30pm First Eucharist Workshop

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 6

8:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal

9:00am Mass w/Adult Choir

10:30am Baptism Prep

11:00am Young Adult Movie Day (Off-Site)

11:30am Mass w/Childrens Liturgy of the Word

6:00pm-8:00pm High School Youth Ministry Gathering



#### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

You may register at the Parish Office at anytime 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



Maureen Blair Cxt. 104 Pastoral Associate and Director of Worship and Evangelization Email: maureenblair.stjane@gmail.com

#### 24 Hours for the Lord

When calling for the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis expressed his desire that "this moment be linked, first and foremost, to the Sacrament of Reconciliation".

Pope Francis is inviting every parish around the world to open its doors for 24 hours on Friday and Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and

5<sup>th</sup>, so that the faithful might encounter Jesus Christ anew in the Sacrament of Confession and Eucharistic Adoration.

The Lenten initiative, organized by the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization, is called <u>24 Hours for the Lord</u>. It is intended also to be a time of reflection and prayer, an opportunity to speak with a priest, and a chance to rediscover - or perhaps discover for the first time - the great mercy at the heart of the Catholic Faith. Several churches from the Archdiocese of Detroit will be participating and open with confessors available and Eucharistic Adoration. Below is a list of some of the parishes who will be participating:

Nat'l Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak Holy Name Parish, Birmingham

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Livonia

St. Faustina Parish, Warren

For more information visit <a href="http://www.aod.org/being-catholic/evangelization/unleash-the-gospel/jubilee-of-mercy/24-hours-for-the-lord/">http://www.aod.org/being-catholic/evangelization/unleash-the-gospel/jubilee-of-mercy/24-hours-for-the-lord/</a>

# Preparing for Holy Thursday

March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

Washing of the Feet: At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm), the presider washes the feet of 12 parish members. At the end of the reading of the Gospel, Fr. Jerry will wash feet as a way of bringing the gospel message of service forward to us today. If you would like to



take part in this please give me a call or email to let me know. I will take the first twelve people to contact me (please only one member to represent a family).

Offertory & Dressing the Altar: As part of the Grand Procession (includes presentation of the Oils, presenting the altar cloths, and offertory gifts) we would like several parishioners to participate in the dressing of the altar and bringing forward the offertory gifts.

Presentation of Sacred Oils: Each Holy Thursday, the oils of the Sick, the Catechumens and the Holy Chrism are blessed at the Cathedral in the morning by the archbishop then presented to the parish at the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. If you would like to present one of the oils at this liturgy please contact me.



Please contact me if you would like to participate in any of these special opportunities. Please email me at:

maureenblair.stjane@gmail.com

or give me a call me at 586.977.8080.

Thank you, Maureen

#### YOUNG ADULTS

#### YOUNG ADULT MOVIE DAY

WHO: All young adults (18 to 39 years old)

WHAT: We will all see a movie together at the theater!

WHEN: Sunday, March 6th

**TIME:** Movie time will be announced closer to the date, but it will be shortly after

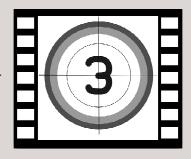
the 9:00am Mass.

WHERE: MJR Movie Theater

**MOVIE**: Zootopia

HOW: Please RSVP by Thursday, March 3rd at http://www.sjfparish.org/#!young-

adults/cogx



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD Ages 3-Grade 2

Weekly during the 11:30am Mass

Greg J. Crachiolo
Pirector of Music Ministries
sifmusicministry@yahoo.com

Director of Faith Formation (Pre-K-Grade 8) & Confirmation )

faithformation.sif@gmail.com



Ext. 103





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>

9:00am-12:00pm

Ages 4-Grade 6

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>





Go to <u>WWW.SJFPARISH.ORG</u> to Register or pick one up in the Parish Office



# UPCOMING <u>SINGLE OPPORTUNITIES</u> TO PLAY OR SING AT MASS

Want to put your musical talent to use at Mass but can't commit long-term?

Then check these opportunities out



Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>—Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>—Easter 9:00am or 11:30am Mass

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>—First Holy Eucharist—11:30am Mass

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>—Confirmation—5:00pm Mass

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>—Mass of Thanksgiving for Dominic Macioce who will be ordained to the priesthood on May 14th—9:00am

Please contact Greg Crachiolo, for more information, to receive music, and get rehearsal schedule



Ben Klassen Ext. 108 Youth Minister Coordinator Email: Bklassen.sjfparish@gmail.com

#### NET Retreat reminder...

We need to know by Sunday, February 28th if you will be joining us at St. Peter for the NET Retreat this Friday. Email or call Ben at the number and email above, to let him know if you'll be joining our group.

#### "mission 2016"

The mission Trip to New York is a go... The dates will be July 17<sup>th</sup> –23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. The cost will be approximately \$300 and will include transportation to and from New York, most meals while we are there, and supplies that we will need for the work that we will be doing at St. Ann's and St. Lucy's in the city. For more information and future updates, please send Ben an e-mail at:

mission2016.sjfparish@gmail.com

#### World Youth Day 2016

This summer, teens from across the world will be assembling in Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day. For those not already signed up with a group to go to Europe, the Archdiocese will be offering a World Youth Day HOME event. We will be able to join with many other teens from across our area on July 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at St. Mary's Orchard Lake. Keep your eyes on the bulletin for more info.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

#### FISH FRYS 2016

FISH FRYS ARE BACK! Each Friday will be sponsored by a different ministry in the parish with the proceeds from that evening going to an activity or project that was approved by the Finance Council. Contact Tara with any questions!

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00pm-7:00pm: Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Pop and Desserts will be available each week for \$1.00 per item to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Why only 4 Fish Frys? Back in the fall, the Stewardship commission asked for applications for groups interested in hosting Fish Frys. They are asked specifics on what they are raising the money for, etc. Finance Council reviews those and approved 4 applications. Therefore, 4 groups wanting to host leads to 4 Fish Frys. We cannot thank you enough for your generous support of the Fish Frys!

#### FISH FRY 2016 MENU

Dine In or Carry Out are available

#### Meal Choice One—\$8.00\*

2 pieces of fish, Coleslaw, Roll, and Fries or Macaroni & Cheese

#### Meal Choice Two—\$10\*

3 pieces of fish, Coleslaw, Roll, and Fries or Macaroni & Cheese

#### Sides

French Fries \$2.50 Coleslaw \$1.00 Macaroni and Cheese \$3.00 Slice of Pizza \$1.00

\*All dine in meals include punch, water, coffee, or tea.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

We are having an Easter Egg Hunt here at the Parish on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.

This event is for children 10 and under.

Be sure to check future bulletins for more information!







#### **DESSERTS NEEDED**

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be selling desserts at the Friday Fish Frys. We need your help to make it a success!



You can donate your desserts (please be sure there are no nuts or peanut butter) to the Parish Office on <u>Thursday</u> by 8:00pm the week of the Fish Frys. Our next Fish Fry is **March 4**<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to your delicious donations.



### CAR SHOW COMMITTEE



The Stewardship Commission is hosting a Car Show here at the Parish on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Not only will it give people a chance to get together for a fun reason, but it will also help raise funds for our Corporal Works of Mercy Fund. We are forming a committee to help with planning for this amazing event! Are you interested in helping out?

The first meeting is Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. If you are interested and able to join us, please let Tara know at tfinn\_sjf@yahoo.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 107. If you cannot join us that day, but still want to help, contact Tara as well! Thanks!

#### **ADULT FORMATION**



Tara Stenger Ext. 107 Adult Formation Coordinator Email:tfinn\_sjf@yahoo.com

#### **COFFEE & CATHOLICISM**

Join us for great presentations on topics near and dear to our faith! Our speaker, Mark Bajercius, will present about the history, philosophy, and theology of things like the Trinity, the Incarnation, 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 or to sign-up. Our last gathering is March 10th.

#### PASSION & PURPOSE FOR MARRIAGE Saturday, March 12th, at St. Anastasia in Troy 9:00am-1:30pm

Presented by Dr. Allen Hunt, a member of the Dynamic Catholic organization

You will come away with many insights that will help you with your most important commitment —your marriage. Show your spouse how important they are, how you value them as well as your marriage. The ticket price is \$25 per person and may be purchased online at:

http://cart.dynamiccatholic.com/Passion-and-Purpose-for-Marriage -Troy-MI-p/mr031216.htm

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

Seniors meetings for 2016 begin Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>!



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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednes-

day 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 hospitality and lunch. [*Please 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.]



Dębbię Mazur Ext. 113 Christian Sęrvicę Coordinator Email: dmazursjfparish@gmail.com

#### **Right to Life Baby Shower**

During the weekend of March 12th & 13th, 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 Area 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, cash donations. Maternity clothing for moms, especially in large and extra large sizes are also greatly needed.

#### **Hope Dementia Workshop Series**

Caregiver Burnout Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00am – 11:30 am

Did you know that 70% of those with dementia are cared for by loved ones at home? Approximately 50% of those caregivers will die before the person with dementia. All caregivers of people with Alzheimer's—both women and men—face a devastating toll. This presentation will look at: The Red Flags that indicate a dementia caregiver needs a break; How to tell if you are headed for burnout; and valuable ways and resources to reduce stress and burnout.

**Hosted by:** St. Ephrem Parish 38900 Dodge Park Rd. Sterling Heights, MI 48312

#### Sunday Grief Support Group March 13<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00am-1:00pm

Our Grief Ministry team will be hosting a monthly Grief Support Group. This is a peer led group for those who have experienced a loss. 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 group support program.

For more information, please contact Barb at (586) 264-0845 or Cindy at (586) 634-4368.

#### **Macomb County Health Needs Assessment**

Macomb County is in the midst of completing a community health assessment, which includes gathering survey results from those who live, work or play in Macomb County. Please consider taking this 25 questions survey at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MCcomhealth

Thank you, Health Ministry

#### **ATTENTION 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 opportunities in to get together to socialize and work on projects (your own or ours)! No RSVP is necessary and there is no cost. You can come to one, some, or all of our gatherings! Please join us on Mondays from 9:30am until 11:30am OR Wednesdays from 6:00pm-8:15pm. If you can't stay the whole time or need to come late, that is fine too! Contact Tara with any questions at tfinn\_sjf@yahoo.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.

#### Come, Encounter Christ!

Join others from the Archdiocese for three consecutive evenings of preaching, music, and Eucharistic adoration. For more information, check out www.aod.org/encounter

Upcoming dates meet from 7:00pm-8:30pm at:

- February 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington Hills
- Spanish Track: Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> at St. Damian of Moloka in Pontiac
- February 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity in Port Huron

#### VICARIATE WEBSITE

Did you know we are part of the Central Macomb Vicariate? Our vicariate has over 20 parishes in it that all offer events and happenings for all people in the vicariate....including you! Check out the vicariate website at: http://cmvic.net/ to find out what is going on, learn what the Church teaches on different topics through articles and videos, and more! Would you like it delivered right to your inbox? Then please sign-up for their weekly email list. They send you upcoming events and other pertinent information once a month. You can sign-up for that at:

http://cmvic.net/distribution-list



## **Adopt a Confirmation Student**

Please consider "Adopting a Confirmation Candidate" by taking their biography sheet and photo home to pray for the student from now until the time of their Confirmation on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at the 5:00pm Mass. Student biographies and prayer requests are available in the Parish Office.

If you choose to adopt a student, I ask that you pray for them daily, send them notes of encouragement and wisdom (These notes are to come to the parish office and will be forwarded to the student), and attend the Confirmation Mass if able.

It is our goal that these children are ready to accept this job of being a disciple of Jesus Christ that they have been training for their entire life. To say yes, and fulfill the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the world and in the Church.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate asking me. Greg Crachiolo

#### **MCREST**

If you would like to help this great charity more than once a week in the year there are two ways to help:

- 1. Join the MCREST "B" Team—you would be on a list of substitute volunteers that can help at other shelters or the MCREST kitchen. For those off weeks that there is no church to help in the lodging, you could help pay for the hotel stay or sponsor a pizza party. Contact Debby Romero at 586-415-5101 or email her at DebbyR@mcrest.org for further information.
- 2. Eat at a café called "Eat Well Café—They divide proceeds by three charities and MCREST is one of them. They are located at 44635 Schoenherr, just south of Hall Rd. Last year they donated \$2200 to MCREST which paid for an off week!

Mark Your Calendars, we will be hosting MCREST August 21st-28th, 2016

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10)

#### IN SYMPATHY

The Community of
St. Jane Frances de Chantal
expresses support and prayers
to the families of those who have died from
our parish community this past week:

Virginia Regina Norton Mother of Richard and Robert

Rita Beyner Pesta
Wife of the late John
Mother of Paul, Nancy, Laura,
Joan and John

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

Amen.

#### 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

Stewardship means taking care of and sharing all of God's gifts, not just the ones we like best. Stewardship means we cultivate and share our gifts of time and talent and treasure.

# 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 Sroka Family

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

#### **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.

#### **Fast and Abstinence in Lent**

#### What does this mean?

The law of abstinence obliges those 14 years of age and older not to eat meat. The law of fasting obliges all those 18 - 59 years old to refrain from eating between meals and to limit eating to one full meal and two lighter meals for an entire day.



Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are Days of Fasting and Abstinence. All other Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

#### Readings Week of February 28, 2016

#### Sunday

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

#### Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

#### Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

#### Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

#### Thursday

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

#### Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14,and 17; Mk 12:28-34

#### Saturday

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19,20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

#### Sunday

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

#### **SWIFFERS NEEDED**

We are in need of "Swiffers"! Swiffers are volunteers who help keep our Church clean. It only requires about an hour or so! Swiffers are assigned to a team that volunteers their services. Teams meet once a month on Wednesdays or Thursdays at 1:00pm. Some of the tasks are: dusting, cleaning the brass, cleaning the windows on the doors to the Church and the outer doors, vacuum the gathering space, etc.

If interested, call Jody at the Parish Office (586-977-8080, ext. 102 or email her at jgazosjfparish@gmail.com

#### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> & MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>

	5:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Jerry	Fr. Jerry	Fr. Jerry
` '	Tim & Karen Pawlik	Ray Knapp	MaryAnn Webb
Lector 1	Eileen Clase	Charlie Havern	Gary Bjornrud
Lector 2	Phil Mina	Franny Havern	Marie Graziano
Altar Servers	Tim Wainz	Raymond Benvenuti	Mary Burley
	Amanda Dufoor	Maggie Friedmann	Kathaleen Burley
	Terasa Mezzapelle	Sarah Friedmann	Raegan Watson
Ushers	Team 1	Assigned	Team 2
Music Leader	Vanessa	Carol	Wilma

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, February 29

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

Tuesday, March 1

**7:30pm** For the Parishioners

Wednesday, March 2

8:00am Living — John & Lissette

Winowiecki

(Mom Bernie)

Thursday, March 3

8:00am Dec. Mary Varani

(Tom & Judy Taylor)

Friday, March 4

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

Saturday, March 5

**5:00pm** For the Parishioners

Dec. Lee Boekhout

(Family) Dec. Sophia Kraft

(Robert & Frances Kraft)

Dec. Edward Sokolowski

6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

(Wife & Family)

Sunday, March 6

9:00am First Sunday Memorial

Association Members Dec. Marsha Olson

 $1^{st}$  Anniversary

(Family)

Dec. Dolores Tyro

(Mary Sue Tringali)

Dec. Helen Zwada

(Sons)

11:30am Dec. Naim Qussar

(Wife & Family)

Dec. Aida Landicho

(Angco Family)

Dec. Stanley Wilcox

(Family)

Living — Mel Werner

(Angco Family)

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

#### WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30pm Mary Minjeur

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:00am Mike Scavo

Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:00am Tom Kraniak



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Online Giving:	
Contributors	62
Contributions	

Special Collection:	
Easter Flowers	\$34.00
Eastern Europe Campaign	
Childrens	\$1.00

Total Offerings......\$11,044.80

#### 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.

#### **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

to sign-up for Online Giving. Contact Jody Gazo at jgazosjfparish@gmail.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 101 with any questions.

Thank you!

#### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We want to thank Tom Rumptz of Rumptz Landscape & Design 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.

#### 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

#### TOGETHER LET US PRAY...

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

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	Zack Hoover	Eric Olson
Richard Brown	Louis B. Kasper, III	Heather Ann Reo
Christopher Burley	Paul Koss	Scot Skoczylas
Emir Ciplakovic	Curtis McCoy	Sean Slattery
Eric Dillard	Matthew McDowell	Allison Steward
Lisa Drake	Donovan John Miller	Carl Winowiecki
Joshua Hebert	Danielle Marie Minichello	



#### EASTER FLOWERS

Next week we will be collecting for Easter Flowers. Please put your envelope (with your intentions listed on the front) in the regular collection at Mass.

The deadline for submitting your Easter Flower/Intention(s) is Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, to be included in our Annual Easter Flower Newsletter.

Please print clearly so we can be sure that we get the name(s) listed correctly.

#### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

The Catholic Relief Services Collection works at home and abroad to give aid to struggling, poor, and underrepresented families. The six worldwide organizations supported by the collection provide humanitarian aid, pastoral support, and disaster relief to our suffering brothers and sisters around the globe. The collection offers an opportunity for each of us to **help Jesus in disguise**. Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

An envelope is enclosed in this weeks bulletin for your use. Just put it in the regular offertory collection on the weekend of March  $5^{th}/6^{th}$ .

#### RICE BOWL for Lent for Life

Our Annual Rice Bowl Campaign is currently going on. If you did not take one on the weekend of February  $6^{th}/7^{th}$ , they are still available in the gathering space.

For more than 40 years, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl has been CRS' Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we hear stories from our brothers and sisters in need around the world, reflect on our own lives and faith, and devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to transform the lives of the poor.

The Rice Bowl should be brought to the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Last Supper or into the parish office. Faith Formation students will turn them in to the their teacher the week of March  $21^{st}/22^{nd}$ .