



Third Sunday of Advent

ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL PARISH
Sterling Heights, MI 48310 December 11, 2016

We are fast closing in on Christmas. What we celebrate that day will be the greatest gift in the world – a God who loves us so much that He gave us His Son so that we might have eternal life. This is a gift that humanity could never earn or deserve on its own. By virtue of the fact that we are human we are, therefore, sinners. What God has given to us, through the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, is a pure gift. The hope, the promise of eternal life. For this gift, we can only be grateful.

The sin of Adam and Eve, whereby sin entered into the world, was, first and foremost, a failure to be grateful. God had given them life, each other and the garden. In return God asked they receive these gifts with gratitude and that they be used properly.

To receive in gratitude, to be properly grateful, is the most primary of all religious attitudes. Proper gratitude is the ultimate virtue, it defines sanctity.

Saints are people who are grateful, people who see what they have been given as a gift. The converse is also true. Anyone who takes life and love for granted should never ever be confused with a saint.

Perhaps there is a way to illustrate this. I recall, a few years after being ordained a priest, visiting a man in a hospital who had been in a terrible car accident. His pain was extremely severe. Over the course of the three weeks I visited him in the hospital, a variety of nurses and volunteers tended to him – changing bandages, giving medication, bringing him his meals, and so on. Each time anyone did any of the things just mentioned, as the nurse or attendant walked away he would, despite his pain, express his thanks for what the person had just done. Finally, after this had happened over a number of times, one of the nurses said to him: “You don’t need to thank me. This is my job.” “Ma’am!” he replied, “it’s no one’s job to take care of me. No one owes me that. I want to thank you!”

I was struck by how, even in his great pain, this man remained conscious of the fact that life, love and care had come to him as a gift, not as something he was owed. He genuinely appreciated all that people were doing for him and he was right – it is no one’s job to take care of us.

It is our propensity to forget this which oftentimes gets us into trouble. The failure to be properly grateful, to take as owed what is offered as a gift lies at the root of many of our deepest resentments towards others – and their resentments towards us.

Invariably, when we are angry at someone, especially those closest to us, it is precisely because we are not being appreciated (that is, thanked) properly. Conversely, I suspect, more than a few people harbor resentments towards us because we, consciously or unconsciously, think that it is their job to take care of us.

Like Adam and Eve, if we take, as if it is ours by right, something that is a gift – life, love or forgiveness (just to name a few) we can never be grateful. It is the original sin.

Fr. Jerry

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Entrance Antiphon

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Please remember to use both your weekly offertory and your Christmas offertory envelopes on December 24th & 25th.

**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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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

MINISTRIES

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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, December 12

6:00pm Faith Formation Classes,
Grades K-6
7:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team
Meeting

Tuesday, December 13

4:30pm Faith Formation Classes,
Grades K-6
6:00pm Rosary
6:00pm-7:00pm Confessions
6:30pm Faith Formation Classes,
Grade 7
7:30pm Mass w/Anointing and
Intercessory Prayers After
Mass

Wednesday, December 14

8:00am Mass
9:30am Needle Crafters
6:00pm Needle Crafters
6:00pm Holiday Meal
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 15
8:00am Mass
9:30am Denis Connection Training
Session
1:00pm Swiffers, Team 1
6:00pm Grief Support Thru the
Holidays

Friday, December 16

Parish Office Closed
Saturday, December 17
11:00am-1:00pm SVdP Gift Wrapping
Set-up; Rm. E

Sunday, December 18

5:00pm Mass w/Baptisms
8:30am Parish Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Mass w/Parish Choir
11:00am-1:00pm Grief Support
Thru the Holidays
11:30am Mass with Children's Liturgy
of the Word
12:45pm Decorate the Church for
Christmas
1:00pm Christmas Music Rehearsals;
6:00pm 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 any-time after Mass on the weekend or during regular office hours. Please call 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."



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



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**THE SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
ADVENT, 2016**

**Communal Reconciliation Ser-
vice
with Individual Confessions**

**Tuesday, December 20th
at 7:00pm**

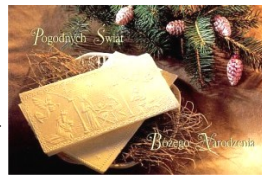
Several priests available for confessions.

Individual Confessions

Tuesdays from 6:00pm - 7:00pm
and

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

The Christmas Wafer commemorates a custom that is many centuries old. **Oplatek** from the Latin '**Oblatum**' – Holy Bread – is believed by some to emanate as far back as the 'manna' of Exodus 16:31 and is sometimes referred to as the Bread of Angels. Shared at the Christmas Vigil meal, the breaking of the Christmas Wafer offers best wishes to family and friends. Christmas Wafers will be available in the Parish Office beginning the week of December 11th. A donation of \$1 per package of 4 wafers is appreciated.



We Need Your Help!

Please mark your calendars - it's time once again to decorate St. Jane's for the Christmas season. We know every one is very busy at this time of year, but St. Jane's really needs a couple of hours of your time on **Sunday, December 18th**, after the 11:30am Mass. (High school students, this is a fun way to earn some community service hours). Please join us; the more the merrier! We look forward to seeing you!

P.S. As you are aware, due to chemotherapy treatments I may not be able to help decorate. Please help, *someone* needs to supervise Fr. Jerry in the decorating!!! Thanks, Maureen

Deck the Halls!!

Advent...

Be calm in your waiting;
let your hearts be strong;
Because the coming of the
Lord is near.

James 5:8



Advent Email Greetings

Send an Advent Email greeting to a loved one or friend, and share the resource of the *Praying Advent* web site with them as well: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/advent-email1.html>

Wishing you a Blessed Advent!



In these busy days before Christmas, take some time to let the Season of Advent bring some light, hope, freedom and peace to you and your family. I have found this Praying Advent site very helpful. I share it hoping that you will, too.

Wishing you a Blessed Advent!

In these busy days before Christmas, when things can get pretty difficult, let me share a gift that might make slowing down a bit easier. And, I think it can offer some hope and even joy in the weeks ahead. Check out this Praying Advent site I've found helpful..



**Wishing you a Season
of Hope!**

Pope Francis said "Being Church means being God's people, in accordance with the great plan of his fatherly love. This means that we are to be God's leaven in the midst of humanity. It means proclaiming and bringing God's salvation into our world, which often goes astray and needs to be encouraged, given hope and strengthened on the way. The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel." [The Joy of Gospel, 114]



Thought on Discipleship:

"Ministry is being with people wherever they are, whatever their problems. We...trust that if we are entering into people's vulnerable places, we will experience immense joy. That is the mystery of the ministry."

Henry Nouwen



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Canticum Novum – Andy Langlands

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called “Gaudete Sunday” in the church year. We light the pink candle today and let ourselves rejoice a little more buoyantly during the time of preparation in the Advent season. Advent is a time of patiently waiting. It is a time to prepare the way of the Lord: to make straight the pathway. To prepare a highway for our God on Christmas. The Latin translation of the word rejoice is Gaudete. So, we will rejoice a bit this weekend as our patience becomes more joyful. I will use the organ a bit, and add some tempo to the music.

I have had the pleasure of 6 full weeks with you. I must say thank you for your friendly and kind welcome. I am finding the church a wonderful place to pray and do music, and all of my co-workers so very helpful as I find my way around. You will see some changes to the music area in the future. The organ placed so close to the pipes is very difficult for me. It's difficult to gauge the tone of the instrument in the room. The instrumentalists sitting so close, and the singers so far makes conducting the choir from the piano trying. I hope to make it comfortable for all those that participate, not just myself.

Music Needs: Singers for the Parish Choir and for Instruments In Praise. The Parish choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm for rehearsal. We are committed to singing together, praying together, and adding our voices joyfully and prayerfully for the 9:00am Mass. Instruments In Praise (IIP) uses the 5:00pm Mass twice monthly as their vehicle for prayer and music. The IIP members work independently to learn their music and come together before Mass at 3:30pm in church. See me for more information on either group.

Is there anyone out there that would like to participate in a handbell group? We have a 2 octave set that is just begging to be used.

Rejoice! The Lord is near!

Andy



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Children's Liturgy of the Word

is back and will run on Sunday Mornings at the 11:30am Mass. Children from preschool age thru second grade are invited to process out, with the Children's Liturgy of the Word ministers, to a side room where the Liturgy of the Word for the children will take place in an easier to understand way designed just for them.

When the children join the whole of the congregation again, they will be bringing their food offerings directly to the Altar, so please send their offerings with them as they leave at the beginning of Mass.

We will meet next Sunday (the 4th Sunday of Advent) but we will **NOT** be meeting on Christmas Day or on New Year's Day. We look forward to seeing you there!



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist invested himself completely in God's promise of a Savior, dedicating himself to helping people change their hearts in preparation for the coming of Jesus. People of power in Israel opposed him, imprisoned him, and finally put him to death.

When He learned of John's death, Jesus said that the world had never known a man greater than John. Yet, He went on to say that anyone born in the kingdom of God has the potential to be greater even than John.

Jesus meant that the grace He would win by His death and resurrection, and shares with even the humblest of us, empowers us to live great lives, to be His prophets, to speak for God through our love and service in Christ's name.

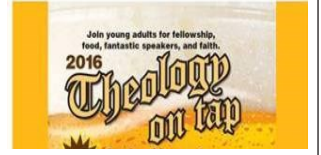
In today's Eucharist we should give thanks and praise for this grace that is ours for the asking. Let us then go out into our world and use this grace that we receive to change the world by loving God and our neighbor.

How can loving God and others change our world? Think of a time when you have witnessed a change in people because of a kind word spoken or a kindness done to them. We need to ask the Lord to help us see what needs changing in our world and show us how to go about making the changes.

YOUNG ADULTS

Join young adults (ages 18 to 35 years old) for food, fellowship, fantastic speakers, and faith at Mr. B's Food and Sports (423 S. Main Street, Rochester, Michigan).

The next date is **Thursday, December 15th**. Fr. Bob Johnson will be sharing his testimony. Don't miss out! For more information call 313-237-4647 or email Chris at yacm@aod.org.



STEWARDSHIP

NEEDLE CRAFTERS UPCOMING DATES

If you knit, crochet, sew, quilt, etc., then you are invited to join us to work on your projects or our own projects for various charity and outreach projects! If you want to learn about these skills, many of the members are happy to share their knowledge with you! We meet on Wednesdays from either 9:30am until 11:30am OR from 6:00pm until 8:15pm. There is no RSVP necessary and no cost. You can come to one, some, or all of our gatherings! Here are upcoming dates & times:

***Wednesday, December 14th — MORNING & EVENING GROUPS—**
9:30am-11:30am AND 6:00pm-8:15pm

***Wednesday, December 21st — MORNING & EVENING GROUPS —**
9:30am-11:30am AND 6:00pm-8:15pm

ADVENT FAMILY DAY

Here are some of the pictures from our Advent Family Day which was held on Sunday, December 4th. The event was held during our "Heavenly Delights".





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Grief Support through the Holidays

St. Jane Frances de Chantal's Grief Ministry is having two sessions that are open to anyone who has experienced a loss.
 Thursday, December 15, 2016, from 6:00pm-8:00pm
 Sunday December 18, 2016, from 11:00am—1:00pm
 If you would like more information call: Barb at (586) 264-0845

Right to Life Giving Crib

A Sincere Thank You to all who participated in our recent Giving Crib in commemoration of October designated as Respect Life month by the Bishops of our country.

The generous response from our parishioners made us able to donate to four pregnancy help centers: Compassion Pregnancy Center in Clinton Township, Imago Dei in Detroit, Wee Care in Livonia, and BirthRight in Shelby Township.

We received the following items:

- 325 items of new clothing (including socks, onesies/undershirts, outfits, tops, pants, and dresses)
- 111 bedding items (including crib sheets, blankets, quilts and afghans)
- 281 hygiene items (including diapers, wipes, shampoos, lotions, towels/washcloths, and bibs)
- 44 misc. items (including bottles, pacifiers, tethers, spoons, formula items, and toys)
- 3 maternity items
- 2 large boxes of new cosmetics to make mom feel special
- 7 bags of gently used items
- Monetary donations totaling \$340 which was donated to Gianna House

Thank you again for being a part of another successful project in our community to show respect for the moms and babies at a time when support is most needed by them.

Christmas Giving Tree Volunteer Opportunities

A chance to share your time and talent!

Sunday, December 11th join us in the Fr. Page Activity Center at 1:00pm to help wrap gifts. Please bring scissors, tape, gift boxes (if possible), and ribbon—NO wrapping paper needed.

NOTE: Minors under age 16 need to be accompanied by a parent.

**Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers
 Community Enrichment Meeting**

Aging and Addiction

Speaker: Marcia Relyea, Gerontologist
 CARE of Southeastern Michigan

Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 7:00pm

At Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Office
 8075 Ritter, Center Line, MI 48015

(between 10 & 11 Mile Rds. off Van Dyke)

Free of charge—All are welcome!

Please call 586-757-5551 to RSVP and feel free to bring a friend!

Light refreshments—Door prizes

**St. Vincent de Paul Society
 REGULAR AND CHRISTMAS
 FOOD COLLECTION**

Due to an increase in calls for food, our pantry is running low on the following items: canned tuna, canned chicken, canned ham, macaroni and cheese, canned baked beans, peas, carrots, beets, potatoes, mixed vegetables and soups. Also peanut butter and jelly or jams, powdered milk, jello, rice, instant potatoes, pasta and cans or jars of spaghetti sauce.

We are now collecting food for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas food baskets to make the holiday a little better for the less fortunate. It is expected that we will have requests for help from about 50 families this year. The following food items will be needed for the food baskets: canned sweet potatoes, boxed stuffing, canned cranberries, canned pumpkin for pies, frozen turkeys (10-12 lbs.), turkey breasts and hams. These items are needed no later than Sunday, December 18th. Christmas food baskets will be delivered on Tuesday, December 20, 2016.

Your food donations can be deposited in the baskets in front of the Church (during the offertory collection or before or after Mass), you can give them to one of the ushers or you can drop them off at the parish office. To make a cash donation, you may use one of the envelopes on the table located in the hallway marked St. Vincent de Paul (or any envelope and write St. Vincent de Paul on it) and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.

We are grateful for your continuing support for this ministry during the holidays and throughout the year.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal
 St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Popes

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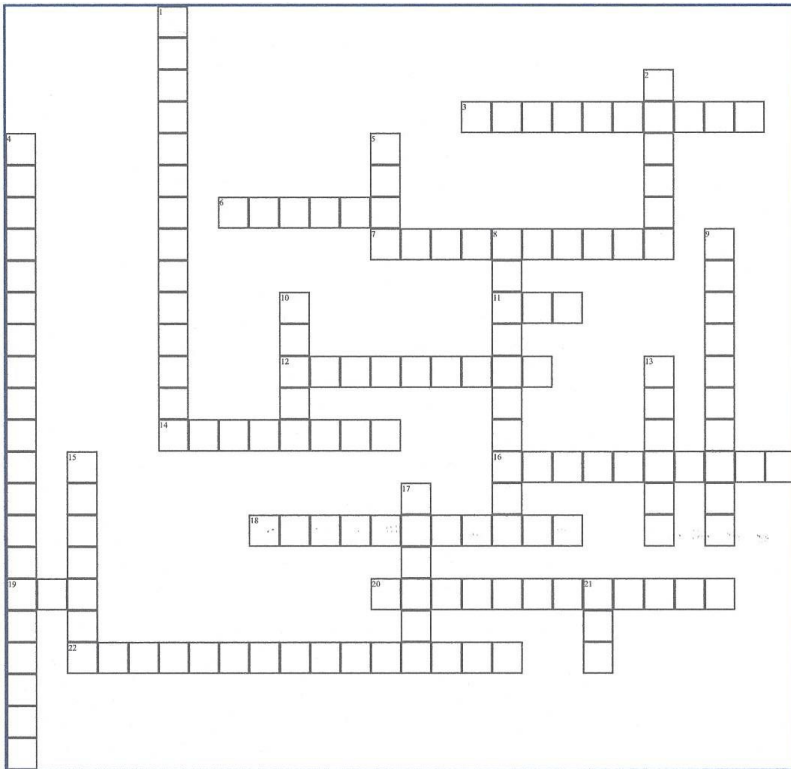
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| Damasus | John Paul | Pelagius | |

Jesus Christ, Our Lord

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| Anointed | Lamb of God |
| Christ | Lord |
| Cornerstone | Merciful |
| Crucified | Messiah |
| Emmanuel | Redeemer |
| God | Savior |
| Good Shepherd | Son of David |
| High Priest | Son of God |
| Holy Eucharist | Son of Man |
| Incarnation | Teacher |
| Jesus | Word |
| King of Jews | |

Mary, Our Mother



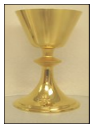
Across

3. "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of they womb"
6. Ever ...
7. Taken to heaven, body and soul
12. Father
14. Husband
16. Queen of Heaven
18. Hymn / Feast of Seven Doors, Way of the Cross
19. Second ... or New ...
20. Visit by Gabriel
22. "Thy own ... a ... shall ... that, out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed."

Down

1. A ... clothed with the sun, with the ... under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve ...
2. Guardian
4. Preserved from Original Sin
5. Intercession at ...
8. My soul glorifies the Lord ...
9. Heavenly visit
10. Divine Son
13. "Favorite Prayer"
15. Remained ...
17. Mother
21. ... of Covenant

Answers: Down: 1. womanmoonstars; 2. sfohn; 4. immaculateconception; 5. cana; 8. magnificat; 9. apparition; 10. Jesus; 11. sabbatar; 12. sfoachim; 13. sfoh; 14. sfoh; 15. sfoh; 16. sfoh; 17. sfoh; 18. sfoh; 19. sfoh; 20. sfoh; 21. sfoh; 22. sfoh
 Across: 3. visitation; 6. virgin; 7. assumption; 11. God; 12. sfoachim; 14. sfoh; 16. coronation; 18. sabbatar; 19. eve; 20. annunciation; 22. sfoh



**Traveling Chalice
A Program of Prayer
For Vocations**

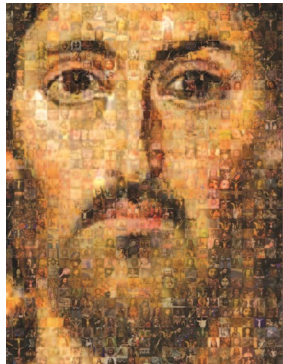
Parishioners are asked to take the chalice home and display it in a place of honor, we ask them to pray each night for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This week our parish gratefully acknowledges

Tom & Karen Mosher

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

**MASS WITH ANOINTING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
AT 7:30pm**

**Intercessory Prayers will be
said after Mass.**



**Are you the
one who
is to come,
or must
we wait for
someone
else?**

WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 13th, @ 7:30pm
Mary Anne Barczak
(Anointing Mass in Church)

Wednesday, December 14th, @ 8:00am
Joe Boland

Thursday, December 15th, @ 8:00am
Bernie Mikowski

**Readings
Week of December 11, 2016**

Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;
Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19
and 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10,
11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and
13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7;
Mt 1:18-24

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 12

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

Tuesday, December 13

7:30pm Dec. Paul Chorus

1st Anniversary
(Mary Chorus)

Dec. Gertrude Sroden

(Don & Family)

Dec. Ted Maguran

(Dave, Joann & Michael)

Dec. Anthony Maguran

(Dave, Joann & Michael)

Wednesday, December 14

8:00am Dec. Veronica Kupiec
(Family)

Living — Mary Ellen Gaffney

(Pat Rumptz)

Thursday, December 15

8:00am Dec. Enrico Varani

(Tom & Judy Taylor)

Dec. Giuseppe Tedesco

11th Anniversary

(Family)

Friday, December 16

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

Saturday, December 17

5:00pm For the Parishioners

Dec. Edward Papcun

(Family)

Dec. Carol Trinity Miller

(Robert & Frances Kraft)

Dec. Ursula Steinhebel

(Dorothy Kotulis)

Sunday, December 18

9:00am Dec. Dennis Briston

(Carolyn Briston)

Dec. Jessie Stelmach

5th Anniversary

(Franczyk Family)

Dec. Gary Kubicki

(St. Jane Frances Ushers)

Dec. Chet Rudzewicz

(St. Jane Frances Seniors)

11:30am Dec. Luigi Rastelli

(Elvira Rastelli)

Dec. Jack Campo

(Caradonna Family)

Dec. Maria & Damiano Campo

(Caradonna Family)

Dec. Vincent & Bridget

Caradonna

(Caradonna Family)

IN SYMPATHY

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

Beatrice Alpheda Piché

Wife of the late Leonide

*Mother of Edouard, Louise and
George*

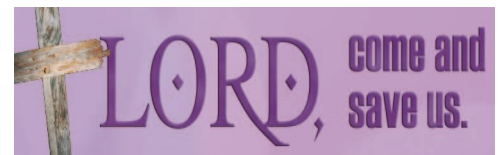
*May her soul and the souls of the
faithful departed rest in peace.*

Amen.

*This will be a sign for you;
you will find a child wrapped in bands
of cloth and lying in a manger.
— Luke 2:12*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — DECEMBER 17TH & DECEMBER 18TH

	5:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Jerry	Fr. Jerry	Fr. Jerry
Sacristan(s)	Lisa Skoczylas	Selma & Paul Marzec	MaryAnn Webb
Lector 1	John Czarski	Harv Bajercius	Robert Skwara
Lector 2	Eileen Clase	Jolynn Friedmann	Marie Graziano
Altar Servers	Danielle Erickson	Maggie Friedmann	Mary Burley
	Kayla Pickens	Sarah Friedmann	Kathaleen Burley
	Elizabeth Galadik	Ray Benvenuti	Julia Ortmann
Ushers	Team 2	Assigned	Team 3





Sunday, December 4, 2016

Weekly Obligation: \$12,237.00

Registered Families.....1479
 Envelopes Returned.....394
 Amount Offered.....\$10,360.96
 Loose Offering.....\$829.93

Online Giving:
 Contributors.....76
 Contributions.....\$3,473.00

Total Offerings.....\$14,663.89

Special Collection:
 Christmas Flowers.....\$2,562.00
 Immaculate Conception.....\$113.00
 Catholic Charities.....\$46.00
 All Saints.....\$12.00

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!

And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord. —Luke 1:45

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We want to thank Georgianna Fitzmaurice of Fitz & Sons Landscaping, 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
 Judith Brisson
 James Brown
 Sam Castelli
 Sandy Castelli
 Vicki Chrzanowski
 Bernie Colasanti, Jr.
 Anna DiDonato
 Kevin Dufoor
 Pam Evanzia
 Shirley Fasczewski
 James Friedmann
 Charles Grade
 Cindy Graham

Scott Harris
 Henry Helton
 Mary Ann Joly
 James Klassen
 Joan Knapp
 Walter Kronner
 Jeffrey Leonardi
 George Lutfy
 Addison Mathews
 Charlotte Miles
 Karen Mills
 William Navalta
 Norma O'Connor
 Kathleen Pawlik

Matthew Pawlik
 Helen Perliskey
 Dominic Pietro
 Tara Pietro
 Anita Pitlock
 Frank Polizzi
 Amy Zachwieja Raggio
 Marlene Rokicki
 Olivia Rokicki
 Daniel Van Acker
 Mel Werner
 Kevin Wilcox
 Don G. Wisniewski
 Toni Woodring

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

BAPTISMS

The Catholic Community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal welcomes the following child who was Baptized by Fr. Jerome Slowinski on December 4th:



Har-Eliza-

Hunter

per beth

Parents: James Joseph Hunter
 Heather Dudek Hunter
 Godparent: Renee Christensen
 Witness: Mike Christensen

This Season celebrates the coming of our Savior. Stewards wait in joyful anticipation for God's Word to continue to change the world. Stewards share this joy as they work as disciples in support of the Church's mission of proclaiming, teaching, serving and sanctifying.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

We thank you, most loving and generous Creator, for the abundance you have bestowed on us, your servant people.

May we use your gifts to build your kingdom; to help the poor, as you commanded; to bring light to a world in darkness.

May we be faithful to your commandments.

Bless the people in our lives that we may help each other grow in your love.

We pray in union with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

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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