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Epiphany

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany. The celebration of this feast brings to a close the Christmas season. I would like to thank everyone who sent Christmas

greetings and for the gifts that I received. We have great bakers in the parish. I wish everyone a very Happy New year. May you see with the eyes of faith how awesome God works and is present in your life.

We begin a new year with hopes and desires. We do not know what this year will hold for us however we remain open to the possibilities. Time and time again I remind people that God never intended for us to be miserable. Yet sometimes we tend to make ourselves miserable by the choices we make.

We cannot undo what has already been done, the past is just that: the past. However we can look to the future with hopes and expectations.

We have to have something to do to get us out of bed in the morning. We need someone to love and we need to receive love, that is what human relationships are all about. We also need something to hope for, something to look forward to.

We enter this journey knowing that God loves us and wants us to be happy. He created us for that purpose. Will there be challenges along the way? Of course there will be. It is through our experiences and challenges that we understand what is important in our life.

On the Feast of the Epiphany it is a tradition in some cultures to bless the family home. Below is a blessing that you can say as a family as you gather in your home.

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Blessings).

Bon mot: Yet we do not despair nor lose heart, because we put our trust not in ourselves, but in Him who works in us.

- St. Leo I the Great, Sermon 3,461.

Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am & 11:30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm Wednesday & Thursday 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—7:45pm

Tuesday

2:00pm-7:45pm

Saturday

3:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday

10:00am—12:30pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, January 8, 2024

10:00am SVdP Meeting

1:00pm Intercessory Prayers (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm Adoration 5:30pm Confessions 6:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

8:00am Mass

9:30am Needlecrafters 6:00pm Needlecrafters

6:30pm Cantor/Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Lectio Divina (Zoom)

Thursday, January 11, 2024

8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers Team #2

10:30am Book Club

6:00pm K of C Officer's Meeting 6:30pm K of C General Meeting

Friday, January 12, 2024

Parish Office Closed/No Events

Saturday, January 13, 2024

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 14, 2024

9:00am Mass

9:45am Heavenly Delights

11:30am Mass



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Happy Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord!

In our reading today from Isaiah, the prophet writes of the coming of light amid darkness. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in part by the arrival of the magi. The magi may not have been aware of Isaiah's words as scholars identify them as astronomers or astrologers, and likely to have been Gentiles. Those who knew the prophecies and awaited their fulfillment would have had a strong reaction. "...consider what it would have meant for those bearing witness to the birth of Jesus. Beyond a miraculous event, the arrival of the messiah as a helpless newborn to a teenage mother in a foreign land: the events surrounding this birth are the fulfillment of prophecy. As the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh arrive, those who are keen to the Scripture study of the day would have raised their eyes: We were told about this!" (from 2024 Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays).

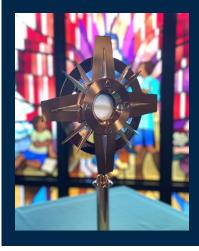
The traditional day to celebrate Epiphany is January 6th. This year we celebrate on January 6th at the 4:00pm Mass and on January 7th at our Sunday Masses. Falling twelve days after Christmas, this was regarded as enough time for the magi to travel to Bethlehem from foreign lands to pay homage to the newborn King. With their arrival, Jesus is now made known to the outside world. Just as the star in the East symbolized the light of Christ shining for the whole world to see, we are called to show Christ in our lives so others can realize the Good News wherever we go.

We might ask ourselves today: To whom do I pay homage? Are they worthy of my respect?

What Goes Up, Must Come Down – "Undecorating" the Worship Space

The Christmas Season ends with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, Monday, January 8th. We will be taking down our decorations during the week following the feast. If you have an hour or two to help "undecorate", please call the office and let us know that you are available.

After 11:30am Mass today, parishioners are invited to take home a poinsettia – a wonderful way to bring the beauty of the worship space home with you!



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH RECITATION OF DIVINE PRAISES

Come spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Please join us in the chapel on Tuesday, January 9th anytime from 1:00pm until 6:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, ending with recitation of the Divine Praises at 6:30pm.

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EPIPHANY BLESSING

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and homes. With time, the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the written symbols sink into the depths of our hearts and be manifest in our words and actions.

A traditional way of writing this blessing is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance: "20 + C + M + B + 24." The letters C, M, and B have two meanings. First, they are the initials of the traditional names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus Mansionem Benedicat, or "May Christ bless this house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and 2024 is the year.



Leader: "Our help is in the name of the Lord."

All reply: "The maker of heaven and earth." Leader: "The Lord shall watch over your

going out and your coming in."

All reply: "From this time forth for evermore. Let us pray."

Together: "Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people. Grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name, we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

To bless the home:

Using the blessed chalk, mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) with "20 + C + M + B + 24." While doing so, say:

"The Three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son, who became human two thousand and twenty-four years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen."

Then offer the following prayer:

"Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love, and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch.

"May we grow in grace and in our knowledge and love of you. Guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen."



HEAVENLY DELIGHTS

Join us once again on Sunday, January 14th, after the 9:00am Mass for coffee, bagels, donuts, juice, and tea! This is a great time to build community and form new friendships! There is no cost, but a free will offering is accepted. We hope you can join us!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Registered Families: 1,365 **Weekly Envelopes:** 189 **Amount Offered:** \$6,470.00 \$494.00 **Loose Offering: Online Contributors:** 101 **Online Contributions** \$3,688.00 \$10,652.00 **Total Offerings: Budgeted Offertory:** \$11,786.00 Difference: -\$1,134.00



Blood Drive

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church

redcrossblood.org and enter in sponsor code: stjane

Sunday, January 28, 2024 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

St Jane Frances Christmas Giving Tree 2023

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Our Advent Giving Tree was an expression of how our community "opens its treasures" and offers them with joy and generosity! From your donations of cash and gift cards, we were able to support nine agencies serving individuals and families facing a variety of challenges. Their needs continue throughout the year – please keep them in your prayers.

Your generosity brought Christmas blessings of hope to...

- Turning Point shelter for domestic violence victims and survivors, Macomb county
- McWARM warming center; a gathering place for homeless in Macomb county
- Mary's Children Family Center for brain injury recovery
- Abigale Ministries provides a two-year residential program for homeless pregnant women
- St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocesan ministry to prisoners & newly released inmates
- Franciscan Ministries serves the homeless in East Detroit with clothing/ food/heath
- Deo Gratias Ministries provides a safe gathering place in disadvantaged neighborhoods
- The Good Eggs Foundation connects with organizations that benefit children in need

These organizations and our Giving Tree Team thank all of you for being the "light of Christ" to the "least among us" this Christmas and throughout the year!



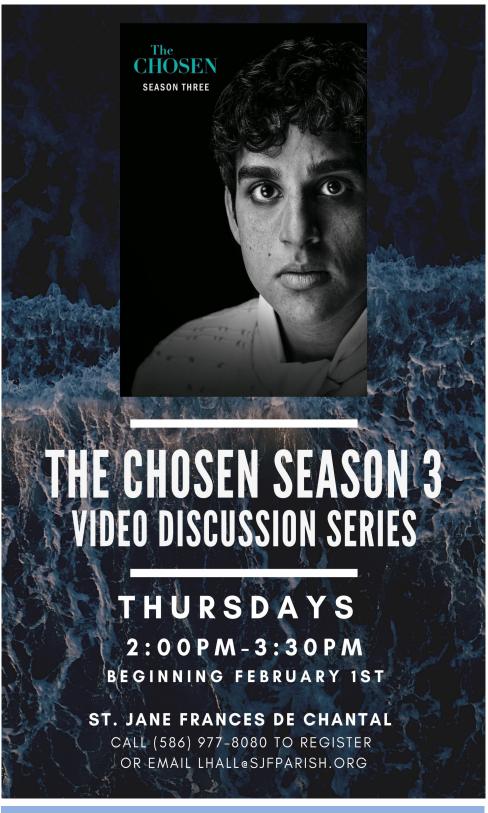
2024 Lenten Fish Frys

We will once again be hosting our Fish Frys during 6 Fridays in Lent. Proceeds from each Fish Fry will benefit a different ministry effort in our parish. Dinners will include a 2-piece or 3-piece fish dinner as well as a la carte items. Dine-in and carry-out options will be available. Mark your calendars for

the following dates: February 16^{th} , 23^{rd} , March 1^{st} , 8^{th} , 15^{th} , and 22^{nd} . More details will be in future bulletins and on the parish website.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Saturday Sunday Jan. 10. 2024 Jan. 9, 2024 Jan. 11, 2024 Jan. 13, 2024 Jan. 14, 2024 7:00pm Mass 8:00am Mass 8:00am Mass 4:00pm Mass 9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass Sacristan Brian Finn John Martin Cindy Guzi Janet Sepanik Karen Frontera Jeannemarie Trotta Lector Craig Smith Kathy Pawlik Barb Milczynski **Craig Smith** Janice Machusak Robert Skwara Linda Smith Gary Bjornrud Barb Milczynski

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2023 CSA

Thank you to all those who contributed to CSA! **We have reached our goal.** Just a reminder if you made a pledge please honor it. Any monies received over the goal of \$92,951.00 stay in the parish.

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF January 7, 2024

Sunday

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



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Names added to the Prayer List remain for four weeks. Please call the

Parish Office to request prayers.

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All news will be delivered to your email inbox.

Sign up at **sjfparish.org/news**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 8, 2024

No Mass

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

7:00pm Liv. Rebeccah DeLisle (Judy Taylor)

Liv. Angela Mazur (Judy Taylor)

All Souls (Friends)

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

8:00am Dec. Jay Gould (Judy Taylor)

Thursday, January 11, 2024

8:00am Liv. Amanda Wortman (Judy Taylor)

Dec. Dorothy Kelver (Judy Taylor)
Dec. Christine & Jerry Ficek (Family)

Friday, January 12, 2024

No Mass

Saturday, January 13, 2024

4:00pm Dec. Evelyn Bremerkamp-Birthday Remem. (Family)

Dec. Frances Berthiaume (Joyce)

Dec. Joann Lichocki-6th Anniv. (Husband, Dennis)

Dec. James Kwapis (Family)

Dec. Bernard & Ceola Trinity (Robert & Frances Kraft)

Dec. Maureen Gray (Judy Taylor)
Dec. Herbert Dempz (Family)
Dec. Isabelle McLaughlin (Family)
Dec. Loretta Shaddon (Family)

Sunday, January 14, 2024

9:00am Dec. Fr. Ed Ritter (Bob & Joyce Youngert)

Dec. Josephine Sniegur (Judy Taylor)
Dec. Gloria Wiseman (Judy Taylor)
Dec. Mark Storen (Mary Kay Storen)

11:30am For the Parishioners



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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.

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



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