



# ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

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## Second week of Advent

In this second week of Advent, John the Baptist plays a defining role in the life and ministry of Jesus. John is often referred to as the precursor of

Jesus. The definition of precursor is forerunner, forbearer, or trailblazer. In reading the Scriptures that pertain to John the Baptist, anyone of those terms would be appropriate for John. John was indeed a trailblazer making people aware that one more powerful than he (John) was to come.

This Advent season affords us the opportunity to be like John and tell our stories of faith and our spiritual journey. Advent is one of those times that the Church encourages us to see how God is present in our daily life, but more importantly to share those experiences of God's presence with those people who are a part of our life or who enter into our journey for a short time. We all have a story to tell and there are people who want to hear our story.

One of the materials I use every Advent season is what has become known as the, "The Little Blue Book". The Little Blue Book contains writings or reflections by Bishop Ken Untener. These little six minute reflections allow us to center our attention on the season of Advent in the midst of our busy life and Christmas preparations. I would encourage you to pick up an Advent book in the gathering space and spend that six minutes a day reflecting upon the scripture verse, the reflection, and the prayer at the bottom of each page.

Whatever prayer form you use throughout this season of Advent, may it prepare you to celebrate the great Feast of Christmas. This is a time for us to step back from our busy schedules and focus our attention on God and the many ways in which He reveals and shows Himself to us on a day to day basis.

Many people have asked. What is the meaning of Carpe Diem? It is Latin for "seize the day". I began using the term after I saw the movie: The Dead Poets Society. It is a reminder for us to see God's hand in our work, our play, and our interaction with each other. As we journey through this season of Advent, may we seize each day and each moment as a gift from God knowing that He loves us and cares for us.

Let us keep in our prayers the men and women who are serving in the military. May God protect them and their families. Let us also remember those women and men who will be away from their families this Christmas season that they may be united in spirit with their loved ones.

**Bon Mot: With this hope, therefore, let our souls be bound to him who is faithful to his promises and righteous in his judgments.**

---St. Clement I, Letter to the Corinthians, c. 95

**Carpe Diem,**  
**Fr. Anthony Sulkowski**

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at 8:00am and 6:00pm.

## Christmas 2022

As you are aware, this year Christmas is on Sunday. Because it is on Sunday there are two separate collections: the Christmas collection as well as the weekly Sunday offertory collection. We do rely on the weekly offertory collection to make our budget. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I wish to thank you for your ongoing generosity to the parish of St. Jane Frances de Chantal.

I wish all of you an awesome Advent season, 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—8:00pm

### Tuesday

2:00pm—8:00pm

### Saturday

3:00pm—5:00pm

### Sunday

10:00am—12:30pm

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### Monday, December 5, 2022

*No Events*

### Tuesday, December 6, 2022

5:30pm Confessions  
6:00pm Rosary  
7:00pm Mass

### Wednesday, December 7, 2022

8:00am Mass  
9:30am Needlecrafters  
10:00am Seniors  
6:00pm Coffee House  
6:00pm Needlecrafters  
6:30pm Cantor Rehearsal  
7:00pm Lectio Divina (Zoom)  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 8, 2022

8:00am Immaculate Conception Mass  
9:00am Swiffers team #4  
6:00pm Immaculate Conception Mass  
6:45pm K of C General Meeting

### Friday, December 9, 2022

*No Events-Office Closed*

### Saturday, December 10, 2022

4:00pm Mass

### Sunday, December 11, 2022

9:00am Mass  
9:45am Family Breakfast w/St. Nick.  
10:00am Holiday Grief Support Group  
11:30am Mass



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Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patronal Feast Day of the U.S. and a holy day of obligation. Our Mass schedule is found on

the front page. Mary's preparation for Christ's birth can be a model for us during Advent. Can we prepare as if we had Christ within us, waiting to be born into the world? We can look to Mary as our model as it is her immaculate conception that made possible the birth of our Lord as fully human and fully divine. Like Mary, may we be instruments of grace, giving new birth to the Lord in today's world, for the Lord is with us.

**Do not miss an opportunity to enjoy a delicious breakfast with St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, following 9:00am Mass (no registration necessary)!**

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in Asia Minor, now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships. The Church celebrates his feast day on the anniversary of his death, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of those in need. St. Nicholas is honored throughout Europe and one of the old Christian traditions surrounding his feast day is for kids to leave their shoes out overnight in front of the fireplace, on the windowsill, or outside their bedroom door so that St. Nicholas can fill them with special fruits, candies, other small gifts, and treats. We will invite the children attending our breakfast to leave their shoes in the hallway leading to the Fr. Leon Page Activity Center. St. Nicholas is sure to leave them a surprise!

### Upcoming events:

- Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. An additional opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at SS. Cyril and Methodius on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – noon and from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.
- Eucharistic Adoration with Recitation of Divine Praises is on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00pm – 6:30pm in the Chapel.
- Family Pizza and Sing-Along is on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Fr. Leon Page Activity Center. **Registration is necessary for this evening of food and fun - please call the parish office at 586-977-8080 by Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> to register. Late registration is not available for this event.** The evening includes a meal, activities for the kids, and the pleasure of joining in songs of celebration of our Lord and the joys of the season!

Finally, we need your help to bring the beauty of the Christmas season to our worship space! Would you like to help decorate the Worship and Gathering spaces for Christmas? During the last two years we moved from decorating everything on one day to a more manageable process of decorating throughout the week before Christmas. If you have time during the week to decorate a tree or help with flowers or other Christmas celebration decorations, please email me at [lhall@sifparish.org](mailto:lhall@sifparish.org) or call 586-977-8080 ext. 104. We have something for everyone!



ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL  
**FAMILY BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS**

**SUNDAY**  
DECEMBER 11  
9:45AM

FAMILY PHOTOS WITH ST. NICHOLAS



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Let's Sing Together

**FRI 16 DEC 6PM**

**FAMILY PIZZA AND SING-ALONG**

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

RSVP BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

[WWW.SJFPARISH.ORG](http://WWW.SJFPARISH.ORG)



LATE REGISTRATION IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT

**ST. JANE FRANCES HOLIDAY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 11 & 18 10:00AM**



REGISTRATION NOT NECESSARY



**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
**WEEK OF**  
**December 4, 2022**

**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

**Monday**

Is 35:1-10;

Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14;

Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday**

Is 40:1-11;

Ps 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13;

Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday**

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10;

Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday**

**Solemnity of the Immaculate**

**Conception of the Blessed Virgin**

**Mary**

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Friday**

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6;

Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11;

Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19;

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**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

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG,  
FOR HE HAS DONE  
**MARVELOUS DEEDS.**



**OFFERTORY INFORMATION  
November 20, 2022**

Registered Families:	1,365
Envelopes Returned:	178
Amount Offered:	\$5,528.00
Loose Offering:	\$761.00
Online Contributors:	113
Online Contributions	\$3,932.00
Total Offerings:	\$10,221.00
Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Difference:	<b>-\$1565.00</b>

**OFFERTORY INFORMATION  
November 27, 2022**

Registered Families:	1,365
Envelopes Returned:	175
Amount Offered:	\$5,429.00
Loose Offering:	\$906.00
Online Contributors:	106
Online Contributions	\$2,876.00
Total Offerings:	\$9,211.00
Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Difference:	<b>-\$2,575.00</b>

**Repent, for the  
kingdom of  
heaven is at hand**

MATTHEW 3:2

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Jody Gazo at [JGazo@sjfparish.org](mailto:JGazo@sjfparish.org)  
for assistance.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Family Page**

Today is the second 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. God's time is different than our time. With God 1 day is like 1,000 years and 1,000 years is like 1 day. That's very different than our time! We are also reminded in this second week of Advent that God isn't slow in keeping promises, but instead God is patient. God cares about everyone. Jesus will come again and no one knows when that will be. Even those who are watching and waiting will be surprised, but there is no reason to fear. We are reminded to be at peace. We can be at peace with God and we can be at peace with our neighbors.

**Discuss as a family:**

- When you hear the word "peace," what comes to your mind?
- What does peace feel like?
- What do you do while you are waiting? What do you do while you wait in Advent?
- How do you wait in peace?

**ACTIVITY:** Advent is a time of waiting. Time can feel very slow when we are waiting. Time can feel very fast when we are trying to do something hard in a short time. Have each family member (or 2 teams) see how many words they can come up with from the letters in ADVENT. You have 2 minutes. Go.

**SONG:** Peace Like A River - Listener Kids (YouTube.com)

**PRAYER:** Thank you, God, that you are with us. Thank you for the gift of Jesus and your promise to come again. Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit as we wait. May the candle of peace be a reminder that you are our peace. Amen.

Color the first two candles, hope and peace, either blue or purple for the Second Sunday of Advent.



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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

	<b>Tuesday Dec. 6, 2022</b>	<b>Wednesday Dec. 7, 2022</b>	<b>Thursday Dec. 8, 2022</b>	<b>Saturday Dec. 10, 2022</b>	<b>Sunday Dec. 11, 2022</b>	
	7:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	8am/6pm Mass	4:00pm Mass	9:00am Mass	11:30am Mass
<b>Sacristan</b>	Brian Finn	John Martin	8am Ray K. 6pm J M Trotta	Janet Seganik	Karen Frontera	Brian Finn
<b>Lector</b>	Craig Smith	Judy Taylor	8am Barb M. 6pm Chris B.	Linda Smith Craig Smith	Eileen Clase Denise Dara	Ronald Mobley Annette Mobley

## 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

**Repent, for the kingdom  
of heaven is at hand**

**Matthew 3:2**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal gives congratulations and blessings to Matthew Blacker and Vera Ujkic, who received the Sacrament of Marriage on November 19, 2022.

**Witnesses:** Michael Malkowski and Antoneta Lulgjura

**Sponsor couple:** Eric & Wendy Rzeppa

May God bless you both!



## With Deepest Sympathy

The community of **St. Jane Frances de Chantal** extends support and prayers to the family and friends of:

### **Marybell E. Pietrusiewicz**

Beloved wife of the late  
Edward Joseph  
Dear Mother of Linda, Gail, Jean,  
Sally, and Nancy  
Cherished grandmother,  
great-grandmother,  
and great-great grandmother

*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual  
light shine upon them.  
May the souls of all the  
faithful departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## 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

Karen Belloli  
 Julius D' Ambrosio  
 Virginia Edge  
 Tom Kendro  
 Dennis McLellan  
 Joe Rauschenberger  
 Christine Reghi  
 Daniel Reghi

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



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 5, 2022**

*No Mass*

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

**7:00pm** Dec. Julia & Joe Nida (Paul & Georgia Osak)  
 Liv. Cheryl Reo (Mary Reo)  
 Liv Nua Vacaj (Wife-Maria)  
 Pepaj Family (Joe)

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

**8:00am** Dec. Edward & Agatha Smak (Family)  
 Dec. Padraic I. Mullin (Family)

**Thursday, December 8, 2022 Immaculate Conception**

**8:00am** Dec. Steven Sadecki (Barbara Sadecki)  
 Dec. Dave Buchnavich (Barbara Sadecki)  
 Liv. Paul Altobelli (Barbara Sadecki)  
 Liv. Maria Vacaj (Maria)  
 Liv. Mr. & Mrs. M. Papaj (Son, Joe)

**6:00pm** For the Parishioners

**Friday, December 9, 2022**

*No Mass*

**Saturday, December 10, 2022**

**4:00pm** Dec. Carol Trinity Miller (Robert & Frances Kaft)  
 Dec. Herbert Dempz (Dempz & Aaron Families)  
 Dec. Isabelle McLaughlin (Dempz & Aaron Families)  
 Dec. Loretta Shaddon (Dempz & Aaron Families)  
 Dec. Bauer Family Members (Sally Family)  
 Dec. Giuseppe Stocchetti-1yr. Ann. (Mr. & Mrs. Giovanni Casali)  
 Dec. Josephine Manley (Bill & Maria Messina)  
 Dec. Julie Wojas (Sandy Suworow)  
 Liv. Valentin Vacaj (Maria)

**Sunday, December 11, 2022**

**9:00am** For the Parishioners  
 Dec. Maurice Bessette (Connie & Alan Rozak)  
 Dec. Dolores Whitehouse (Judy Taylor)

**11:30am** Dec. Mary Mobley (Ron & Annette Mobley)  
 Dec. Stella Lobaza-9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Family)  
 Dec. Carolyn DiMinno (Pat Mandziuk)  
 Dec. Salvatore Cecchini Sr. (Grandchildren)



## OUR MISSION

“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.”

## NEW TO OUR PARISH?

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](http://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!



### Jeff & Lila Mandziuk & Family Parishioners

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