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Fr. Tony Sulkowski Pastor FrTony@sjfparish.org Ext. 102 I have heard many people say that this has been a terrible or rough year because of the pandemic. Some say that too many things have changed because of COVID-19. As I look back upon this year, I find it has not been a terrible year or a rough year—it has been a different year.

Certainly, this Thanksgiving will be different for us. Our family has agreed not to get together this year because of COVID-19. However, we will call each other and share thanksgiving for the many ways

get together this year because of COVID-19. However, we will call each other and share thanksgiving for the many ways God has blessed our family this year. Indeed, God has blessed our family; there have been challenges and disappointments, but the blessings outweigh them.

When we celebrate Thanksgiving, may we not dwell on the things we have no control over—for example, COVID-19, the weather, or the rising of the sun. Rather, may we reflect upon the things that are important in our life—namely, our families, the plentiful food we have to eat, shelter, etc.

However we choose to celebrate Thanksgiving this year, may we do it with a joyful heart filled with gratitude to God for His unconditional love for each one of us. I wish you, your family, and your friends a wonderful Thanksgiving, and share with you this prayer:

Heavenly Father, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all the goodness and loving kindness you have given to us and to all people—particularly our families, friends and loved ones. We thank you for all the blessings of this life, our disappointments and failures, but above all, for your incomparable love in the redemption of the world, through your Son Jesus Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

Father of all gifts, we praise you, the source of all we have and are. Help us to love you with all our hearts and all our strength as our expression of thanksgiving for your many blessings. Fill our hearts with the spirit of gratitude. Amen.

Bon mot: "God has two dwellings: one in heaven, and the other in a meek and thankful heart."

—Izaak Walton

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

DISPENSATION EXTENDED THROUGH FEBRUARY 17, 2021

In a letter to the faithful of the Archdiocese of Detroit, Archbishop Vigneron announced that due to the increasing numbers of positive COVID-19 cases in southeast Michigan, and the dramatic and dangerous rate at which positive cases are increasing, he has made the decision to **extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation for people living in or visiting the Archdiocese of Detroit until Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.** The full letter can be found at **aod.org/emergencyresponse**.

While the dispensation has been extended, St. Jane Frances de Chantal currently remains open for public worship, and all guidelines for mask-wearing, social distancing, and other precautions to help ensure the health and well-being of our communities remain in place.



NOVEMBER 22, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses	
Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Masses	
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday & Thu	rsday 8:00am
Holy Day Masses	As Announced
Confession	
Tuesday	5:30pm
Rosary	
Tuesday	6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm & 4:30pm-8:00pm

Tuesday 2:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday 3:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday 10:00am-12:30pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, November 23, 2020 9:00am Panera 1:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team (via Zoom)

Tuesday, November 24, 2020 5:30pm Confessions 6:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 8:00am Mass 9:30am Needlecrafters Parish Office closes at 1:00pm

Thursday, November 26, 2020 Thanksgiving Day No Mass; Parish Office closed

Friday, November 27, 2020 No events

Saturday, November 28, 2020 4:00pm Mass 5:00pm Divine Mercy Prayers

Sunday, November 29, 2020 9:00am Mass 10:00am RCIA 10:00am K of C Family Rosary 11:30am Mass

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Laurie Hall Pastoral Associate Ext. 104

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving this week, I am aware of all there is to be thankful LHall@sjfparish.org for, including celebrating three years of ministry with this wonderful community of faith! Thank you to the parishioners of

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, the wonderful staff, and Fr. Tony. We have been through a lot this year, but our parish family has continued to be just that—a loving family, weathering the storms together.

Please join us on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 7:00pm for our Thanksgiving Mass. Below is a prayer of gratitude you can pray as you gather to enjoy your Thanksgiving meal-adapted from The Catholic Prayer Book, compiled by Msgr. Michael Buckley:

Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, and your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow, and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health, and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us.

ADVENT 2020 RESOURCES

Advent is nearly upon us! Advent begins with the Vigil Mass on Saturday, **November 28th.** We have several ways to prepare for and engage in this season:

Advent Candles for home use are available in the Parish Office for a donation of \$3/set.

"Little Blue Books," Advent Edition are available in the Gathering Space for your Advent preparations. These little books offer a great way to prepare your heart for the Lord. Suggested donation is \$1/book.

Alternate Advent Reflection Books can also be found in the Gathering Space. These are two new resources for daily Advent reflection: Miracles Abound

by Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP and A World Full of Promise by David M. Knight. Both booklets provide a reflection and Advent prayer for the day, as well as a suggestion for an action or activity to practice your faith. Suggested donation is \$1/book.



ADVENT 2020 EVENT SCHEDULE

Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

Tuesday, December 8, 2020. Mass at 8:00am and 7:00pm.

Adoration:

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 from 1:00pm—6:30pm in the Chapel with recitation of Divine Praises at 6:30pm.

Advent Reconciliation Service:

Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00pm in the main Worship space.

Advent Reconciliation:

Monday, December 21, 2020 from 10:00am—12:00pm & 6:00pm—9:00pm at SS. Cyril & Methodius.

Decorate for Christmas:

Christmas decorating will look different this year. If you are interested in helping decorate for Christmas, please call the Parish Office at 586-977-8080.



Ben Klassen Youth Ministry Coordinator & Director of Faith Formation BKlassen@sjfparish.org Ext. 108 Choices and decisions help root us and even uproot us at times. Last week, we heard the Gospel of the Talents, where three stewards were given charge over various amounts of

wealth by their master. We know that two of the stewards gave the master back significant increases of his wealth. The third gave the master back exactly what he had been given, and the master was upset—but why?

Let us think about this week's solemnity—defined by Merriam-Webster as a "formal or ceremonious observance of an occasion or event." The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—that really is a loaded title! Our Lord, Christ, King of the Universe—these are three separate titles for Jesus. We call Jesus our Lord—master, ruler, leader, chief, Christ the Anointed, the Redeemer, the Messiah, and King of the Universe. That really speaks for itself— He is the Master of all things. Why include all these titles? Because we are human beings, and we really need to be reminded that Jesus really is all that!

Yes, He is our brother, our confidant, our buddy, but He is also so much more, and He really is worthy of more praise and adoration than we could ever give Him! This does not mean that, because we could never reach that level of expected praise, we should just say, "Well, forget it then." We still owe everything to God, and to the sacrifice of His life that Jesus made for all of us.

Our first reading speaks of a shepherd who literally lives for his flock—like how Jesus literally died for His flock. The second reading spoke of sin, and how, through man (Adam), we as the human race tend to choose death as an end. But along came the God-man Jesus, who through His sacrifice extended life beyond our mortal death toward infinity. To paraphrase 1 Corinthians 15:26-28, Jesus destroys death, rules over all earthly things, and gives Himself to God, so that God truly is all in all!

My thoughts about last week's readings are this: the master isn't upset that he was given back the same amount that he had given out. He was upset that the steward admitted to burying what was given to him and doing nothing with it. If our Lord, our Christ, our King of the Universe, would subjugate Himself, are we not called to subjugate ourselves the same way? If we truly believe that Jesus is the one we follow, we must strive to be more like Him in all that we do. Happy "New Year's Eve!" We'll see you next week at the start of a new liturgical year!

ADVENT GIVING TREE

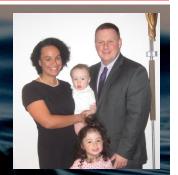
We invite you to join our annual Giving Tree project and share your blessings with those less fortunate. We will not be able to collect toys, clothing, or other items this year. We ask that donations be made in the form of gift cards, cash, or checks. The deadline to donate is Sunday, December 13, 2020. More information is available at sjfparish.org/givingtree.

Baptism

The following child was baptized by Fr. Anthony Sulkowski on November 15, 2020:

> Jack Christopher Veltri Parents: Christopher & Meghan Veltri

Godparents: Patrick & Kathleen Huyghe



SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF NOV. 22, 2020

Sunday

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46

Monday

Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest & Martyr Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

Thanksgiving Day Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 21:20-28 Proper Mass in Thanksgiving to God Sir 50:22-24 1 Cor 3-9 Lk 17:11-19

Friday Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a Lk 21:29-33

Saturday Rv 22:1-7 Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab Lk 21:34-36

Sunday 1st Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

I thought I knew which choices were the right ones.

I used to think I knew what it meant to be a good Catholic. Then, I learned about Catholic Social Teaching. I realized there was so much about the Catholic faith that I didn't know about.

Most importantly, I learned how to be a modern Catholic—to apply the principles of Catholic Social Teaching to the world I live in today.

Catholic Social Teaching has become my compass for being a Catholic in today's world.

Through Catholic Social Teaching, I learned that God calls us to respect one another's human dignity—to organize our society so that every person and family is supported, encouraged to grow, and contributes to the common good.

I learned that every person is a welcome participant in society, with human rights and responsibilities that afford them the basic needs of human decency.

I learned that we must put the poor and vulnerable first, and respect and make available meaningful, productive work that recognizes the gift of a day's labor.

I learned that we are asked to do all of this in solidarity with our fellow children of God across the globe, caring for God's creation by ensuring its resources are mindfully used and shared by all in a responsible manner, thereby preserving it for generations to come.

The principles of Catholic Social Teaching serve as points on our moral compass, each one guiding our conscience as we strive to live a life of holiness and build a just society.

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Every year, the collection from the Thanksgiving Mass benefits our St. Vincent de Paul chapter and the many programs they facilitate for our community. We thank you for your generosity in this collection.

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MODERN LIVING AS A CATHOL

Life and Dignity of the Human Person tells us that all people are sacred.

We are all created in the image of God with inherent dignity. When a person's dignity is denied, we must act; indifference is not an option.

How can I better respect the dignity of every human being?

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

shows us our duty to the common good.

Every person is a child of God. We have an obligation to care for all the people of earth as one family of God.

What can I do to make sure our society benefits everyone?

Rights and Responsibilities

helps us understand our responsibilities to each other, and the basic needs of human decency.

All people have a right to a decent life and a responsibility to protect the rights of everyone, especially when those rights are violated.

When I see or hear about the rights of others being violated, how does God expect me to respond?

Care for God's Creation

helps us care for God's gift to us: the earth.

God gave us the responsibility to care for creation. As long as the environment is in danger, so are people's lives and livelihoods.

What decisions and actions can I take at home and in the workplace that will affect the needs of the poor and of our shared world?

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Option for the Poor and Vulnerable tells us to help the most vulnerable members of our communities.

As Catholics, we have a duty to address the causes of poverty—to ask, "Why does it exist?" and to do something about it.

How can I support and advocate for laws and policies that protect the poor and vulnerable?



The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

shows that the economy must serve its people, not the other way around.

People have a right to work, and those who work have rights—including a just wage, adequate benefits, and safe working conditions.

What choices can I make in my day-to-day life that support the rights of workers?

Solidarity

teaches us that we are one human family in a global neighborhood pursuing justice and peace.

None of us is an island. We are responsible for each other and must work for justice and peace for all.

What are ways I can show solidarity with people in need, and work for justice both locally and globally?

Want to revisit what we've learned?

All ten weeks of Modern Catholic are available at **sjfparish.org/mcarchive**.

Resources to provide a fuller understanding of each principle are available at sjfparish.org/mcresources.

MODERNCATHOLIC

We hope you've enjoyed going on this journey with us through the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Now, we want to hear from you.

Catholic Social Teaching continues to be our compass as we navigate the modern world. Now that we've been introduced to each of the seven principles, we must ask, "What now?"

How can we use the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching to be modern Catholics?

We encourage you to email us at **moderncatholic@sjfparish.org** to share how Catholic Social Teaching will influence your daily life. This is your opportunity to enter the conversation! Which principles stood out to you, and why? And, most importantly, what aspects of Catholic Social Teaching would you like to learn more about?

Modern Catholic has been our weekly series exploring the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching. We'll be back in early 2021. For now, we wish you a blessed Advent, and encourage you to use this Advent season to reflect and respond. We hope to hear from you via email by **December 20, 2020** at **moderncatholic@sjfparish.org**!

A NOTE ON OUR DIGITAL AND LIVE MASSES

This past Sunday, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued an epidemic order to halt the spread of COVID-19. This order asked all Michigan residents to take necessary precautions for the health and safety of the community.

In recognition of this epidemic order, we will only be providing prerecorded video Mass until further notice. We will no longer broadcast Mass live on Saturdays. However, Mass for each weekend will still be available on our YouTube channel and our website.

This does not affect the celebration of in-person worship. We continue to offer in-person Masses on our normal Mass schedule. However, we encourage all parishioners to use their best judgement when deciding whether to attend Mass in person during this pandemic.

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ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army Nicholas Brosowski, Army Chris Burley, Navy Shaun Chaplin, Air Force Winndie Darrow, Coast Guard Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard Elijah Kuefler, Navy Carmen LaForest, Navy Matthew McDowell, Air Force Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy Scot D. Skoczylas, Navy Anthony Trotta, Navy Kyle Wiegand, Army

PRAYER LIST

Rene Juridico James Rasico Robert Rasico Steve Sadecki June Sadowski Chris Vertrees Marsha Zanardelli Names on the Prayer List remain for four weeks. To request a listing, please contact the Parish Office.

With Deepest Sympathy

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The community of **St. Jane Frances de Chantal** extends support and prayers to the families and friends of:

Jean Mc Donald

Jerome P. Ruedisueli Beloved husband and father. Dear brother to three.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 23, 2020 No Mass

Tuesday, November 24, 20207:00pmFor the ParishionersWednesday, November 25, 20208:00amFor the ParishionersThursday, November 26, 2020 No MassFridayNovember 27, 2020 No Mass

Friday, November 27, 2020 No Mass

Saturday, November 28, 2020

4:00pm Dec. Edward J. Novak (Family) Dec. Paul Fink (Judy Taylor) Liv. Elona Lulja (Maria Vacaj) Dec. Maureen Blair (3rd Anniv.) (Friends) Dec. Dhesh & Katrin Hasaj (Maria Vacaj)

Sunday, November 29, 2020

For the Parishioners Dec. Donald Gulock (Tom & Phyllis Harris) Dec. Ralph Donnay (Family)

Dec. Jack Campo (Caradonna Family)

11:30am

9:00am

Dec. Maria & Damiano Campo (Caradonna Family)

Dec. Vincent & Bridget Caradonna (Caradonna Family)

Dec. Mae Taylor (Judy Taylor)

Dec. Gerald Lovelle (Erfe Family)

Dec. Thomas Taylor (Erfe Family)

2020 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

2020 Christmas Flower donations are due by November 29, 2020 in order to be included in the 2020 Christmas Flower Insert.

CHRISTMAS JOY

Although we are socially distant this Advent and Christmas season, and some may be worshipping from home, we can still celebrate the joy we all feel at Christmas. We want to hear from you!

Email us at christmasjoy@sjfparish.org by December 6, 2020 with a message that shares the joy you feel celebrating Christmas at St. Jane Frances de Chantal! Here's a sample of what we are looking for:

"I love celebrating Christmas at our parish. The beautiful decorations and smiling faces make me so excited to worship!" —Deborah

We will compile your submissions and include them in the Christmas bulletin, listing your responses and first name only. We can't wait to hear from you and celebrate Christmas joy at our parish!

OUR MISSION

"Nourished by God's Word & the Eucharist, we strive to be a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Would you like to join the St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish family? Become a parishioner! You may register anytime in the Parish Office or online at **sjfparish.org/joinus**. We would love to have you! View Our Parish Supporters at www.DiscoverMass.com

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SACRAMENTS

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM

Do you have a child you would like to have baptized? Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Available Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Please contact our Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to begin preparations.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule one-time or regular visits.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Contact Laurie Hall to begin the process. Welcome home!



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