



St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish

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ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!



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On behalf of the parish staff of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, I wish you, your family, and your friends a most joyous and blessed Easter. Easter is a joyous time: the snow is gone, new life is all around us, the flowers are in bloom, and the nice weather will soon be upon us. The words that Jesus spoke to his disciples have been fulfilled. The Son of Man will be put to death but will rise in three days. He has Risen as He said.

There is a story about a priest who gave the shortest homily one Easter Sunday. On Easter morning, parishioners were gathering in the church, children were dressed in their Sunday clothes, and the day was sunny and warm.

The priest read the Gospel for the Easter Mass. Then he kissed the Book of the Gospels, descended the steps, cleared his throat, and spoke to the congregation. "I am going to give you the shortest homily you have ever heard," he said, "as we celebrate the Great Feast of Easter.

"Either you believe that Christ has Risen from the tomb or you don't. The choice is yours." And with that said, he continued with the Mass.

Indeed, Christ has risen from the tomb as he told his disciples He would. Sometimes, the easiest choices are the most challenging ones. For forty days of Lent, we have been preparing to celebrate this day. We are like Peter and John, who, after being told by the women that the tomb was empty, went to the tomb, peered in, and saw for themselves that the tomb was empty. They saw and believed.

As we go about our work and leisure, may we take the time to see the many ways in which God reveals the Risen Christ to us. Happy Easter, Wesslego Alleluja, Pasque Felice, Feliz Pascua.

Bon mot: "The future belongs to the believers and not to skeptics and doubters. The future belongs to those who love, not to those who hate." —Pope Pius XII, Address to the College of Cardinals, June 2, 1947.

Carpe Diem,
Fr. Tony

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT	NEW TO THE PARISH?
<p>"Nourished by God's Word & the Eucharist, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."</p>	<p>Would you like to join the St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish family? Become a Parishioner! You may register anytime using the online form available at sjfparish.org. We would love to have you!</p>

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER

St. Jane Frances de Chantal



ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

- Robert Bain, Army
- Nicholas Brosowski, Army
- Chris Burley, Navy
- Shaun Chaplin, Air Force
- Charles Cosnowski, Air Force
- Winndie Darrow, Coast Guard
- Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines
- Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard
- Elijah Kuefler, Navy
- Carmen LaForest, Navy
- Matthew McDowell, Air Force
- Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force
- Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy
- Scot D. Skoczylas, Navy
- Anthony Trotta, Navy
- Kyle Wiegand, Army

PRAYER LIST

Dan VanAcker

"Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise!"

James 5:13

Names added to the Prayer List will remain on the list for a period of 4 weeks. If the illness or situation persists after that time and additional prayers are needed, please call the Parish Office. Thank you!

Greetings from Fr. Tony and the staff at St. Jane Frances de Chantal on this Easter Sunday!

*Alleluia! He is Risen!
 With great joy, let us pray,
 O God, who on this day,
 through your Only Begotten Son,
 has conquered death
 and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
 grant, we pray, that we who keep
 the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
 may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
 rise up in the light of life.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen indeed!*

Please join Archbishop Vigneron at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral for Mass today at noon as we gather in community throughout the world, all celebrating the Risen Lord! God is truly present in the liturgies celebrated and shared by the community of God throughout the world. Recently, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, said this:

"Our churches may be closed, but Christ is not quarantined and his Gospel is not in chains. Our Lord's heart remains open to every man and woman. Even though we cannot worship together, each of us can seek him in the tabernacles of our own hearts."

The Church is not empty right now; rather, it is out on mission. Let's continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through our prayer and through reaching out to others via phone, email, or teleconferencing. Please continue our practice of noon prayer each day, joining together as a community of faithful disciples.

With Easter joy and hope for our future, let us seek to enter into a deeper relationship with the Risen Lord, today and throughout the 50 days of Easter. Peace!

MARRIAGE BANNES

Week III

Thomas Kassab & Angela Hellow



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2020

Sunday, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 13: NO MASS

TUESDAY, APRIL 14:

7:00pm For the Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15:

8:00am For the Parishioners

THURSDAY, APRIL 16:

8:00am Dec. Marsha Olson (Family)

Dec. Phyllis Burnagieli (Judy Taylor)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17: NO MASS

SATURDAY, APRIL 18:

4:00pm For our First Communicants

For the Parishioners

Dec. Ralph Beaufait (Robert & France Kraft)

Dec. Frank Skonieczny (41st anniv.)

(Pat Mandziuk)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19:

9:00am For our First Communicants

Dec. Lea Barry (Al & Pat Smolek)

11:30am For our First Communicants

Dec. Henry & Mary Mobley

(Ron & Annette Mobley)

Dec. Nancy Peterson (Judy Taylor)

DID YOU KNOW?

While our attendance and participation at Mass is suspended, Mass itself isn't. Fr. Tony celebrates private Mass daily, offering the Mass for all the Intentions requested, the needs of the Church, the world, and our community. You do not need to be in a church to pray or to encounter God. Jesus explains: *"Whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you"* (Matthew 6:6).

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

For the Church—that we will continue to be instruments of Christ's light for all who live in darkness, of hope for all who know pain, and of love for all who experience rejection, let us pray to the Lord.

For nations in turmoil—that God will break the cycles of violence and discord, end acts of revenge, and raise leaders who will establish peace and justice in areas of conflict, let us pray to the Lord.

For all in this faith community—that we may be strong in faith, confident in hope, and abounding with love for God and our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord.

For all who continue to prepare for reception of the Sacraments: that they will persevere faithfully, enrich the Church community with their gifts, and manifest the reign of God in their lives, let us pray to the Lord.

For all the human family: that God will deliver us from the COVID-19 virus, keep safe all who are vulnerable to the disease, and protect all healthcare workers who are serving those who are ill, let us pray to the Lord.

For the intentions of this Mass, the petitions received through our website, and the silent prayers in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

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And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Matthew 28:9

Jesus is Risen and walks among us! Our forty-day period of Lent, with its practices of praying, fasting, and giving alms, has ended! Let's reflect on that. The purpose of Lent is basically a time of isolation from the world—something we have taken

on this year in a totally different way. We enter into Lent each year knowing that we'll be born anew on Easter. Our time of isolation during this pandemic, again, done out of love and mercy for the other, will end, and it will end with a rebirth. This year, we are like the first disciples, who initially did not know how or when their period of suffering would end. However, unlike the first disciples, we do know how the story ends—so we have hope and a sure faith in our risen Lord!

During this Lent, we have learned many things—including that we need to be better-prepared to handle this kind of adversity. Many of us learned that we are very capable of slowing down, developing greater bonds with our families, and entertaining ourselves without all the trappings of the world. The trick is to learn from this and not just return to what was always done—just like what we “give up” for Lent. The reason we give something up isn't so we can grab it back at Easter; it's so we can make permanent changes that bring us closer to God and a life in Christ. Let's focus on what this unusual and deep Lent has taught us, and how we can use this period of Easter to reflect on the lessons we've learned—and how to use them when we burst forth from our hibernation and go out in public to share the Good News.

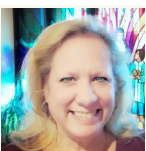
On this Easter Sunday, let us greet Jesus, embrace him, and honor him with faith, hope, and joy!

Palm Sunday came and went, but for the first time ever, we didn't celebrate it in Church—instead, we celebrated virtually. Did that make it any less holy or less important? No. Will that make today, Easter Sunday, any less spiritual? No. Think about all of our military members who are often away from home on such days and on Easter, Christmas, and Thanksgiving. Can they go to Mass in the middle of the desert with artillery and ammunition battering about? Nope. During this 75th anniversary of the end of WWII, consider this: when our fathers and grandfathers (and some moms and grandmas) were gone for years (my dad was gone for four) they probably didn't know what day of the week it was, let alone if it was Sunday and time for Church. But odds are, they were praying—praying to survive, praying to come home in one piece, praying that their families would be okay, and praying that evil did not prevail and change the world for the worse.

Today, we face an even stronger terror—a virus we cannot see. If we do not work as one and do what we can to eradicate this and other viral threats, I hate to think what will happen. You may have heard the story about the choir in Seattle that decided to rehearse, despite warnings not to congregate. A couple weeks later, out of 60 members, 45 were infected and two died. We were right for the churches to react immediately, shut down, go home, and wait this out. Missing a few weeks of mass, in-house, is a small price to pay for staying healthy. I praise God that I have remained healthy, and for the good he has done for us. This reminds me of the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, Psalm 116: *Our blessing cup is a communion in the blood of Christ.* The first verse is especially poignant: *How can I make a return to the Lord, for all the good He has done for me? The cup of salvation I will take up and I will call upon the name of the Lord.*

During these unusual times, let us continue to call upon the name of the Lord. Happy Easter, everyone—and until we meet again, save some chocolate bunnies for me!

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Alleluia! Christ is Risen! This has been a very different Holy Week. We have witnessed much suffering and death in our state and in the world. We have prayed the Passion of our Lord from our homes. Yet, today, we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. It is a time to hold fast to our faith in “the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.”

In the months ahead, we will begin to come back to some normalcy—however, it will be different. We will all have been touched by this pandemic. But as we celebrate Easter and think about our future, how will you be different? How will you show you are the hands and feet of our Lord? Perhaps you can become more involved in our parish community. Is there a ministry you have been interested in, or wish to learn about? Now is the time to think about these ministries and become involved! If you are interested in the opportunities listed on the next page, please contact me through my email dmazur@sjfparish.org or by phone 586-977-800 ext. 107.

ADVENT GIVING TREE—The Giving Tree is an annual charity drive to provide Christmas gifts for the less fortunate. It gives parish members the chance to witness their faith by being the “light of Christ” through caring for those in need at Christmas. The committee collects, separates, wraps with volunteer assistance, and distributes gifts to the charities.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY—We maintain an email database to notify job seekers of open positions, job fairs, workshops, and other information. Visit sjfparish.org/CareerDevelopment to join!

THE DENIS CONNECTION—The DENIS Connection (Delivering Encouragement, Nurturing, and Increasing Socialization) keeps parishioners who are homebound or on our prayer list connected to the parish community. We make telephone visits, friendly visits, nursing home visits, and provide a helping hand or transportation. Your help can make a difference!

GRIEF SUPPORT—The Grief Support Ministry offers a six-week grief support series during the year. The focus of the series is on the stages of grief: Denial & Isolation, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, and Acceptance. A monthly Sunday Support Group meets between each series, as well as a “Grief Support through the Holidays” group in December.

HEALTH MINISTRY—The Health Ministry works to improve the health of our parish community by focusing on health education, wellness, and prevention. We provide health and blood pressure screenings, community resources, counseling, CPR training, and health education. We welcome all health professionals to share their gifts for our parish community!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—The Knights support the Church and country by means of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Membership is open to men who are practicing Catholics 18 years or older.

MATS FOR THE HOMELESS—When the church reopens, on the third Wednesday of the month, we host our “Plarn Party” where we work together in making the plastic yarn used to crochet mats for the homeless. You can come to one, some, or all of our gatherings. The mats are given to the St. Aloysius street ministry.

MERCY IN ACTION CATHOLIC CHARITIES—We need volunteers for a fall day of mercy in the Archdiocese—to organize and run various activities in the region, like packing supplies, fall cleanup, blessing bags and mats for the homeless, and more.

NEEDLECRAFTERS—Do you like to sew, knit, crochet, or quilt? Whether you are new or experienced, you are invited to socialize and work on projects (your own or ours). Our projects include blankets, prayer shawls, and gloves/scarves for the homeless. No RSVP necessary; when we reopen, we will meet Wednesdays from 9:30—11:30am and 5:30—7:30pm.

PANERA MINISTRY—We participate in the Panera Dough-nation Program. We need volunteers to visit our assigned Panera Café on Sunday nights, pick up their donations, and bring them to the Church kitchen by 9:00am Monday morning. We also have volunteers who come in Monday mornings and separate donations for families and organizations in need.

PRISON MINISTRY—In support of the On the Rise Bakery, sponsored by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, we conduct a Thanksgiving Pie Sale in November and have the ROPE (Reaching Our Potential Everyday) program visit in our activity center in the spring. We also hope to expand this ministry to include clothing drives of socks and cleaning supplies.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE—We work with the American Red Cross to provide opportunities to share the gift of life with those in need. Our next blood drive is May 24th from 8:00am—2:00pm, by appointment only (no walk-ins). Register online at www.redcrossblood.org. When you register, be sure to enter “stjane” as the sponsor code!

RESPECT LIFE—Our Respect Life Ministry educates the parish community on issues that support life at all ages. We support Right to Life Lifespan and Northeast Macomb Right to Life through their flower sale, Christmas Card Sale, annual spring baby shower, and fall giving crib. We also write bulletin articles on various issues of life.

SENIORS—Are you 55 and older (and wiser)? Do you enjoy conversation, community, a shared meal, or playing cards? SENIORS meet the first and third Wednesday of the Month (excluding Jan., Feb., and quarantine) from 10:00am—2:00pm. We offer Pinochle, Bingo, and card and dice games. Membership is \$5.00 per year; \$4.00 donation collected at the door.

SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY—The Soup Kitchen Ministry exists to help feed the poor and homeless in metropolitan Detroit. Volunteers travel to St. Leo’s Soup Kitchen and the St. Patrick Senior Center several times per year to prepare and serve food. Volunteers also donate baked goods and clothing. Upcoming dates: June 27th, Sept. 26th, and Nov. 26th.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—We visit the poor or needy to evaluate their needs and provide assistance. Volunteers must have concern for those in need, rational decision-making, and respect for confidentiality. Projects include holiday collections.

The parishioners of St. Jane Frances de Chantal present...

We asked our parishioners to share what they love most about St. Jane Frances de Chantal, and what they're looking forward to when we're together again. Here's what they said:

EASTER JOY

"I most look forward to receiving Jesus sacramentally. Upon entering the gathering space, I hope to be greeted by Fr. Tony's smile, Laurie who worked so hard to keep the SJF community so well-connected, friends who I only talked with on social media, and our welcoming staff."

"It will feel good to be back home."

Pat

"I have been a member for many years. St Jane's has always been a friendly and welcoming community. I feel like we are one big family. St Jane's is also a very "giving" parish—if there is a need for anything, all you have to do is ask, and people are always ready to help." *Karen*

"We're really looking forward to seeing the always-welcoming staff at St. Jane's again as we enter the Church. And we're especially looking forward to seeing the ushers at St. Jane's who are always so pleasant and accommodating as they assist our needs with a handicapped parent—especially in coordinating with the Eucharistic Ministers so that she can receive Communion. Thanks so much for meeting our needs and exceeding our expectations! God Bless you!" *Lou*

"We miss St. Jane Frances and all our brothers and sisters—namely Fr. Tony, Laurie, Janina & the Choir, Debbie, Jody, Mary Ann and Ben. Thank you for all the updates and the Scripture readings by Father, and you, Laurie, on these past Sundays. We are filling in the void with EWTM daily Mass, rosary, and Chaplet. This has been very helpful, but it is not like being at St. Jane Frances and being able to receive the Holy Eucharist and read the Word of the Scriptures." *Julius, Chris, & Theresa*

"Once we get back to our 'normal' routine, we look forward to Fr. Tony being in the gathering space, waiting to greet and welcome everyone who walks through the doors. We miss his sense of humor and his contagious laugh." *Trotta Family*

"The people support each other with caring words of hope and encouragement. St Jane's is a holy place where I receive the Body and Blood of Christ and know God is with me and in me. The music, songs, and choir are inspirational." *Marie*

"I love the way our Church is arranged. We all enter through the same welcoming gathering space as a family." *John*
 "Whatever the occasion or reason for being at St. Jane's, I always come home feeling better and with a happier heart. Stay well, my friends." *Barb*

"I love St. Jane's because of the friendly, welcoming, generous people—both staff and parishioners. I miss worshiping, praying, learning, socializing, and working with them. I'm looking forward to the day when I will be able to share the Mass and the Eucharist with all of them again." *Kathy*

"You never realize how many people you greet while attending Mass at St. Jane's. And then, one morning, you spot them at Kroger... You smile and then realize: I really, really miss my parish and all those attending services—and then, of course, Fr. Tony greeting us all as we join him in prayer." *Barb*

"I love the music created by the choir during Mass. It lifts my spirit as I try to sing along." *Richard*

"I cannot wait until I can come through your doors and feel whole again."

"That is what I feel when I enter each time—that I have come home. I can leave my problems and worries at the door and know that I will be uplifted once I enter MY parish."

"One Sunday I was debating on whether or not to attend the Mass because I was in a rough place. I decided to come, and when I entered the gathering space, another parishioner said "Hello, how are you doing today?" I responded, "Not very well." They somehow could tell that I did not want to tell why, so they said, "Oh, I'm very sorry to hear that. We are so very glad that you are here today. Thank you for spending part of your day with us." That person did so much for me that day. They completely changed my outlook. They made me feel so special. It was like coming home to a warm hug."

God definitely has a way of putting people together so that they benefit each other. This parish is like the tv show *Cheers*. You know when you walk in that you are definitely accepted and wanted for just being "you." I cannot wait to get back with my home away from home." *Karen*

“What I love about St. Jane’s... In two simple words: the outside and the inside.”

“The outside is not just a landscape; it is a sign of the spirit of God’s creation—from the St. Francis statue (accessorized seasonally)—to the continuous seasonal growth and blossoming of the many annual and perennial flowers and trees that are so well-placed around the building.”

“The inside is not just an arrangement of religious pieces and required furniture; rather, it is a sign for those who enter to experience the spirit of Faith expressed in both color and light that enters from the ceiling and windows; there is the warmth of wood and the colors of earthly and heavenly peace in the blue, green, cream, and brown hues of the other décor elements. There are clear areas for solitary, communal, and choral prayer and participation. These inside elements combine to create an inner feeling of hope and calm, goodness and serenity—shared along with others of like-minded spirit and faith—and unlike any other space that can be occupied or duplicated in home or community.” *Kathi*

“I look forward to gathering in worship in a comfortable Church, with beautiful music and the physical presence of God’s people. What I miss most is receiving the body of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

“What a blessing it will be to have all these things available in the future—thanking God ahead of time!” *Debi*

“I love the silence of the empty church when I arrive early for bell practice. I love the sound of everyone singing together at Sunday Mass, when every molecule in the air vibrates with praise. I love feeling welcomed by smiles and words and the beauty of flowers and decor anytime I come into the building. Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place.” *Fawn*

“As I reflect on the Resurrection of our Lord, I am reminded how grateful I am for my community of Christian families and how they have helped me ‘rise’ this Easter and recognize just how many blessings stem from the joy I receive belonging to St. Jane Frances! I look forward to that joy from the greetings and the smiles that I miss. He is risen indeed!” *Pam*

“I love that Father Tony is doing the masses on YouTube. My family and I sat together in our living room, watching mass and responding as a family. This brings great joy to my heart. It brings a calming of normalcy that we most definitely need right now.” *Robin*

“We hope and pray everyone is doing well. We wish everyone a blessed Easter and hope you stay safe.”

“We are looking forward to seeing your smiling faces at Mass together.” *Dan & Darlene*

“I love the friendly people at St. Jane Frances, the friendly staff, listening to Fr. Tony’s great five-minute homily that I remember when I leave, being an EM and driving Merisa to church and listening to our beautiful music. I AM READY!” *Rose*

“Being apart has made me yearn for the fullness of our parish life and our sharing in the gift of the Eucharist! I realize, now, how much I took for granted, and how very blessed I am to have this loving home.” *Jan*

“I love the music provided by Janina and the choir. It makes the Mass more meaningful for me.” *Mary*

“I am looking forward to seeing all the familiar faces, listening to Fr. Tony in-person, and most of all, the little boy who runs up to the altar and throws his can of food into the basket! Everyone please stay safe, and peace be with you!” *Kris & Rick*

“What I love most about St. Jane Frances de Chantal is all the people that feed my soul with their support and friendship. There is always an abundance of hugs and smiling faces.” *Diane*

“Looking forward to gathering for worship again with so many genuinely warm and welcoming people at St. Jane Frances de Chantal.” *Melanie*

“Our music minister, Janina, has given the choir new life. We enjoy making music together to add to the liturgy. We miss it a lot and look forward to returning.” *Joyce & Bob*

“My heart overflows from all the love and prayers I have received in the past from my family at St. Jane Frances!” *Barb*

“I look forward to Father Tony’s friendly greeting when we arrive for Sunday service. His weekly messages that are short and sweet always help me to reflect on the coming week. There are also the regular parishioners—if they are there, we will all be okay. Happy Easter everyone.” *Ron & Millie*

“I am looking forward to being at Mass, singing with the choir, and feeling the love that Our Lord has let into the gathering of our parishioners.” *Thomas*

“When I walk into church, I enjoy saying hello to Fr. Tony and the people I know. As I walk to my seat, I hug, wave, nod or smile at different people before Mass starts. I like the quiet in the church as I kneel before Mass and pray. In the stillness, my priorities become correctly aligned and my feelings surface about things happening in my life. I look at the crucifix a lot during Mass and think about how much Jesus loves us and suffered and died for our sins. As I witness the rest of the congregation praying, my own faith is strengthened. The most important thing I look forward to at Mass is receiving the Eucharist—the same Jesus who was born on Christmas day; the same Jesus who walked the earth 2000 years ago; the same Jesus who died on the cross for my sins.”

“The same Jesus who now sits at the right hand of the Father is within me now and He is part of me.”

“I also look forward to speaking to people after Mass too.” *Judy*

“I love the inner peace and love I feel from the SJF Church community and look forward to sharing the joy of coming back together to worship in person. It will be an immeasurable gift that I hope I never take for granted again.” *Julie*

“Time flies. On March 10th, it was one year since I started attending SJF. I love SJF and its generous spirit. When I get back, I’m looking forward to seeing all my friends and singing in the choir.” *Merisa*

“Sending peace, love, and Easter blessings to everyone at St. Jane Frances. Praying we’ll be able to celebrate Mass together soon!” *Kathy*

“He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! May our community stay safe and healthy during this unprecedented time. Thank you to Fr. Tony, Laurie, and the staff for keeping us connected through the Liturgy of Word. I do miss not being able to receive the Eucharist, but I also miss being able to share my gift of singing with all of you. I also miss hearing IIP and the Gospel Choir, and I miss the closeness of our community. May God bless you and keep you safe.” *Jeanette*

“I miss attending Mass at St. Jane Frances and seeing Fr. Tony and everybody. Going to Mass is a regular, stabilizing part of my life. It is wonderful to connect with other people who share similar beliefs and are faced with the same issues. Even though I don’t know everybody, there is familiarity with the people, ushers and staff that I see on a regular basis. Can’t wait for things to get better.” *Geri*

“St. Jane’s is a special parish because it creates unity of our people in so many ways—through our talented Director of Music who provides so many unique and creative opportunities to become closer to God through the power of music, as well as through our blessed Pastor who always provides so much enlightenment with the simplicity in his homilies each week. Thanks to you and all the dedicated members of the parish council and staff for keeping us strong in our faith.” *Mary*

“I love the people, and I miss seeing them all. Being an usher and a Knight of Columbus I try to bring a smile to the people I meet. The staff is wonderful and I am looking forward to giving them all hugs and harassing them just a bit. My wife and I travel a little farther to St. Jane’s than most, but it is home and are looking forward to the day we can return.” *Robert*

“I am grateful to the friendly and involved staff at St. Jane Frances for providing a variety of opportunities to assist me in growing and deepening my faith.” *Barbara*

“I am an usher on Sundays and always enjoy coming to church each week to reconnect with this amazing parish. I look forward to seeing all of you real soon! Thanks for letting my wife and I be part of your family!” *Chris*



St. Jane’s - This is what we love about you, just to name a few things:

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Serving | Jesus like |
| Always welcoming | Appreciative |
| Inspiring | Neighborly |
| Nurturing | Enthusiastic |
| Thoughtful | |

So blessed, proud and thankful to be a part of this Community. Miss You! Love, Ken & Barb Milczynski

“We miss the happiness and welcoming that is given in many various ministries. As we continue to go through this separation, may we all appreciate the jewels that we have as a community, praying together and for each other.” *Bob & Frances*

“I am happy to be a parishioner of St. Jane Frances de Chantal for many reasons. One particular reason that stands out for me is the Music Ministry here. I look forward to coming back to Mass because of the wonderful blessings they add to the celebration each week. They are truly talented and amazing!” *Ann*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office remains closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

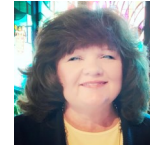
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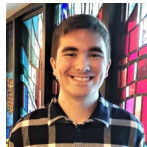
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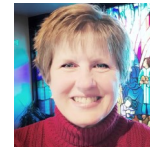
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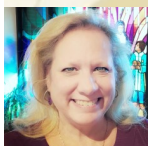
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SACRAMENTS

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM

Do you have a child you would like to have baptized? We would be delighted to talk to you about your options! Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is temporarily suspended in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Please contact our Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to start your preparations and make arrangements. Couples should stop by the office and fill out the Request for Celebration of Marriage form. Fr. Tony will call the couple and answer any questions regarding marriage.

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? We are thrilled to have you! Contact our Pastoral Associate & Worship Coordinator, Laurie Hall, to begin the process by calling the Parish Office. Welcome home!

MINISTRIES

Knights of Columbus #13340	Brian Finn	586-977-8080	St. Vincent de Paul	Tom Harris	586-977-8080
Parish Nurse Ministry	Doreen Corby	586-977-8080	Soup Kitchen	Steven Gadzinski	586-731-4091
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