



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of  
**Advent**

## **St. Jane Frances de Chantal**

**Sterling Heights, MI**

**December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019**

“This is the month, and this the happy morn, Wherein the Son of Heaven’s eternal King, Of Wedded Maid and Virgin Mother born, Our great redemption from above did bring; For so the holy sages once did sing, That He our deadly forfeit should release, And with His Father work us a perpetual peace.” John Milton wrote this reflection about the feast of Christmas.

As you are aware the Fourth week of Advent is a short one. As we bring Advent to a close I would like to share with you one experience that I enjoyed very much at St. Jane Frances de Chantal. The event was the Coffeehouse Christmas party that was held here. We had a full house in the social hall that evening. With dancing and eating and socializing it was an awesome night.

I met some very nice people that evening and fun was had by all. The evening was a great success and I wish to thank all those people who made it possible for the young adults to have an enjoyable evening.

I wish to extend to all of you and especially those people who come home for Christmas a blessed Christmas and all the best in the New Year. Christmas is about coming home and recalling those traditions that are memorable to us and sharing a meal with family and friends alike.

As we heard in the Gospel for the second Sunday of Advent, John says, “one more powerful than I is to come, so much so that I am not fit to untie his sandal straps”. This Christmas as in Christmas past Christ is born again into the world. To be the Prince of Peace, Wonder Consular, Lord of All.

May the Peace of Christ be with you this Christmas season and in the coming year! It is in Christ that we are strengthened and encouraged to bring glad tiding to those we meet along our journey of faith. On behalf of the staff of St. Jane Frances de Chantal I extend to you, your family and friends a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May we lift up in prayer all those people who are most in need of God’s attention this Christmas season!

Bon mot: It is all about Jesus  
Carpe Diem,  
Fr. Anthony Sulkowski



Fr. Tony Sulkowski  
Pastor  
Ext. 102

**God  
is with  
us.**

Matthew 1:23

### **Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00pm, 6:00pm, & Midnight Mass (11:30pm Prelude)**

**Christmas Day Masses: 9:00am & 11:30am**

**Mother Mary, Vigil Mass: Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00pm**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekend Masses**

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

**Weekday Masses**

Tuesday 7:00pm  
 Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am

**Holy Day Masses** As Announced

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8:30am - 8:00pm  
 (Closed from 12:00 to 1:15 for lunch)

**Friday: Closed**

**Saturday: 2:30pm - 5:00pm**

**Sunday: 10:00am - 12:30pm**

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**Ushers-Ministers of Hospitality**

Lawrence (Larry) Frontera 586-306-3450

**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**

Tuesday from 5:30pm-6:30pm (or by appt.)

**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. Also available once a month during the Tuesday evening Mass.

**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!

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL POLICY**

We ask that in order to have your child baptized here, or to be married here, you should be a registered parishioner or active in your previous parish. This means attending weekly Mass with your faith community, using your envelopes and taking part in parish activities.

**Visits to the Homebound for**

**Communion / Anointing**

Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

**Parish Happenings**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23**

1:30pm Intercessory Prayer Team

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

OFFICE CLOSED  
 4:00pm Mass  
 6:00pm Mass  
 11:30pm Music Prelude  
 12:00 Midnight Mass

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

OFFICE CLOSED  
 9:00am Mass  
 11:30am Mass

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26**

NO MASS  
 Office Closed

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27**

Office Closed

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

Red Cross Blood Drive Sign ups  
 4:00pm Mass  
 5:00pm Divine Mercy Prayers

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

Red Cross Blood Drive Sign ups  
 9:00am Mass  
 10:00am K of C Family Rosary  
 11:30am Mass  
 12:30pm Baptism

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

"Nourished by God's Word and the Eucharist, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming

**NEW TO THE PARISH?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL FAMILY?**

**BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER!**

You may register at the Parish Office at anytime after Mass on the weekend or during regular office hours. Please call 586-977-8080 if you have any questions. We look forward to having you here!





**LAURIE HALL**  
 Pastoral Associate &  
 Worship Coordinator  
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So we have arrived at the fourth Sunday of Advent...our time of preparation and waiting is almost over. That doesn't mean we can sit back, relax and rest on our laurels. In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Christians in Rome that they (and we) are given the "grace of apostleship." As apostles of Christ, we are to bring the Good News to all peoples. This likely requires us to move out of our comfort zone at times, addressing people who don't seem interested in Good News, or people who are overwhelmed by the unpleasant news that comes at us from every angle. The challenge is to avoid complacency, to use the graces given to us. Whether it is Advent, Christmas time or Ordinary time, we are called to bring Jesus to others through our everyday interactions, with kindness and a spirit of joy.

Let us reflect today on our call to apostleship, to be holy in service to God and God's people. As the secular world prepares for presents under the tree, we celebrate God's continued presence among us. How might we actively show our joy in Jesus? How might we actively take on the role of apostle in the world today?

Peace,  
 Laurie



**CHRISTMAS SEASON DECORATING – TODAY IS THE DAY!**

Please join us after 11:30am Mass on Sunday as we bring Christmas to light in our beautiful worship space. We need just a couple of hours to transform our space into a beautiful reflection of the season we are celebrating. (If you are a high school student looking for service hours – this is your opportunity!) All are welcome!



*Christmas Schedule*

| LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — CHRISTMAS EVE: TUESDAY DECEMBER 24 <sup>TH</sup> & CHRISTMAS DAY: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25 <sup>TH</sup> |                    |                    |                     |                |                   |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|   | 12/24 @ 4:00pm     | 12/24 @ 6:00pm     | 12/24 @ Midnight    | 12/25 @ 9:00am | 12/25 @ 11:30am   |
| <b>PRESIDER</b>   | Fr. Tony           | Fr. Tony           | Fr. Tony            | Fr. Tony       | Fr. Tony          |
| <b>SACRISTAN(S)</b>   | Tim & Karen Pawlik | Lori & Joe Nida    | David & Lynn Burley | Mary Ann Webb  | Dan & Darlene Rys |
| <b>LECTOR 1</b>   | Craig Smith        | John Martin        | Chris Bajercius     | Eileen Clase   | Barb Milczynski   |
| <b>LECTOR 2</b>   | Linda Smith        | Bill Burr          | Sarah Friedmann     | John Czarski   | John Martin       |
| <b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>  | Andrianna Frezza   | Madeline Kleinberg | Needed              | Needed         | Nancy Dufoor      |
|   | Taryn Pawl         | Needed             | Maria McQueen       | Needed         | Amanda Dufoor     |
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Christmas is in 3 days! Are you ready?

For many Christmas visitors, a barrier for coming to church is not knowing anyone or not knowing what to do. When we exercise unusually gracious hospitality, we are communicating to them that they are welcomed. Even with a great message, it would take an extraordinary amount of courage and perseverance to become part of a community if one doesn't feel welcomed. If we all commit to hospitality to our Christmas visitors, we will be preparing the soil so that the message of the Gospel can more easily be received by everyone!

Christmas is a time to "show-off" our parish and to see ourselves as parish ambassadors at the Christmas liturgies. What can you do? Here are some examples:

- ◆ Be ready to greet others at Christmas Mass.
- ◆ Invite people (your friends, family) to Christmas Mass.
- ◆ Leave closer parking spaces for guests.
- ◆ Sit in the middle of the pew, leaving the coveted end seats for late-comers and guests.
- ◆ Smile at guests when their phone rings or when their baby cries. DON'T EMBARRASS GUESTS!
- ◆ Greet visitors with "I'm so glad you are joining us!" "Thanks for coming!"
- ◆ Ask them "Do you have any intentions for which I can pray?"
- ◆ Welcome people around you to your parish.
- ◆ Invite people to explore the Welcome Center for ways to connect with the parish .
- ◆ Guide non-Catholics (or visitors) to where the Order of Mass can be found in the hymnal.
- ◆ Sing loud!
- ◆ SMILE!!

Let us share the Joy of the Christmas Season with everyone we meet. Remembering the Kerygma:

God loves you so much. Even though we have sinned, he sent his son to atone for your sins to make heaven possible for you. He is inviting everyone to accept his gift of salvation. Share this love and joy with everyone around you....Help to make this Christmas the most welcoming yet!

Blessings,  
*Debbie*

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8:00AM-2:00PM**



We are taking Blood Drive Sign-ups the weekends of December 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup>. The donation of one unit of blood can potentially help to save three lives.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING!

**TO REGISTER ONLINE:**

- Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)
- Go to box down on left and middle of screen that says "Make a Donation" and click "Enter a Sponsor Code" which is stjane.
- Click "click here" to schedule an appointment to donate. First time users must then click the blue "create a profile" link to the right of the screen before logging in to schedule a time. Complete all fields marked with an asterisk.

**Investigate the Mystery of Icons**

What is an icon?

How is an icon written?

What are the codes written within an icon?

How do we pray with icons?



Join us on **Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am- 12:00pm**

For Presentation on Icons  
 Presented by Diane Bucko

Register in the Parish office  
 or call 586-977-8080



Solve the Mystery



**C.A.R.E. PROGRAM**  
 Caregiver Assistance Resources and Education Program™

**January 4, 2020  
 Caregiver Resilience Training**

9:00am-11:30am Fr. Page Activity Center

In continuation of our 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Caregiver Series, the next session is Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup>. You can attend even if you missed previous sessions!

Cost per session is \$5 per person.  
 Light refreshments will be offered.

**Registration is required!** Sign up in the parish office or call 586-977-8080.



**Knights of Columbus  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Family Rosary for  
 Vocations**

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them as they pray the rosary on Sunday, **December 29, 2019** for Vocations after the 9:00am Mass.

We will have extra rosaries available if you need one. Whether you pray the rosary all the time or have never experienced this devotional prayer, please feel free to join them! The Knights of Columbus host this any month there is a 5th Sunday.



**HEALTH MINISTRY STRESS AND BLOOD PRESSURE**

In addition to the emotional discomfort we feel when faced with a stressful situation, our bodies react by releasing stress hormones (adrenaline and cortisol) into the blood. These hormones prepare the body for the "fight or flight response" by making the heart beat faster and constricting blood vessels to get more blood to the core of the body instead of the extremities. Constriction of blood vessels and an increase in heart rate does raise the blood pressure, but only temporarily; when the stress reaction goes away, blood pressure returns to its pre-stress level. This is called situational stress, and its effects are generally short-lived and disappear when the stressful event is over.

- Give yourself enough time to get things done.
- Learn to say "no." Don't promise too much.
- Know your stress triggers
- Practice gratitude.
- Know what brings you pleasure and find ways to enjoy the experience
- Spend time developing supportive and nurturing relationships.
- Give yourself the gift of good self maintenance.
- Don't overeat, don't consume alcohol or smoke.

*~Information taken from the American Heart Association website  
 May God bless you with good health!*

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 28<sup>th</sup> & December 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Please see scheduling app for updates.*

|                      | 4:00pm          | 9:00am          | 11:30am           |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Presider</b>      | Fr. Tony        | Fr. Tony        | Fr. Tony          |
| <b>Sacristan(s)</b>  | Lori & Joe Nida | Mary Ann Webb   | Dan & Darlene Rys |
| <b>Lector 1</b>      | Jan Machusak    | Sarah Friedmann | Robert Skwara     |
| <b>Lector 2</b>      | Bill Burr       | Chris Bajercius | Geri Miles        |
| <b>Altar Servers</b> | Elsa Jeffrey    | Jasmine Abuel   | Taryn Pawl        |
|                      | Lucas Jeffrey   | Samantha Abuel  | Amanda Dufoor     |
| <b>Ushers</b>        | Team 3          | Assigned        | Team 1            |







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See our website for more information about



at:  
[www.sjfparish.org/YouthMinistry](http://www.sjfparish.org/YouthMinistry)

*Family Corner*

**ABOUT THE GOSPEL:**

Mary and Joseph learn that Mary is pregnant before they are married. Joseph dreams of an angel who assures him that the Holy Spirit has given Mary their son, who will grow to do great things. Joseph is consoled and prepares to marry Mary.

**IN CHURCH:**

Count the number of angels that decorate your church, home, or Christmas décor. Invite your children to share what they know about angels in the Christmas story. Encourage your family to keep looking for angels as you prepare to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas.

**QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

- ◆ When have you seen Jesus in another person? Did you treat them any different once you spotted Jesus in them?
- ◆ How are Joseph's dreams different from what he thinks when he is awake?
- ◆ What does the angel tell Joseph? What makes Joseph ready to believe the angel?
- ◆ Have you ever had a big decision to make? Did you think about "sleeping on it" and pray about it? What happened?

**FAMILY PRAYER:**

God, You help us make choices that bring us closer to You. Help us to follow Your guidance . Amen.

**QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF, IN PREPARATION FOR MASS:**

- ◆ What makes belonging to a community, important to you ?
- ◆ How did you prepare your home and your heart for Christmas?
- ◆ When does Christmas end? Is Christmas a day or a whole season?
- ◆ Do you celebrate with your family?
- ◆ How do you celebrate "your family"?

*Faith Formation Reminder:*

We do not have sessions again until January 7<sup>th</sup> for Confirmation Preparation & January 9<sup>th</sup> for our K– 6<sup>th</sup> grades See you then!

For God so  
**LOVED**  
 the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.  
 John 3:16

We have prepared, we have waited, we have gone shopping and taken advantage of many deals, all in preparation for a holiday called Christmas. We show our love to one another by giving and receiving gifts, by spending time with one another in close quarters, gathering around together and kibitzing. But is this what we are gathered for? This can only be part of it. There HAS to be more, or else the real *meaning* of our gathering turns into a birthday party for someone who isn't even present.

We do the above to express our love for one another. Family, friends, community, we gather and celebrate. As Catholic Christians, we gather in unison, with other Catholic Christians around the world, for a Eucharistic Celebration between the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> through the afternoon of the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, but what is it that we are really celebrating in thanksgiving (*eucharistia*) for?

We are thankful for love. Love of one another, given and received, yes. Love of previous generations who gave (many times their very lives), that we may live to celebrate in a country that allows us to publicly celebrate, yes. But most importantly we *need* to remember that we celebrate God.

God needs no celebration, His very existence IS celebration. God doesn't need us, yet He Loved us so much that He took on our imperfection, our human form, just so that He could be judged, suffer and die; for us, collectively, for you and I individually, for each and every human being. But that wasn't even it! He ROSE FROM THE DEAD, and shepherded His Church—our Church—in it's infancy so that we could know and remember these things!

For years and years (on both sides of my family), each of my Grandfathers or the eldest members of the family would share the scriptural story of the birth of Jesus either from Matthew (1:18-2:12) or from Luke (2:1-20). These memories, stories and examples of faith are what help me through my (many) times of doubt in the past, and continue to guide me as I witness and see God's Love in the world more and more.

This season, let us *BE* God's Love to each other, and spread His Hope, Peace, Joy and Love *IN* and *TO* a world that is searching for something that is just outside of it's understanding. Let me know how I can help, on our journey, as we explore this crazy path of life!

**PARISH SUPPORT  
December 15, 2019**

|                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Registered Families:        | 1406               |
| Envelopes Returned:         | 327                |
| <br>                        |                    |
| Amount Offered:             | \$8,111.00         |
| Loose Offering:             | \$922.00           |
| <br>                        |                    |
| Online Giving Contributors: | 75                 |
| Contributions:              | \$2,749.00         |
| <br>                        |                    |
| Total Offerings:            | \$11,782.00        |
| <br>                        |                    |
| <b>Budgeted Offertory:</b>  | <b>\$12,044.00</b> |
| <b>Actual Offertory:</b>    | <b>\$11,782.00</b> |
| <b>Difference: short</b>    | <b>- \$262.00</b>  |



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In the spirit of Christmas I thought you might enjoy some history about holiday traditions. Did you know.....

- F.W. Woolworth, founder of his namesake stores, began selling glass Christmas tree ornaments in the 1890s. Obviously sales went well!
- Christmas trees date back to the 1780s when German Hessians brought the tradition back from Germany. In the U.S., 25-30 million real trees are sold annually at an average cost of \$73.24. O Tannenbaum indeed!
- In 1890, James Edgar, of Massachusetts, tailored a Santa costume for himself. He entertained children to drive business and thus, a tradition was born.
- In 1917 stationery store owners Joyce and Rowley Hall, of Hallmark fame, ran out of tissue paper. They found a stack of 'fancy French paper', and at 10 cents a sheet, it sold out immediately..... the birth of wrapping paper.
- Black Friday? In 1950, Philadelphia police used the term to describe the chaos on the day after Thanksgiving as shoppers flooded the city in advance of the annual Army-Navy football game to buy their holiday treasures.

A very Merry Christmas to you and yours from the music ministry!

**ONLINE GIVING**

We are grateful for your support of our church. Online Giving allows you to make contributions to our church without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. Please visit our parish website at:

[www.sjfparish.org](http://www.sjfparish.org)

To sign-up for Online Giving. Please email Jody Gazo at [jgazo@sjfparish.org](mailto:jgazo@sjfparish.org) or call 586-977-8080, ext. 112 with any questions. Thank you!

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Ray Sroka, Vicariate Rep  
Eric Rzeppa, Education



**BAPTISM**

The Catholic Community of  
*St. Jane Frances de Chantal*  
welcomes the following children that were Baptized by  
Fr. Anthony Sulkowski on December 15, 2019



**Quinn Ranae Rietzler**

Parents: Richard Scott Rietzler and Andrea Marie (Sikora) Rietzler  
Godmother: Ikhlaz Hamika  
Witness: Duane Rietzler



**Evan Michael Syme**

Parents: Matthew David Syme and Melissa Rose (Sepanik) Syme  
Godfather: Michael Sepanik  
Godmother: Jodi Sepanik

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE:** Call the Parish Office at 586-977-8080.

Visit the parish website to stay up to date on what is happening and to view the bulletin online!

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#### WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday** 4:30pm

**Sunday** 9:00am & 11:00am

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday, Tuesday,**

**Wednesday, Friday** 9:00am

#### CONFESSIONS

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,**

**Friday** 8:30am **Saturday** 12:15pm



**IRELAND  
PILGRIMAGE**  
St. Jane Frances  
de Chantal  
& Fr. Tony Sulkowski  
May 4 - 14, 2020

*Join Fr. Tony as he leads you on the trip of a lifetime to the Apparition site at the shrine of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland!*

**For information contact the Parish Office**

## Scripture Readings for the Week of December 22, 2019

### Sunday

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

### Monday

#### Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

### Tuesday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

**Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or

Mt 1:18-25

### Wednesday

#### Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

#### Night:

Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13;

Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

#### Dawn:

Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;

Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

#### Day:

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;

Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

### Thursday

#### Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

### Friday

#### Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

### Saturday

#### Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

### Sunday

#### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21

or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23: NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24:**

**4:00pm** Dec. James Kwapis (Family)  
Dec. Arnold and Shirley Putrycus (Putrycus Family)

Dec. Sophie Novak

(Cherie Schriedel)

Dec. Del Rosso Family

(Virginia Malerba)

**6:00pm** Dec. Lisa Vrabel

(Mom, Dad and Jennifer)

Dec. Mark and Lena Pepaj

(Son Gjok Pepaj)

Dec. Dan Zwada (Brothers)

Dec. Brown and Hayden Families

(Charlene Brown)

**Midnight** Dec. Shirley and Will Fasczewski (Graziano Family)

Dec. Grace and Bill Ochenski

(Sam and Sharron Randazzo)

Dec. Tony Randazzo

(Sam and Sharron Randazzo)

Dec. Sophie Novak

(Steve and Lisa Skoczylas)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25:**

**9:00am** Dec. Joseph and Wanda Sztaba (Son, Dennis)

Dec. Florek Family

(Sylvia Soldatek)

Dec. Sophie Novak

(Katie and Scot Skoczylas)

Dec. Jerry Soldatek

(Ed and Gloria Kendall)

**11:30am** Dec. Marsha Olson (Family)

Dec. Sophie Novak

(Richard and Cynthia Kaufmann)

Dec. Wilfredo Maralit

(Mellie, Zig, Erica and Zach)

Liv. Pepaj Family (Gjok Pepaj)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26: NO MASS**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27: NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28:**

**4:00pm** For the Parishioners

Dec. Peter Zammit

(Eric and Wendy Rzeppa)

Dec. Sophie Novak

(Cherie Schriedel)

Dec. Helen Roby (Appleton Family)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29:**

**9:00am** Dec. Edward Young —One Year Anniversary (Children)

Dec. Steve Balog

(Merisa and Lana Musemic)

Dec. Florian and Magdalena Schkrinjar

(Merisa and Lana Musemic)

**11:30am** Dec. Jack Campo (Caradonna Family)

Dec. Maria and Damiano Campo

(Caradonna Family)

Dec. Vincent and Bridget Caradonna

(Caradonna Family)

Dec. Fr. Ron Milligan (Judy Taylor)



**PRAYER LIST**

*From the Letter of James 5:13: Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise!*



It is our Christian duty to pray for others. Please call the Parish Office to add or remove a name from the Prayer List. Please be aware that, in this age of security issues, we can add only names of persons who have given permission to have their names printed. If you desire prayers for someone who does not wish to have their name printed in the bulletin, please use our Intercessory Prayer Box in the Worship Space.

The Intercessory Prayer team will include your intentions in their prayers. Names added to the Prayer List will remain on the list for a period of 4 weeks. If the illness or situation continues after that time and additional prayers are needed, please call the Parish Office. Thank you!

- Fr. Gerard Austin
- Nancy Burr
- Mary Ann DeDonatis
- Anna Lisa Flattery
- Danny Frezza
- Scott Harris
- Daniel Lynch
- John Mazur-Baker
- Jean McDonald
- Kevin McDonald
- Norma O' Connor
- Anita Pitlock
- Steve Sadecki
- Daniele VanAcker
- Brad Wilson
- Nicole Zapinski



**ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL**

expresses our support & prayers to the families of:

**Nicholas T. Kaptur**

Husband of the late Elizabeth, father of Debbie, Mark, Dennis, Michele, Nicholas, and the late Victoria Kaptur, grandfather and great-grandfather

**Patsy von Oetinger**

Wife of Helmet, mother of Heidi and Derek and grandmother

*May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**ATTENTION SENIORS "THURSDAYS AT THE MUSEUM"**

**The Detroit Institute of Arts is offering a FREE special program for adults 55 and older**

The DIA is offering groups of people from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties FREE admission, FREE transportation and a complimentary coffee and cookie reception. The itinerary is:

- 12:00pm Bus pick-up at St. Jane Frances
- (Please park in parking lot out by the garage)**
- 1:00pm Program begins
- 2:30pm Coffee and cookie reception
- 3:15pm Bus departs from DIA to St Jane Frances

We are scheduled to attend the following event:

**January 30<sup>th</sup>**— Drawing In The Galleries and Collection Tours. In addition to offering tours of the DIA, art instructors will also be available for those who would like to draw in the galleries. (Must sign up by **January 16<sup>th</sup>** in the parish office).

**We can only take a maximum of 50 people, so sign up early!! Any questions contact Linda at 586-977-8080, ext. 113 or [Lsmith@sjfparish.org](mailto:Lsmith@sjfparish.org).**

**Come join us for a Euchre Super Bowl Party**

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 11<sup>th</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 \$10.00 per player and covers the cost of dinner, snacks, dessert, beverages and prizes.

We ask that the \$10.00 please be paid before the night of the event. The cut off for signing up is Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> (No refunds for cancellations received after January 6<sup>th</sup>).

Questions: Contact Linda Smith at [Lsmith@sjfparish.org](mailto:Lsmith@sjfparish.org) or 586-977-8080, ext. 113

**ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST**

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