

Advent





Fr. Tony Sulkowski Pastor FrTony@sjfparish.org Ext. 102 Advent

The Church begins the season of Advent, a season of preparation for the Feast of Christmas and the New Year. Many people have begun to prepare for this wonderful

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season. One only has to drive though the neighborhoods and see the colorful lights and Christmas trees decorated with ornaments and tinsel.

These are all ways in which we prepare for something special. When we celebrate family events such as marriages, baptisms, graduations, or the birth of a child, we always prepare to enter into these celebrations. However, we also prepare so that we are not caught off guard as the event approaches.

The Church invites us to prepare in a spiritual way to enter into the season. The season of Advent is our time to spiritually prepare for the great Feast of Christmas. There are many ways that we can do this: attend daily Mass, do some spiritual reading, the Little Blue Book, fix a broken relationship, volunteer at the church or in the community. How we prepare and when we prepare is up to us. The fact is that Christmas will come whether we are prepared for its arrival or not.

As we enter into the season of Advent may we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ and may we pray for each other as we continue to build up the Body of Christ. Christmas is a time in which Christ is born into the world again.

Another resource for our spiritual growth, as well as knowing what is happening in and around the Archdiocese, is the Detroit Catholic. The Detroit Catholic, official publication for the Archdiocese of Detroit, replaced the print copy of the Michigan Catholic. It is an online news paper. Many of the papers that we read are now online. If you wish to view the Detroit Catholic you can either go to the Archdiocese of Detroit website, AOD.org, or you can go to DetroitCatholic.com. I must say that the layout is colorful and wonderfully done. I hope that you enjoy the current news from the local church as well as the international news from the universal church.

Have a wonderful Advent.

Bon mot: Plunge into the deep without fear, with the gladness of April in your heart. -Sir Rabindranath Tagore

Carpe Diem, Fr. Anthony Sulkowski

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses Saturday Sunday	4:00pm 9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Masses Tuesday Wednesday & Thu	7:00pm rsday 8:00am
Holy Day Masses	As Announced
Confession Tuesday	5:30pm
Rosary Tuesday	6:00pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, November 28, 2022 1:00pm Intercessory Prayer (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 29, 20225:30pmConfessions6:00pmRosary7:00pmMass w/Anointing

Wednesday, November 30, 20228:00amMass9:30amNeedlecrafters6:00pmNeedlecrafters7:00pmLectio Divina (Zoom)7:00pmChoir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 1, 2022 8:00am Mass 9:00am Swiffers team #3

Friday, December 2, 2022 No Events-Office Closed

Saturday, December 3, 2022 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 4, 20229:00amMass11:30amMass12:15pmBaptism1:00pmFaith Formation Classes7:00pmYouth Ministry

At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come Matthew 24:44

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 PAGE 2



Laurie Hall Pastoral Associate LHall@sjfparish.org Ext. 104 Today we begin the season of Advent. Advent is a word with Latin roots. It means "approach" or "coming." We use this time to prepare our souls for the coming of the Lord, examining our lives in the light of Christ. We

are called to a life of holiness, as a reflection of Jesus to all we meet and in all our activities. During the four weeks of Advent when time is often taken up with secular preparations, be sure to give yourself the gift of time with the Lord. We have resources available in the gathering space to help you focus your thoughts, we have Advent Reconciliation Service on December 12th at 6:00pm, and we have two family activities to engage young and old in connecting the season to the life of Christ.

Advent is also the beginning of the new liturgical year for the Roman Catholic Church. On the first Sunday of Advent the Church celebrates its own kind of New Year's Day. Advent begins each year on the Sunday closest to November 30th, which is the feast day of Saint Andrew the Apostle. We also begin a new cycle of readings on the first Sunday of Advent, this year focusing on the Gospel of Matthew.

We are once again putting up the Christmas Creche for the season of Advent, as we have since Pope Francis wrote his Apostolic letter entitled Admirable Signum – On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene on the first Sunday of Advent, 2019. This beautiful letter begins, "The enchanting image of the Christmas Creche, so dear to the Christian people, never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder." We place our beautiful creche up in Advent so that all can gaze at it in amazement and wonder as we prepare to celebrate the Christmas season. The creche reminds us of the love and mercy of God, coming into this world as a baby in a stable. The Son of God is placed where animals feed and "Laid in a manger, he became our food" (Pope Francis).

I have continued this tradition in my own home again this year, re-reading the Apostolic letter and meditating on the various elements of the nativity scene as part of my daily prayer and reflection. I would encourage you to read the entire letter. It is a short six pages and both an easy and an enlightening read. You can find the letter at the Vatican.va website or simply Google Admirable Signum.

As we continue our Advent journey to Bethlehem, may we gaze at the nativity scene and let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.

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LATE REGISTRATION IS NOT AVAILABLE

FOR THIS EVENT

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11 & 18 10:00AM

REGISTRATION NOT NECESSARY

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SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF November 27, 2022

Sunday First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

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

Thursday Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



Thank you St. Jane Frances de Chantal parishioners for your overwhelming generosity of so many gift cards! The St. Vincent de Paul Chapter members delivered Thanksgiving Holiday Baskets to some very grateful neighbors.



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ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read. Following the reading, with hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,

we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,

he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,

he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God,

let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come guickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen. The blessing may conclude with a verse from

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel:

O come, desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind; bid every sad division cease and be thyself our Prince of peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



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Today is the first Sunday in Advent. Advent is a special time in the church year. It is a time when we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. We prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus born as a baby in Bethlehem. We prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus among us here and now. We prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus in glory at the end of time. There are four Sundays in Advent and that means there are four Sundays before Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, born as a baby in Bethlehem. Advent is a time of waiting, but it isn't a boring, sitting around kind

of waiting. We are waiting in an active way. We are looking and preparing for Jesus to come. Our hope is in the Lord.

Discuss as a family: -What is something you are hoping for? -How have you seen God at work in your life? -What does hope feel like?

ACTIVITY: Read Isaiah 64: 8-9. Use some playdough, model magic, or clay to create something. God is like a potter creating wonderful things. Isaiah 64:8 says, "Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are clay, and you are our potter; we are all the works of your hand." Create something wonderful out of playdough, remembering all the amazing things God has created in this world. **SONG:** My Hope Is In the Lord | Cave Quest VBS Music Video | Group Publishing (YouTube)

PRAYER: Thank you, God, that you are with us. Thank you for your faithfulness to your children. May the candle of hope be a reminder today and throughout the Advent season that our hope is in you. Amen. Color the first candle of hope either blue or purple for the first

Sunday of Advent.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE						
	Tuesday Nov. 29, 2022	Wednesday Nov. 30, 2022	Thursday Dec. 1, 2022	Saturday Dec. 3, 2022	Sunday Dec. 4, 2022	
	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	Ray Knapp	Dan Rys
Lector	Barbara Sadecki	Annette Mobley	Barb Milczynski	Eileen Clase Phil Mina	Kathleen Pawlik Janice Machusak	,
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Advent Giving Tree 2022



"Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me." [Mt 25:40]

We invite you to join in our annual Giving Tree project and share your blessings with those less fortunate, especially during these challenging times.

Donations can be made in the form of gift cards or cash. The donations will be distributed to the organizations that depend on our support to provide a Christmas celebration for those they serve. The organizations will then obtain the items they need.

Gift cards are needed in \$10, \$20 and \$30 amounts. You are welcome to donate as many as you wish. The following gift cards are requested: 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" in the memo.

Donations can be placed in the Giving Tree Donation Box in the gathering space of church or brought to the parish office during office hours.

Deadline for donations is Sunday, December 11, 2022



We hope you will consider participating. Your spirit of generosity will make Christmas special for so many in need. Your donations will support the following organizations serving diverse needs both within our parish and beyond:

- Children of families within our parish, served by St. Vincent de Paul
- **Coffee House Ministry** provides social interaction & affirmation for special needs adults
- **Turning Point Shelter** for domestic violence victims and survivors in Macomb county
- **McWARM** warming center; a gathering place for homeless in Macomb county
- Good Shepherd Coalition Macomb provides resources for emergency needs of families
- Mary's Children Family Center for brain injury recovery
- St. Aloysius Neighborhood Services to homeless, working poor and seniors in Detroit
- St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocesan Ministry to prisoners & newly released inmates
- **Franciscan Ministries** serving the homeless in East Detroit with clothing/food/health
- **Deo Gratias Ministries** provides a safe gathering place in disadvantaged neighborhoods
- **The Good Eggs Foundation** connects with organizations that benefit children in need

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ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army Nicholas Brosowski, Army Chris Burley, Navy Shaun Chaplin, Air Force Michael DeVito. Army Reserve Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines Gregory Hjelle, Army 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 Steven Zurek, Navy

PRAYER LIST

Julius D' Ambrosio Tom Kendro Frances Kraft Dennis McLellan Joe Rauschenberger Christine Reghi Daniel Reghi Wally Stacey

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 28, 2022

No Mass

Tuesday, November 29, 20227:00pmDec. Mae Taylor (Judy Taylor)
Dec. Romeo Lapak (Family)Wednesday, November 30, 20228:00amDec. Klara Blahota (Judy Taylor)

Dec. Romeo Lapak (Family) Liv. Justin Semanisin (Ron Semanisin and Family)

No Mass

Thursday, December 1, 2022

8:00am

- Dec. Gini DenDooven (Karen Graziano) Dec. Jim Sawicki (Judy Taylor) Dec. Marcy Drozdowicz (Delphine Flowers Sr.)
- Friday, December 2, 2022

Saturday, December 3, 2022

4:00pm For the Parishioners Dec. James Polizzi (Maryann Polizzi) Dec. James Kwapis (Family) Liv. Paulin Vacaj (Maria)

Sunday, December 4, 2022

9:00am	First Sunday Monthly Memorial Members				
	Liv. Valentin Vacaj (Mom, Maria)				
	Dec. Velko Kostrevec (Merisa & Lana Musemic)				
	Dec. Julia Nida (Eric & Wendy Rzeppa)				
	Dec. Ivica Schimunec (Merisa & Lana Musemic)				
11:30am	Dec. Mary Weiler (Loretta Micscavish)				

Dec. Lee Sutton Sr. (Son) Dec. Delphine Zawislinski (Family)



DO YOU HAVE PREDIABETES?

Do you know that 88 million people in the US have prediabetes? And that 8 out of 10 don't know that they are at risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. Risk factors for Type 2 diabetes include being over 45, overweight, being inactive, and having a family history of diabetes. If you are prediabetic, you can prevent or delay development of Type 2 diabetes by losing weight, eating healthy, and being more active...easier said than done. The CDC Diabetes Prevention Program can help. See the Health Ministry Bulletin Board for more information about prediabetes, a prediabetes risk test, and the CDC Diabetes Prevention Program through Henry Ford Health.

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"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." 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 **sjfparish.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!



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