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This Sunday, the Church begins the season of Advent—a time of preparation for the Feast of Christmas and the New Year. Many people have begun to prepare for this wonderful season; to know that, one only has to drive though the neighborhood and see all the colorful lights and Christmas trees decorated with ornaments and tinsel.

Decorating is one way we prepare for something special. When we celebrate family events like marriages, baptisms, graduations, or the birth of a child, we always prepare so the celebration will feel memorable. However, we also prepare so that we aren't caught off guard as the event approaches.

The Church invites us to prepare as we enter the season of Advent. This season is our time to prepare ourselves spiritually for the great Feast of Christmas. There are many ways we can do this—by attending daily Mass, doing some spiritual reading, using the Little Blue Books, fixing a broken relationship, volunteering at the Church or in the community, etc. How we prepare and when we prepare is up to us. The fact is that Christmas will come whether we are prepared or not.

As we enter into the season of Advent, may we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ, and may we pray for each other as we continue to build up the Body of Christ. Christmas is a time in which Christ is born into the world again.

Another good resource for our spiritual growth—as well as for knowing what is happening in and around the diocese is the *Detroit Catholic*. The *Detroit Catholic* which is the official paper for the Archdiocese of Detroit; it replaced the print copy of the *Michigan Catholic*. It is an online newspaper. Many of the papers that we read are now online. If you wish to view the *Detroit Catholic*, you can either go to the Archdiocese of Detroit's website, **aod.org**, or you can visit it directly at **detroitcatholic.org**. I must say that the layout is colorful and wonderfully done. I hope you enjoy the current news from the local Church, as well as the international news from the universal Church.

Have a wonderful Advent.

Bon mot: "Plunge into the deep without fear, with the gladness of April in your heart."

-Sir Rabindranath Tagore

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

### 2021 ADVENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass (Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7:00pm & Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 8:00am

Advent Reconciliation at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:00pm

**Eucharistic Adoration with Recitation of Divine Praises** Tuesday, December 14, 2021 from 1:00pm—6:30pm

> Angels & Inspiration/Judelaires Concert Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7:00pm

**Divine Mercy Prayers** Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 4:45pm

Advent Candle Sets for Home Use Available in the Parish Office for a suggested donation of \$5/set.

**"Little Blue Books" for Advent** Available in the Gathering Space for a suggested donation of \$1/book.

#### Alternate Advent Reflection Books:

Waiting in Wondrous Expectation by Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP & Awaken to New Light by S. James Meyer Available in the Gathering Space for a suggested donation of \$1/booklet.

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#### **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 29, 2021 *No events.* 

Tuesday, November 30, 20215:30pmConfession6:00pmRosary7:00pmMass with Anointing

#### Wednesday, December 1, 2021

8:00am Mass9:30am Needlecrafters6:00pm Needlecrafters7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, December 2, 2021 8:00am Mass 9:00am Swiffers Team #1

Friday, December 3, 2021 Parish Office closed.

Saturday, December 4, 2021 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 5, 20219:00amMass10:00amRCIA11:30amMass12:15pmBaptism1:00pmFaith Formation7:00pmYouth Group at St. Rene

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## HEALTH MINISTRY: WHEN WILL THE PANDEMIC END? WRITTEN BY OUR PARISH NURSES

How many times have you heard the phrase, "When the pandemic is over..."?

Unfortunately, scientists predict that COVID-19 will be around for a while and will likely become endemic.

#### What is the difference between a pandemic and an endemic?

We are still in a pandemic—when there are large numbers of people infected with the virus throughout the world. When sufficient immunity is achieved, (70% of the population, by some estimates), the transmission rate of the infection will be low enough to be considered an **endemic**—when the disease is still present, but its impact is manageable, like influenza.

To put things in perspective, in the 2018-2019 flu season, 61,000 people died of influenza in the US. In the 20 months since the COVID-19 pandemic began, 730,368 people have died. So, we have a way to go until we can consider COVID-19 an endemic rather than a pandemic.

There will not be a single date when we can say, "The pandemic is over." Instead, there will be a gradual improvement in the number of infections—and more importantly, a reduction in the number of deaths. It is much too soon to consider ourselves out of the woods.

#### What can you do to help end the pandemic?

**Get vaccinated.** This is the most effective way to decrease infections and deaths—and, when possible, have your children vaccinated.

**Get your booster when you are eligible.** The effect of the COVID-19 vaccine decreases over time. Scientists do not yet know how often boosters may be needed.

**Stay home if you are sick.** If you suspect you may have COVID-19, get tested and stay away from other people until you know the results. If you test positive, isolate yourself.

**Wear a mask** if you are in a crowded, indoor space, especially when you don't know the vaccination status of those present.

**Continue to follow all the hygiene measures we all began to follow last year:** wash your hands, use hand sanitizer, refrain from touching your face and eyes, and cover your when you cough or sneeze.

And, don't forget to get your seasonal flu vaccination.

### **GROW IN FAITH DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT!**

As we proceed through the season of Advent, we encourage you to engage in the online formational resources provided by our parish!

Tune into a new episode of the Digital Music Series each week as our parish music ministry leads us through worship music fit for Advent. Listen online this Wednesday at **sjfparish.org/digitalmusicseries**.

Then, come along on The Way of Faith as we explore the theological virtues the gifts from God that lead us to embrace a close relationship with Him. Our first episode, "Living the Theological Virtues" will be available to watch online this Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at **sjfparish.org/thewayoffaith**.

### KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS: AN EASY WAY TO GIVE BACK TO OUR PARISH

Looking for an easy way to support our parish? St. Jane Frances de Chantal participates in **Kroger Community Rewards!** With Kroger Community Rewards, a percentage of your grocery purchase will be

awarded to our parish. This will not cost you any additional money.

### TO USE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS:

Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy, and remember to register your card with your organization after you sign up. If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

#### 1. Visit krogercommunityrewards.com.

**2. Create a digital account.** A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.

**3. Link your Card to an organization.** Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the **Kroger Community Rewards** selection on your digital account:

- Sign in to your digital account.
- Search for your organization.
- Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support. **Our parish's NPO number is JK577**.
- Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save."

Your selected organization will also display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your account details.

**4. Start shopping!** Any transactions made using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program **at no added cost to you.** 

For each purchase to count, members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card at the register or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations. **We appreciate your participation!** 

# FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Sunday, December 5, 20211:00pm—4:00pmFaith FormationSunday, December 5, 20217:00pm—8:30pmYouth Group at St. Rene GoupilSunday, December 19, 20217:00pm—8:30pmYouth Group at St. Jane Frances de ChantalSunday, January 2, 20221:00pm—4:00pmFaith Formation



# SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF NOV. 28, 2021

#### Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday** Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday** Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday** *Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest* Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday** St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6



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Sign up at sjfparish.org/news.

# 2021 GIVING TREE

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

(Mt 25:40)

We invite you to join our annual Advent Giving Tree project and share your blessings with those less fortunate, especially during these challenging times. As many things are now, the Giving Tree will continue to be organized in a way to ensure the health and safety of all those involved.

We will not be able to collect toys, clothing, or other items. We ask that donations be made in the form of gift cards or cash. We will distribute donations to the organizations we support. The organizations will then obtain the items they need to provide a Christmas celebration for those they serve.

Gift cards are needed in \$10, \$20, and \$30 amounts. You are welcome to donate as many gift cards as you wish. Gift cards are requested for Kroger, Meijer, Walmart, and Target, as well as prepaid Visa cards or MasterCards. **Cash** donations may be made in any amount (checks payable to St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish).

#### Please enclose your donation in an envelope and label it "Giving Tree."

Donations can be placed in the Advent Giving Tree donation box in the Gathering Space or brought to the Parish Office during office hours. The deadline for donations is Sunday, December 12, 2021.

We hope you will consider participating. Your spirit of generosity will make Christmas special for so many in need. This year, we are hoping to support the following organizations. They support diverse needs both within our parish and beyond:

Children of families served by St. Vincent de Paul

Mary's Children Family Center for brain injury recovery

- St. Aloysius/Franciscan Ministries "neighborhood ministry" to the homeless, working poor, and seniors in Detroit
  - **St. Vincent de Paul** archdiocesan ministry to prisoners and newly-released inmates
  - Turning Point shelter for domestic violence victims and survivors in Macomb county
    - **McWARM** warming center, a gathering place for the homeless in Macomb county
  - St. Leo's Soup Kitchen, serving the homeless in Detroit

The Good Eggs Foundation, meeting the basic needs of children and their families in the Detroit area.

For more information, visit sjfparish.org/givingtree or call 586-977-8080.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE							
	Tuesday Nov. 30, 2021	Wednesday Dec. 1, 2021	Thursday Dec. 2, 2021	Saturday Dec. 4, 2021	Sunday Dec. 5, 2021		
	7:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	8:00am Mass	4:00pm Mass	9:00am Mass	11:30am Mass	
Sacristan	Brian Finn	John Martin	Judy Taylor	Volunteer Needed	Ray Кпарр	Brian Finn	
Lector	Chris Bajercius	Judy Taylor	Cindy Guzi	Keith Morris	Jan Machusak	Ronald Mobley	
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### NUVEMBER 28, 2021



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Advent Begins! (November 28<sup>th</sup>—December 24<sup>th</sup>)

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays colobration of Christmas

(and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighed down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36).

Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple, since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

Our opportunities to grow in faith this Advent season include the online publication *Sunday by Sunday*, compiled by the Sisters of St. Joseph. This resource includes the Sunday readings, prayers, opportunities for reflection, and questions that help relate the Scriptures to our daily lives. Visit **sjfparish.org/sundaybysunday** to access all six weeks of publications.

Be sure to check out our video series on the theological virtues—the gifts from God that lead us to embrace a close relationship with him. This week, we introduce the teachings of the Church about virtues and speak about the purpose of growing in the virtuous life. Watch now at **sjfparish.org/thewayoffaith**.

Advent devotions include the Advent wreath and remind us of the meaning of the season. The following is a Blessing of an Advent Wreath adapted from *The Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*:

The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent, or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross; the leader says: "Our help is in the name of the Lord."

Response: "Who made heaven and earth."

Then the Scripture: Isaiah 9 (lines 1-2 and 5-6), Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19), or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read.

Following the reading, with hands joined, the leader says: "Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples; he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us; he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord."

Response: "Amen."

This blessing may conclude with a verse from *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*: "O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid ev'ry sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# With Deepest Sympathy

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

Joseph A. Leo Beloved husband of Carmelita. Loving father of Michael, Clarissa, & Cassandra. Dear brother of the late Raymond, Theresa, Louisa, Rosemary, & Lucille.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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#### **ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST**

Robert Bain, Army Nicholas Brosowski, Army Chris Burley, Navy Shaun Chaplin, Air Force 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 Anthony Trotta, Navy Kyle Wiegand, Army

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Sheri Chudnicki **Steve Sadecki** June Sadowski **Tom Sadowski Bob Youngert** 

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Names added to the Prayer List remain for four weeks. Please call the Parish Office to request prayers.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Nov	<b>vember 29, 2021</b> <i>No Mass</i>				
Tuesday, Nov 7:00pm	<b>rember 30, 2021</b> Dec. Joan Castleberry (Mr. & Mrs. Chinn) Dec. Klara Blahota (Judy Taylor)				
Wednesday,	Wednesday, December 1, 2021				
8:00am	Dec. Angela Vettraino (Mario & Betty DiPonio) Dec. Jim Sawicki (Judy Taylor) Dec. George & Xenia Lutfy (Diane & John Martin)				
Thursday, December 2, 2021					
8:00am	Dec. Gini Den Dooven (Karen Graziano)				
Friday, December 3, 2021 No Mass					
Saturday, De	Saturday, December 4, 2021				
4:00pm	For the Parishioners				
	Dec. James Kwapis (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) (Family)				
	Dec. Conrad Modlinski (Edward Nowak)				
	Dec. Albert Brylewski (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.) (Family)				
	Dec. Barbara VanMaldeghem (The Novak Family)				
	Dec. Greg Corby (Doreen, Wife)				
Sunday, December 5, 2021					
9:00am	First Sunday Monthly Memorial Members Dec. Ignacz Blahota (Judy Taylor)				
11:30am	Dec. Henry & Mary Mobley (Annette & Ron Mobley) Dec. Mary Ann Wagner (Jack & Cindy Kopenski)				



# **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 sifparish.org/joinus. We would love to have you!

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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!



#### ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL FIRST SUNDAY MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

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