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#### St. Therese of Lisieux

As I have mentioned on a few occasions, one of my parish assignments shortly after I was ordained was the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. The parish dedicated to St. Therese of Lisieux. During my time there I developed a devotion to St. Therese.

One only must read her writings to know that she had a fondness for simplicity for the "little ways" in which God reveals Himself to us.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, of this year, Pope Francis published a new apostolic exhortation on St. Therese of Lisieux, subtitled, "On confidence in the merciful love of God".

The Pope writes, at a time when human beings are obsessed with the grandeur and new forms of power, she points out to us the little ways, "In an age that casts aside so many of our brothers and sisters, she teaches us the beauty of concern and responsibility for one another".

The message of the Gospel is a simple one, love of God and love of our neighbor, but sometimes the simplest of tasks can be the hardest to implement. St. Therese reminds us of that when she spoke of the "little ways" in which God makes His presence felt in our daily life. Faith and daily life are intimately connected. They go hand in hand with living out our baptismal call.

Pope Francis shares his own devotion of St. Therese when he was Archbishop of Buenos Aires when he said, "When I have a problem, I ask the saint, not to solve it, but to take it into her hands and help me to accept it, and as a sign, I almost always receive a white rose".

I often have people say to me, Father, I ask God for patience, but He does not answer me. My response is often, you are asking for the wrong thing. Instead of praying for patience, pray for understanding of the situation you find yourself in. It will open many possibilities to a potential solution.

When we see the events that are happening in the world today, this exhortation reminds us to seek the Lord and to trust in Him. Pope Francis ends his exhortation with a prayer, "Dear St. Therese, the church needs to radiate the brightness, the fragrance and the joy of the Gospel. Send us your roses! Help us to be, like yourself, ever confident in God's immense love for us, so that we may imitate each day your 'little ways 'of holiness'.

If you wish to read the exhortation in its entirety, you can find it on the Catholic News Service. The article was written by Cindy Wooden.

Bon mot: The month of souls is a season of gratitude. The Feast of All Souls.

Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony

#### **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, November 27, 2023

10:00am SVdP Meeting

1:00pm Intercessory Prayers (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

5:30pm Confessions 6:00pm Rosary

7:00pm Mass w/Anointing

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

8:00am Mass

9:30am Needlecrafters 6:00pm Needlecrafters

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

Thursday, November 30, 2023

8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers Team #1

Friday, December 1, 2023
Parish Office Closed/No Events

Saturday, December 2, 2023

10:45am Christmas Treble Choir

4:00pm Mass

5:00pm Euchre Night

Sunday, December 3, 2023

9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass

1:00pm Faith Formation 7:00pm Youth Group



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Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, acknowledging that Jesus Christ is above all earthly rulers, past, present, or future. The solemnity of Christ the King was established in 1925, in the aftermath

of the Great War and the rise of nationalism, which served to divide people and often cultures. Most solemnities (feast days) focus on biblical events. In contrast, "Christ the King" focuses on an idea. The original motivation for the feast was to celebrate the dominion of Christ that transcends national boundaries and that makes war a sacrilege against Christ's body.

From the USCCB website: "Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (Quas primas, 7).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in our social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe."

How can I mark this feast day? Today, war and terrorism still torment many areas of the world. On this solemnity, we can pray for these nations, and we can pray for victims of acts of terror and of war. We can also recognize that Jesus Christ should reign in our lives, guiding us in our thoughts, our decisions, and our actions. We can acknowledge that in both the universe that is the entire world and the universe that is our own heart, Jesus Christ is Lord. To state it simply, we can do as we have been called to do – see each other as Christ does – sisters and brothers, sharing in building the Kingdom of God.

In what way is Jesus king in my life? How do I live in this world while living for God's kingdom?



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## OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL November 27<sup>th</sup>

In 1830 the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to 24-year-old Catherine Labouré in Paris, France. She commissioned Catherine to have copies of what came to be known as the "Miraculous Medal" produced and distributed for the benefit of the faithful. The medal includes the prayer, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

# SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF

November 26, 2023

#### Sunday

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

#### Monday

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Lk 21:1-4

#### Tuesday

Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61; Lk 21:5-11

#### Wednesday

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67; Lk 21:12-19

#### **Thursday**

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22

#### **Friday**

Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81; Lk 21:29-33

#### Saturday

Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 95, 86, 87; Lk 21:34-36

#### Sunday

#### **First Sunday of Advent**

Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 12:33-37

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

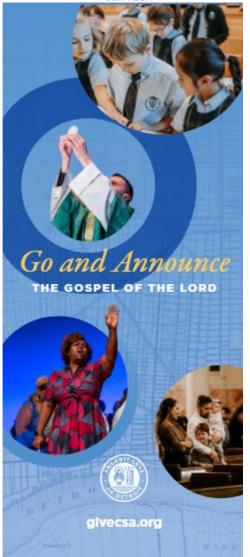
**PSALM 122:1** 

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The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack

Psalm 23:1





# **EUCHRE NIGHT HAPPY HOLIDAYS**



**WHEN:** Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00pm until about 10:00pm.

WHERE: In the Fr. Page Activity Center.

**WHO:** Whether you are a pro or a beginner join us for a fun night of Euchre! **WHAT:** We'll be playing Euchre and having a fun evening together! The games will be played using rotating partners.

**HOW:** Sign-up in the Parish Office. The cost is \$15.00 per player and covers the cost of dinner, snacks, dessert, beverages and prizes. We ask that the \$15.00 be paid before the night of the event. The cut off for signing up is Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. (No refunds for cancellations received after November 26<sup>th</sup>)

Questions: Contact Linda Smith at Lsmith@sjfparish.org or

586-977-8080, ext. 101.

# THANK YOU!

The St. Jane Frances de Chantal Conference of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to express their deepest gratitude for the amazing generosity of all of you that contributed to the 2023 Holiday Program. This year we will be assisting 9 families with food for Thanksgiving, 11 families with food for Christmas, and 22 children with gifts for Christmas. In the past year, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference has grown with more volunteers and more training to better serve our neighbors in need. As Vincentians, we put our faith into action.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE						
	Tuesday Nov. 28, 2023	Wednesday Nov. 29, 2023	Thursday Nov. 30, 2023	Saturday Dec. 2, 2023	Sunday Dec. 3, 2023	
	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	Lee Sutton	Ray Knapp	Brian Finn
Lector	Craig Bajercius	Annette Mobley	Barb Milczynski	Phil Mina Patricia Sutton	Chris Bajercius Brian Enck	Barb Milczynski Matthew Pawl

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## Our Advent Giving Tree... How your "gift card" becomes a gift of hope, dignity, and love to those in need.

Gift cards are needed in \$10, \$20 and \$30 amounts, from Kroger, Meijer, Target, Prepaid Visa/MC, and Walmart.

Cash donations may be made in any amount (checks payable to St. Jane Frances) – please write "Giving Tree" on the envelope.

**Deadline for donations: December 11<sup>th</sup>.** Return donations to the Giving Tree box in the Gathering space, or the parish office.

Below are highlights for 3 of the 9 agencies we are supporting this year.

#### **Abigayle Ministries**

586-323-1411 www.abigayleministries.org

Abigayle Ministries is a faith-based ministry that provides residential housing for homeless mothers during their pregnancy and postpartum care, while providing life skills training.

Mothers in the program receive everything they and their baby need: a private room, safe environment, meals, baby items, infant care classes, bible studies, assistance with: employment, education, transportation, counseling, and finance management.

**Mothers are expected** to maintain employment, participate in counseling and daily chores, adhere to curfew and resident guidelines.



#### Mary's Children Family Center

248-307-0242 www.maryschildrenfamilycenter.org

Mary's Children Family Center serves people with **brain injuries and developmental disabilities** by providing **academic, occupational, recreational, and social activities** in a Christ-oriented environment.

A Day Program offers structured activities to improve functional independence and enhance the quality of life. Activities include: classes for speech, computer, reading, scrap-booking, and cooking. Lunch is provided for all participants, and nursing students visit on a regular basis.





#### **Turning Point**

586-463-4430 www.turningpointmacomb.org

Turning Point **empowers survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking,** while advocating for community action to end oppression and violence.

Services include: 24-Hour Hotline (10,000 calls annually); emergency shelter (52 beds) transitional housing (furnished apartments); children's programs with counseling; financial literacy training, career coaching; Counseling and trauma services; forensic nurse; legal advocacy & personal protection orders.



## ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

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Lauren Patterson, Air Force

Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force

**Kyle Wiegand,** Army

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Debbie Coomes Rosetta Culbertson

Hosie King Jank O'Mara Pam Waleke

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

#### **PARISH NEWS**

Parish News keeps our parishioners up-to-date with regular updates from our parish. Any parishioner with an email address can sign up for Parish News.

All news will be delivered to your email inbox.

Sign up at sjfparish.org/news.



### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 27, 2023

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

7:00pm Dec. Edward J. Novak (Family)

Dec. Paul Fink (Judy Taylor)

Dec. Marilyn Patricia D'Arville (Dolores Shomock)

No Mass

All Souls (Friends)

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

8:00am Dec. Mae Taylor (Judy Taylor)

Thursday, November 30, 2023

8:00am Dec. Klara Blahota (Judy Taylor)

Friday, December 1, 2023 No Mass

Saturday, December 2, 2023

**4:00pm** For the Parishioners

Dec. Albert Brylewski (Geraldine Brylewski)

Dec. Josephine Campbell (Caroline Campbell & Family)

Sunday, December 3, 2023

**9:00am** First Sunday Monthly Memorial Members

Dec. Mary Mobley (Ronald & Annette Mobley)

**11:30am** For the Parishioners



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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!



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