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The month of November is also a time in which we remember those who have served our country in the five branches of the military. The five branches of service are the Army, the Navy, the Marines, the Air Force, and the Coast Guard. We remember and honor their service in protecting the freedoms that we enjoy as American citizens.

In 1941, iconic American artist Normal Rockwell painted four paintings depicting the four freedoms of the American people found in the Constitution. Those four freedoms are the freedom of speech, the freedom to worship, the freedom from want, and the freedom from fear. Throughout our history, many wars and battles have been fought to protect those freedoms, and many have lost their lives and shed blood in defense of them. May we never lose sight of these freedoms or take them for granted.

I would also like to remember those who serve the community of Sterling Heights—the police and fire personnel and EMTs. They do a stellar job of keeping our community safe. I was also pleased to read in the paper a few weeks ago that Sterling Heights, Michigan is the safest city in the country. In our prayers, may we remember these men and women who protect us, and may we ask God to protect them from harm. Let us invoke St. Michael, St. Florian, and St. Luke to aid them in their ministry to the people they service.

As you know, I love to travel and have seen many great places in my journeys. Every country I've visited has its unique character and its own beauty. Yet the most memorable experience I have from time to time is when, after a long day of travel, I hear those two simple yet powerful words from the United States Customs Officers as I prepare to enter the United States: "Welcome home!" And indeed, it is.

May we never forget to honor veterans, especially those who gave their lives to serve our country. To all veterans, on behalf of a grateful nation, I say thank you for your service to our country. God bless the United States of America.

Bon mot: "The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth."

-Sir Wilfred Thomason Grenfell

Have a wonderful week.

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony



<u>NOVEMBER 7, 2021</u>

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 8, 2021 9:00am Panera 1:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team Mtg. (via Zoom)

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

1:00pm Adoration 5:30pm Confession 6:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

8:00amMass9:30amNeedlecrafters6:00pmNeedlecrafters7:00pmChoir Practice

Thursday, November 11, 2021 8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers Team #3 6:30pm K of C General Mtg.

Friday, November 12, 2021 Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 13, 2021 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, November 14, 2021 9:00am Mass 10:00am RCIA 10:00am Cantor Rehearsal Laurie Hall Pastoral Associate LHall@sjfparish.org Ext. 104

As we begin to approach a new liturgical year (as marked by the First Sunday of Advent), I realize it is a great time to recognize the wonderful lectors at St. Jane Frances

de Chantal who proclaim God's Word at each Mass.

The lector workbook states that the "Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy is a living Word with power to nourish and transform both those who proclaim it and those who hear it." Our lectors bring their gifts each week to help communicate God's word so we can be transformed.

Since the resumption of Mass in May of 2020, we have had just one Lector at each Mass for safety reasons. Our lectors have graciously stepped up to read both readings and the Universal Prayers, increasing their ministry and preparation. During the week before serving, Lectors read the Word, pray over it, and seek to understand the message and how to best proclaim it so that message is received.

We are blessed with a good number of lectors, but we are always looking to add more! If you spend time with Scripture regularly and feel called to proclaim God's Word to others, please contact me for more information. We are happy to welcome new lectors at any time.

Thank you to the lectors of St. Jane Frances de Chantal:

- Chris Bajercius
- Mary Anne Barczak
- Gary Bjornrud
- Brian Brennan
- Bill Burr
- Eileen Clase
- John Czarski
- Julius D'Ambrosio
- Denise Dara
- Chris Darner
- Sarah Friedmann
- Cindy Guzi
- Lucas Jeffrey
- Stephanie Jones
- Janice Machusak
- John Martin
- Barbara Milczyski
- Geri Miles
- Phil Mina
- Annette Mobley
- Ronald Mobley
- Keith Morris
- Matthew Pawl
- Kathy Pawlik
- Bob Skwara
- Craig Smith
- Linda Smith
- Judy Taylor

11:30am Mass

2021 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET COLLECTION

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Holidays are a time to give thanks to God for the blessings we have received and to share those blessings with families in need.

For both Thanksgiving and Christmas, our St. Vincent de Paul chapter provides holiday meal packages to **families in need** within our parish boundaries. This only happens because of the **generosity of you, the parishioners**.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be able to run a typical holiday food collection this year. Instead, we are asking for gift cards that we will distribute to families so they can purchase items for their holiday meal.

We are in need of gift cards in the amount of:

\$10, \$20, or \$30

for Meijer, Kroger, or a prepaid Visa Card/Mastercard

Please place the gift cards in an envelope and write "St. Vincent de Paul holiday food" on the envelope. Gift card envelopes should be returned to the Parish Office **no later than Wednesday, November 17, 2021**.

Thank you for your generosity toward families that need our support!

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 586-977-8080 or visit **sjfparish.org/stvincentdepaul**.

CONGRATULATIONS, EDEN CLUB!



A huge thank you goes out to everyone in the Eden Club for keeping our grounds looking so beautiful. This growing season was especially challenging for our gardeners, given the cold, wet spring and all the summer heat.

The parishioners of St. Jane Frances de Chantal were not the only ones who took notice of our beautiful surroundings. A huge congratulations goes out the Eden Club for receiving a Beautification Award from the City of Sterling Heights!

Thank you to everyone in the Eden Club for using their time and talents to help make our parish grounds welcoming, inviting and beautiful! It is greatly appreciated!

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF NOV. 7, 2021

Sunday

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Monday Wis 1:1-7 Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday

Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

Memorial of St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Wis 7:22b—8:1 Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 Lk 17:20-25

Friday

Memorial of St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab Lk 17:26-37

Saturday *Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin* Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 Lk 18:1-8

Sunday 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32

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OFFERTORY INFORMATION OCTOBER 31, 2021

Registered Families:	1,365
Envelopes Returned: Amount Offered:	231 \$7,415.00
Loose Offering:	\$571.00
Online Giving Contributors:	94
Online Contributions:	\$2,638.00
Total Offerings:	\$10,624.00
2020 Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Actual Offertory:	\$10,624.00
Difference:	-\$1,162.00

Thank you to those who continue to donate; your contributions help us continue operations during the pandemic. To sign up for online giving, visit sjfparish.org/onlinegiving.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH RECITATION OF DIVINE PRAISES

Join us in the worship space on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, anytime from 1:00pm until 6:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, ending with recitation of the Divine Praises at 6:30pm.





Hello. My name is Adrianna Frezza. I am a sixth grader at Morgan Elementary School in Shelby Township, MI. I have one brother who is four vears old.

In my free time, I like to play with my friends, watch TV, and do art projects.

My favorite memories of my faith life are going to

church at St. Jane Frances de Chantal with my family and singing in the Christmas choir when I was younger.

I have been an altar server at St. Jane Frances for three years. The best part of being an altar server is that I get to help Fr. Tony and be part of the Mass.

Two people who I look up to in my faith life are my grandparents, because they instilled in me the importance of a relationship with God. Mrs. Pam Klassen has also been a large part of my faith life since she's been my faith formation teacher and has taught me the importance of saying the Lord's Prayer each night.



Interested in being an altar server like Adrianna? Altar serving is a great way to get involved in the Mass and learn more about it! Anyone, third grade and up, is welcome to become an altar server. We provide an introductory training session that can be scheduled at your convenience.

If you're interested in becoming an altar server, or would like to find out more information, contact Laurie Hall at LHall@sifparish.org or by calling 586-977-8080. Ext. 104.

YOUTH GROUP IS COLLECTING BOTTLES & CANS!

Our youth group is now collecting bottles and cans! If you have any bottles and cans that you would like to donate, please bring them to the shed in the back of our parish parking lot. All proceeds from bottle and can returns will support our youth group!

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Sunday, November 7, 2021 1:00pm—4:00pm Faith Formation 7:00pm—8:30pm High School Youth Group at St. Rene Goupil

Sunday, November 21, 2021 7:00pm—8:30pm High School Youth Group at St. Jane Frances de Chantal

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE							
	Tuesday Nov. 9, 2021	Wednesday Nov. 10, 2021	Thursday Nov. 11, 2021	Saturday Nov. 13, 2021	Sunday Nov. 14, 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	Mary Wolf	MaryAnn Webb	Dan Rys	
Lector	Craig Smith	Annette Mobley	Cindy Guzi	Phil Mina	Chris Bajercius	Robert Skwara	
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During the month of November, the Universal Church traditionally honors our dearly departed. Last Tuesday at our All Souls' Day Mass, I found the reading of the names and the single toll of the bell for each

person buried from our parish especially moving. With the number of funerals I am asked to celebrate through my music ministry, you should know that I always keep a memorial card in a prayer box on the organ and personally reflect on and pray for each person.

In his article last week, Michael Novak asked some intriguing questions. I'd like to answer them. The first, "What happens after you die?" is one for the ages everyone wishes they knew exactly what happens. Jesus says, "I have prepared a place for you," and I'm banking that this special place is one where there is total happiness, sort of like when you go on that perfect vacation and the weather is gorgeous, the water is turquoise and cerulean blue, the flowers are abundant and fragrant, the people are extremely friendly, and the food is superb. You want for nothing. There are no problems, no mean people, and you never want to go back to your daily struggles. That is heaven.

"Who is someone who has died with whom you feel a special connection?" There are many, but lately, I find myself thinking a lot about my dad Buck, my brother Michael, and my friend Madeline from Bermuda. Dad was my biggest fan and supported everything I ever did. Even though he never was one to say that aloud to me, he told everyone else. He's been gone for over 12 years, and I still feel his presence.

My oldest brother Mike died suddenly in October 2018, and his death reminds me that life can change in an instant. He was always the "life of the party," but the financial crash of 2008 sent him into a tailspin from which he never recovered. As he was a different man, nothing we did as a family could restore his unique personality. I trust that he is at peace now.

Madeline (pictured left) was a force of nature and was one of the first people I met when visiting Bermuda in 1988. We bonded quickly. She was a great golfer, a former Miss Bermuda, a prominent international businesswoman, and had been elected to Parliament. She probably would have been Prime Minister eventually, but a brain aneurysm claimed her in 1999 at age 39. Ironically, we'd had conversations about her turning 40—she joked about not liking it! I guess God had plans for her to celebrate that milestone with Him.



"If there was a blueprint on becoming a saint, what would it include?" I think we need look no further than our own St. Francis statue outside in his various outfits and accessories that change with the weather. He was a person, like us. Saints don't start out saintly; they are just people living their lives the best way they can. Sometimes, extraordinary events come along and propel one toward greatness, but I believe someone doesn't act saintly because of that—they do it because it is the right thing to do. People are inherently good, and we all have saintly qualities. We simply must try and let that side win out.

Music notes: With the month of November comes a new Mass setting. Please mark #321, the Mass of Light Gloria, and Glendalough Mass parts beginning with the *Holy, Holy, Holy* #263, 265, 267, and 269. During Advent, we'll use the Mass of the Land of Rest, beginning with #367.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

With Deepest Sympathy

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

Gary R. Gasparovich

Beloved husband of Jane. Loving father of Nicholas & Joel. Dearest brother of Bob, Jim, & Ron.

Laurie A. Morris Beloved wife of Michael. Loving mother of Jamie & Scott. Dear sister of Lynne, Dawn, Denise, Duane, & Dianne.

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 **Chuck Foley** June Sadowski **Tom Sadowski** Aaron Walker

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

TRUNK OF TREATS

It was great seeing all of the little "ghosts and goblins" at each Mass this past weekend!

As the children left the church, they were each given a goodie bag filled with candy, snacks, and special treats for Halloween. A special thank you also goes out to Karen G., Janet S., Norma O., Maria B. and Barb Z., the committee members who used their time and talents to make this such a wonderful Halloween.

See you all at next year's event!

Linda

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."

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, No	ovember 8, 2021 No Mass
Tuesday, No	ovember 9, 2021
7:00pm	Dec. Dolores Karpinski (Joe & Lori Nida) Dec. Edward & Mary Zalewski (Family) Dec. Richard Kozlowski (The Haydens) Dec. Kim Kozlowski Pantaleo (The Haydens) Dec. Edward Mandziuk (Pat Mandziuk)
Wednesday	, November 10, 2021
8:00am	Dec. Dominico Basilisco (John & Sharon Garocki)
Thursday, N	ovember 11, 2021
8:00am	For the Parishioners
Friday, Nove	ember 12, 2021 <i>No Mass</i>
Saturday, N	ovember 13, 2021
4:00pm	For the Parishioners Dec. Ron Suwinski (Bernie & Ann Cattivera) Dec. Conrad Modlinski (Family) Dec. Sam Castelli (Wife, Sandy) Dec. Peter Reinhardt (Birthday) (Mezzapelle Family) Dec. Am Tran (The Tran Family)
Sunday, Nov	vember 14, 2021
9:00am	Liv. Jim & Erma Duncan (Tom & Phyllis Harris) Dec. Jacqueline Boehler (Family) Dec. Salvador & Juana Reyes (Family) Dec. Alexander & Eugenia Dziedzic (Family)

11:30am Dec. Richard VanAcker Sr. (Christine & Family) Liv. Rosario Erfe (Anne Marie Erfe)



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

Apdal & Rebucal Families Cresencio E. Apdal **Bajercius & Nowak Families** Carol Bardelline Michael Baranski Family Joseph Beauregard **Bielinski Family** Blacker & Bartz Families Bonk & Szymanski Families Anthony & Mary Ann Bratke Dennis Briston Broski & Schaff Families **Brower & Ficaro Families** Albert Brylewski Caradonna & Campo Families Nancy Ann Cardamone Fr. James Challancin **Coussens & Petracci Families Desmond Cushing** Louis & Elvira D'Ambrosio **DeHayes & Kulhawik Families** Andrew & Eleanor Delie Mark Dolata **Robert F. Endres Betty Eschrich** Raymond & Mary Fante

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