



ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL PARISH
December 18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Schedule



Masses

Christmas Eve
Saturday, December 24th
4:00pm
6:00pm
Midnight

Christmas Day
Sunday, December 25th
9:00am
11:30am

Confessions & Reconciliation

Communal Reconciliation with Individual Confessions

Tuesday, December 20th
7:00pm

Private Confessions
Friday, December 23rd
5:00pm – 8:00pm

Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016
5:00pm
Sunday, January 1, 2017
9:00am
11:30am

For today in the city of David
a savior has been born for you
who is Christ the Lord.
Lukę 2:11

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

Drop down dew from
above, you heavens,
and let the clouds
rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened
and bring forth a Savior.

Entrance Antiphon

**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
Pastor

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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
Sunday: 10:00am - 1:30pm

MINISTRIES

Knights of Columbus #13340
Brian Barkkari 586-215-4669
Parish Nurse Ministry
Doreen Corby 586-977-8080
Seniors
Don Rogowski 586-977-8080
Soup Kitchen
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

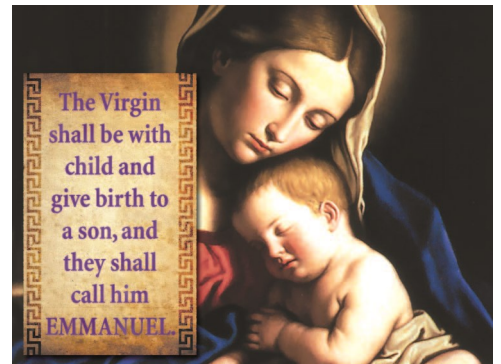
We ask that in order to have your child baptized here, or to be married here, you should be a registered parishioner or active in your previous parish. This means attending weekly Mass with your faith community, using your envelopes and taking part in parish activities.

Visits to the Homebound

for Communion/ Anointing
Contact Parish Office: 586-977-8080

This Week in our Parish

Monday, December 19
8:30am-8:30pm Picking of SVdP Christmas Baskets
6:00pm Faith Formation Classes, Grades K-6
Tuesday, December 20
8:30am-Noon Pick-up of SVdP Christmas Baskets
4:30pm Faith Formation Classes Grades K-6
6:00pm Rosary
7:00pm Communal Reconciliation Service
Wednesday, December 21
8:00am Mass
9:30am Needle Crafters
6:00pm Needle Crafters
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 22
8:00am Mass
1:00pm Swiffers, Team 2
Friday, December 23
5:00pm-8:00pm Private Confessions
Saturday, December 24
4:00pm Mass
6:00pm Mass
11:30pm Music Prelude
Midnight Mass
Sunday, December 25
9:00am Mass
11:30am Mass



NEW PARISHIONERS

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

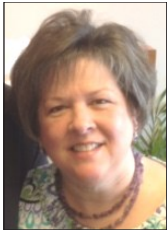
You may register at the Parish Office at any-time after Mass on the weekend or during regular office hours. Please call 586-977-8080 if you have any questions.

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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Director of Worship and Evangelization*

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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ADVENT, 2016

**Communal Reconciliation Service
with Individual Confessions**

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

Several priests available for confessions.

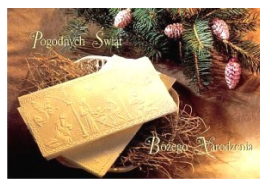
Individual Confessions

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

Friday, Dec. 23rd, 5:00pm – 8:00pm.

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 are now available in the Parish Office. A donation \$1/package of 4 wafers is appreciated.



The "O" Antiphons of Advent

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the 8th century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17th - 23rd. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative, "Come!", embodies the longing of all the Divine Messiah.

December 17th – O Wisdom

"O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: Come to teach us the path of knowledge!"

December 18th – O Adonai

"O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law of Moses on Sinai: Come to rescue us with your mighty power!"

December 19th – O Root of Jesse

"O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: Come to save us without delay!"

December 20th – O Key of David

"O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: Come and free the prisoners of darkness!"

December 21st – O Dawn

"O Radiant Dawn, Splendor of Eternal Light, Sun of Justice: Come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death!"

December 22nd – O King

"O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: Come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!"

December 23rd – O Emmanuel

"O Emmanuel, King and Giver of Law: Come to save us, Lord our God!"

Thought on Discipleship:

"Disciples watch; they remain alert, attentive, watching symbolic acts as well as listening for instructive words, watching the actions that give the clue to how reality is being reorganized around Jesus."

From *Being Disciples* by Rowan Williams

Advent and the Evergreen Tree

This was the view out my backdoor on Sunday afternoon last week as the snow was blanketing us with the first snowfall of the season. I took the picture just because it was so beautiful. Now don't be fooled, that isn't part of a forest - just behind the larger trees is another house...

Tradition has it that the evergreen tree is a sign of hope and life. For ancient people, it was a reminder in the winter that all had not died but that sunlight and good weather would come again. For Christians, it's a reminder that Jesus came to bring us the hope of eternal life. The entrance antiphon for this week says "Drop down dew from above, you heavens." This week we got frozen dew drops in the form of snow. We experience dew most often in the spring when we also observe new life springing up around us. These signs assure us that with the coming of Jesus, "all will be well." Find peace in this assurance and in the celebration of this, the 4th Sunday of Advent.





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Canticum Novum – Andy Langlands

“How far is it to Bethlehem Daddy?” I recall my 3 year old daughter hopping up on my lap to ask me this question over 20 years ago. She was naturally inquisitive and filled with the glory of Christmastime, maybe for the first time. Her birthdate is December 18th. I had to think about my answer for a little while.

Bethlehem, a small city, un-walled, about 5 miles outside the walls of Jerusalem. Mary and Joseph were most likely born there. Luke tells us in chapter 2 of the call that went out from Caesar Augustus for everyone to be enrolled. In other words, its time for the census to be taken. Bethlehem was not prepared for the people to come to be counted. It is thought, because there are many caves around there, that Jesus’ manger was inside a cave. Bethlehem, as the crow flies, is 6,000 miles from Detroit.

Christmas trees, lights, traffic, hustle and bustle. I can’t imagine what the shepherds abiding in the fields would think of the world we live in today. The noise alone might drive them nuts. I know it often does that to me. It is difficult to find a quiet few moments to prepare for Jesus to be born. I know Christmas comes to the world in mid-October, but it doesn’t arrive until December 25th in my home. I know I need to take time for quiet preparation. I hope you can find a few moments of quiet too.

The answer I gave my darling little Colleen was maybe just a bit simple. I told her Bethlehem is not very far. It’s in your heart and mine. That is where Jesus lives now (3 year old theology). She seemed very satisfied and tucked her head under my chin. The follow-up came soon enough. “Does Jesus get born in our hearts every year at Christmas?”

May Jesus be born in your heart every year!

Andy



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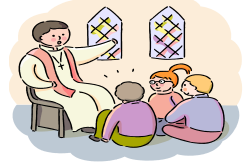
CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

is taking the next two weeks (Christmas and New Years Day) off but we will begin again on

SUNDAY, January 8, 2017,

AT THE 11:30am MASS

All children, pre-school through 2nd grade are invited to participate in the Children’s Liturgy of the Word. Listen for Fr. Jerry to call you forward, and process out with your friends, to listen to God’s Word. We’ll see you there!



Dear Children (and Parents),



Please bring your food donations with you when you come to the Children’s Liturgy of the Word. We will take our food up to the baskets in Church together when we return to the Mass during the Offertory. Thank you!

Youth Ministry Sunday Evening High School Gathering... Tonight is our last meeting for this year! We will be taking Christmas and New Years Day off to spend with our families. We look forward to seeing (and meeting) many of you in the New Year, on January 8th, from 6:00pm – 8:30pm.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We are inspired to greater faith when we see the faith of others. In today’s Gospel, we are inspired to greater faith by the faith of St. Joseph.

We hear that Joseph is confused and disappointed when he learns that Mary is pregnant. That’s quite understandable, isn’t it? But Joseph doesn’t respond the way many people who become confused and disappointed might respond. He does not demand justice by publicly disgracing Mary. Rather, Joseph is gentle and caring; he intends to divorce Mary “quietly”.

Joseph’s kind and gentle intentions alone inspire us. But what Joseph intends to do and what he actually does are two different things and we are even more inspired. After he has a dream in which an angel tells him not to be afraid, that Mary’s child will save his people from their sins, Joseph takes Mary “into his home”. This loving and generous man touches our hearts deeply.

During the last week of Advent, keep in mind the faith of St. Joseph. He chose not to be afraid. He chose to love. He chose to believe. Joseph didn’t just have faith in God. He lived faith in God. He shows you how to make choices that place trust in God, that set aside personal preferences, and that put faith into action.

Pray to St. Joseph this week and pray that the example of his life will inspire us to be gentle and caring and faithful.

STEWARDSHIP

NEEDLE CRAFTERS

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! The next sessions will be:

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

There will be NO sessions on December 28th

COMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, December 20th — Communal Reconciliation Service — 7:00pm-8:30pm
 Wednesday, December 21st — Needle Crafters — 9:30am-11:30am or 6:00pm-8:15pm
 Friday, December 23rd — Private Confessions — 5:00pm-8:00pm
 Saturday, December 24th — Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) — Masses at 4:00pm, 6:00pm & Midnight
 Sunday, December 25th — Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) — Masses at 9:00am & 11:30am
 Monday thru Friday, December 26th to December 30th — Parish Office Closed
 Saturday, December 31st — Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) — Mass at 5:00pm
 Sunday, January 1st — Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) — Masses at 9:00am & 11:30am
 Monday, January 2nd — Parish Office Closed
 Wednesday, January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th — Needle Crafters — 9:30am-11:30am or 6:00pm-8:15pm
 Saturday, January 7th — Epiphany — Mass at 5:00pm
 Sunday, January 8th — Epiphany — Masses at 9:00am & 11:30am
 Sunday, January 8th — Heavenly Delights — 10:00am to 11:15am
 Sunday, January 8th — Un-decorate Church — 12:45pm
 Saturday, January 14th — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service (Off-Site)
 Saturday & Sunday, January 14th & 15th — Knights of Columbus Recruitment Drive
 Sunday, January 15th — Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast — 10:00am-11:00am
 Sundays, January 15th, 22nd, 29th, February 5th, 12th, 19th — Grief Support Session — 11:00am-1:00pm
 Thursday, January 19th — Parish Leadership Meeting — 7:00pm-9:30pm
 Saturday, January 21st — Blood Pressure Screening — 4:30pm-6:30pm
 Sunday, January 22nd — Blood Pressure Screening — 8:30am-11:30am
 Sunday, January 22nd — Red Cross Blood Drive — 8:00am-2:00pm
 Saturday, January 28th — Mass with Blessing of Throats — 5:00pm
 Saturday, January 28th — Divine Mercy Prayers — 6:00pm
 Sunday, January 29th — Masses with Blessing of Throats — 9:00am & 11:30am
 Sunday, January 29th — Knights of Columbus Rosary — 10:00am
 Tuesday, January 31st — Mass with Anointing — 7:30pm
 Wednesday, February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd — Needle Crafters; 9:30am-11:30am or 6:00pm-8:15pm
 Saturday, February 4th & Sunday, February 5th — Ministers of Hospitality Recruitment
 Saturday, February 11th & Sunday, February 12th — RAINBOW XXXV in Detroit
 Saturday, February 11th — Anniversary Mass — 5:00pm
 Saturday, February 11th — Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner — 6:00pm-7:30pm
 Sunday, February 12th — Heavenly Delights — 10:00am-11:15am
 Wednesday, February 15th — Coffee House — 6:00pm-8:30pm
 Thursday, February 16th — Parish Leadership Meeting — 7:00pm-9:30pm
 Saturday, February 18th — Blood Pressure Screening — 4:30pm-6:30pm
 Sunday, February 19th — Blood Pressure Screening — 8:30am-11:30am
 Saturday, February 25th — St. Pat's Soup Kitchen Visit — 8:30am-2:00pm
 Saturday, February 25th — Divine Mercy Prayers — 6:00pm
 Tuesday, February 28th — Mass with Anointing — 7:30pm
 Wednesday, March 1st — Ash Wednesday — 8:00am Mass with Ashes; 12:15pm Liturgy of the Word with Ashes;
 8:00pm Liturgy of the Word with Ashes
 Wednesdays, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th — Needle Crafters — 9:30am-11:30am or 6:00pm-8:15pm
 Thursdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st — Fish Fry — 3:30pm-7:00pm



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Grief Ministry

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Health Ministry is pleased to announce that we will repeat our well received, peer led bereavement support group for 6 consecutive Sundays, beginning January 15th and ending February 19th, from 11:00am-1:00pm.

The program is designed to offer support to men and women in our Christian community who may be suffering from a death of a loved one. It is for those who have a need to share their experience and heartache, and would like to walk alongside each other on the path to healing. Offering a safe haven to cry, to laugh, to mourn or to heal, we use a PowerPoint presentation and round table discussion on the 5 stages of grief and ways to cope using prayer and conversation.

Please consider sharing this information with families and friends that you know who may be suffering from grief and may like to join us in this 6 week group support program.

For more information, please contact Barb at 586-264-0845 or the parish office at 586-977-8080.

Thank You Compassion Pregnancy Center

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I think about where this ministry has been and where we are going, I can't help but be excited. How can that be, you may ask, when the need to reach our clients with the message of life and hope in Jesus Christ has never been more critical with the relative ease and availability of ways to take the life of the unborn?

Here's why I am excited. We have seen God move in answer to prayer in *so many ways* in recent days. He has made it possible for a client who is still undecided about carrying her baby to term, to have transportation for her ultrasound appointment. He has led the way for His candidates for our two open staff positions to connect with us. He has given us a fresh vision. I'm nothing but optimistic about the future.

But there is something else I'm excited about: The fact that this ministry is about *all of us*. It is a shared ideal that we all hold to, that we can impact our culture toward life and we can do so right here in southeastern Michigan.

We *all* have the honor of playing a role. Your support—through this and so many other gifts—creates a powerful partnership that says “We are in this together.”..So, thank you—again. Together we are changing our world and our community, one life at a time.

Serving in Hope,
Sue Nellis, Executive Director

Thank you very much for your generosity in the donation of blankets, clothing, diapers, wipes, and more!

Thank You

A sincere thank you to all parishioners and friends who bought Right to Life Christmas cards or donated to this most worthy cause! As a result of your generosity we were able to donate \$555.00 to our local NW Macomb Right to Life chapter. This group of dedicated volunteers work tirelessly to help those facing unplanned pregnancies and strive to educate all concerning respect for life issues from womb to reward!

Special Holiday Dinner

Unfortunately due to a lack of interest, we had to cancel the holiday meal.

I would like to thank the committee for their dedication to the event and to all those who had donated pies for the meal. We were able to pass these forward to St. Vincent de Paul for their holiday baskets. Thank you to everyone for their time and generosity for this dinner.

HEALTH MINISTRY STRESS/SMOKING AND BLOOD PRESSURE

In addition to the emotional discomfort we feel when faced with a stressful situation, our bodies react by releasing stress hormones (adrenaline and cortisol) into the blood. These hormones prepare the body for the "fight or flight response" by making the heart beat faster and constricting blood vessels to get more blood to the core of the body instead of the extremities. Constriction of blood vessels and increase in heart rate does raise blood pressure, but only temporarily; when the stress reaction goes away, blood pressure returns to its pre-stress level. This is called situational stress, and its effects are generally short-lived and disappear when the stressful event is over.

- Give yourself enough time to get things done.
- Learn to say "no." Don't promise too much.
- Know your stress triggers.
- Practice gratitude.
- Know what brings you pleasure and find ways to enjoy the experience.
- Spend time developing supportive and nurturing relationships.
- Give yourself the gift of good self maintenance.
- Don't overeat, don't consume alcohol or smoke.

~Information taken from the American Heart Association website

May God bless you with good health!

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

On January 14, 2017, we will be joining many other churches from around the Archdiocese of Detroit for the Martin Luther King Day of Service. See the website (under Youth Ministry) for further details and a permission slip to join us, or grab one off of the Bulletin Board in the hallway before you leave today.

**SATURDAY,
JANUARY**

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**9:00 am -
2:45 pm**

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT INVITES THE YOUNG CHURCH TO

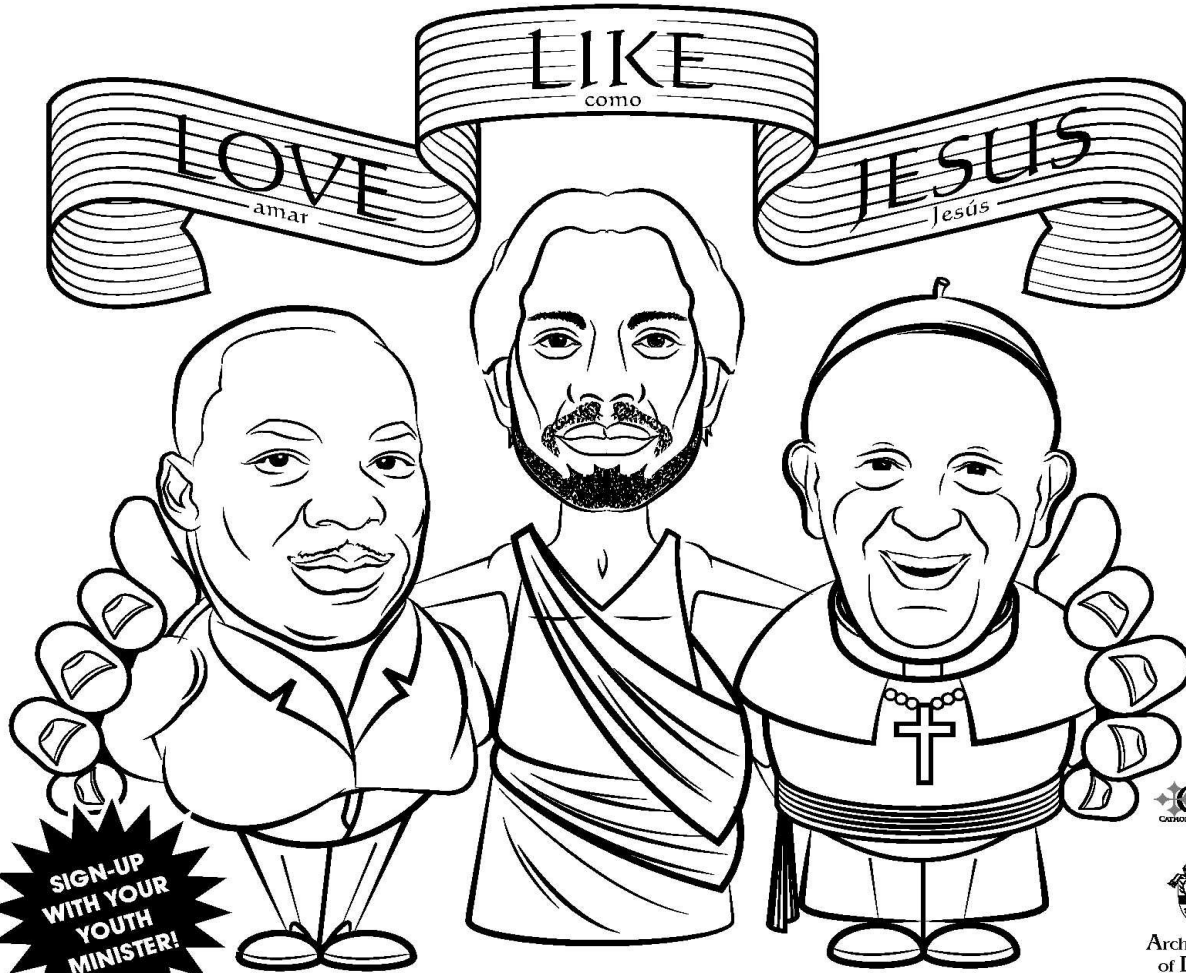
2017 Martin Luther King Jr. DAY OF SERVICE

Sacred Heart Church Activities Building

3451 Rivard St., Detroit, MI 48207 (at I-75 and Mack behind the McDonald's)

■ CHECK IN/GATHERING/KICK-OFF 9:00AM ■ LUNCH SERVED 12:30 - 1:30PM

Praise & worship music and prayer rally Rally will conclude in the church at 2:45 p.m.



**SIGN-UP
WITH YOUR
YOUTH
MINISTER!**



For more information call Joyce Francois at (313) 237-5812 or email her at francois.joyce@aod.org. Registration deadline is December 19, 2016.

**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

Larry Frontera

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

**Liturgical Schedule
December 24th**

4:00pm

- Presidor: Fr. Jerry
- Sacristans: Tim & Karen Pawlik
- Lector 1: Bill Burr
- Lector 2: Keith Morris
- Altar Servers: Amanda Dufoor
Nancy Dufoor
Terasa Mezzapelle
- Ushers: Team 1

6:00pm

- Presidor: Fr. Jerry
- Sacristans: Lori & Joe Nida
- Lector 1: Craig Smith
- Lector 2: Linda Smith
- Altar Servers: Dennis Kozlowski
Isabella Schilling
Raegan Watson
- Ushers: Team 2

12:00pm (Midnight)

- Presidor: Fr. Jerry
- Sacristans: The Burley Family
- Lector 1: Lisa Erickson
- Lector 2: Dale Erickson
- Altar Servers: Mary Burley
Kathaleen Burley
Tim Wainz
Danielle Erickson
- Ushers: Team 3

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, December 19**
No Mass at St. Jane Frances
- Tuesday, December 20**
Communal Penance Service
- Wednesday, December 21**
8:00am
- Thursday, December 22**
8:00am
- Friday, December 23**
No Mass at St. Jane Frances
- Saturday, December 24**
4:00pm Deceased Members of the Kwapis & Krull Families (Family)
Dec. Jack & Diane Crechiolo (Pete & Joan Crachiolo)
Dec. Stephen Shomock 2nd Anniversary (Mom & Family)
- 6:00pm Dec. Grace Beaufait (Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kraft)
Deceased Members of the Brown & Hayden Families (Charlene Brown)
Dec. Paul Chorus (Mom)
Dec. Marge Bellus (Family)
- Midnight Dec. Tony Randazzo (Sam & Sharron Randazzo)
Dec. Lisa Vrabel (Mom, Dad, & Jennifer)
Dec. Craig Ankawi (Mom & Dad)
Deceased Members of the DiBella & Wirries Families (Family)

MASS INTENTIONS (CONT.)

- Sunday, December 25**
9:00am Dec. Pauline Slowinski (Fr. Jerry)
Dec. Marsha Olson (Family)
Dec. Richard Schriedel (Lisa Skoczylas)
Dec. Joseph & Wanda Sztaba (Son)
- 11:30am Dec. Ken Serbenski (Donna)
Dec. Father Ron Milligan (Tom & Judy Taylor)
Dec. Chester Rudzewicz (Mike & Janet Sepanik)
Dec. Ramonita Casumpong (Felix & Rosario)

**Readings
Week of December 18, 2016**

- 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
- Monday**
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17;
Lk 1:5-25
- Tuesday**
Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday**
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Thursday**
1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56
- Friday**
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;
Lk 1:57-66
- Saturday**
Morning:
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
- Sunday
The Nativity of the Lord Night:**
Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13;
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
- Dawn:**
Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20
- Day:**
Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;
Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, December 20th, @
No Mass
- Wednesday, December 21st, @ 8:00am
Mike Scavo
- Thursday, December 22nd, @ 8:00am
Tom Kraniak

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — DECEMBER 25 TH		
	9:00am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Blondell	Fr. Jerry
Sacristan(s)	MaryAnn Webb	Joe & Carol D'Agostino
Lector 1	Jolynn Friedmann	Annette Mobley
Lector 2	Brian Enck	Barb Milczynski
Altar Servers	Maggie Friedmann	Ray Benvenuti
	Sarah Friedmann	Jasmine Abuel
	Sarah Andrzejewski	Samantha Abuel
Ushers	Assigned	Team 1

**COMMUNAL
PENANCE
SERVICE
TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 20th
7:00pm**
**Lector:
John Martin**

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

2017 Entertainment Books are available in the parish office. Cost is \$30.



Sunday, December 11, 2016
Weekly Obligation: \$12,237.00
Registered Families.....1479
Envelopes Returned.....356
Amount Offered.....\$6,718.72
Loose Offering.....\$714.20

Online Giving:
Contributors.....60
Contributions.....\$2,024.00

Total Offerings.....\$9,456.92

Special Collection:
Solemnity of Mary.....\$3.00
Christmas Flowers.....\$290.00
Immaculate Conception.....\$338.00
Religious Retirement.....\$1,329.00

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.sjffparish.org

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

Thank you!

**Let the Lord enter:
HE IS KING OF GLORY.**

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We want to thank Pete of Flaming Grill 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

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS

Christmas Flower Intentions received after December 5, 2016 will appear in the January 1, 2017 Bulletin

*"Serve one another through love...bear one another's burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ."
(Gal 5:13)*

TAKEN FROM THE BOOK OF CATHOLIC JOKES

A boy asks his father to use the car and the father replies "No, not until you cut your hair".

The boy replies, "But father Jesus had long hair!" "Yeah, but Jesus walked everywhere!", said the father.

IN SYMPATHY

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

Virginia Roberts

Wife of the late John E. Mother of John D., Susan, Karen & Kevin

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

Amen.

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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