St. Jane Frances de Chantal 8TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Catholic Community

MARCH 3, 2019



Fr. Tony Sulkowski Pastor Ext. 102

FR. T'S TIDBITS: LENT

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. As we, the parish community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, begin our Lenten journey may we pray for each other during this season; may we also lift up in prayer those people who are most in need of God's attention.

Recently I read an article from America magazine, a weekly Catholic periodical published by the Jesuits. The article was entitled *Lent May Once Again Don Its Public Mask*. This article was written in 1978 and reprinted in last week's edition of America and asks the question, "what relevance does Lent have for Catholics?"

The author reminds us that the three disciplines of Lent - namely, fasting, almsgiving and prayer - are meant to enable us to renew or refresh our relationship with God, as well as move us outwardly into society and the world, to the people who are our brothers and sisters. I often use the example that food donations to the food pantry are very generous during these special seasons. People are most generous— how wonderful that is to see! However, the needs of the poor and needy are year round. The good works we do are not meant to be done only in a particular season of the Church's year. The good works that we perform during the season of Lent must become a part of our life and ministry as children of God.

The author states in the article, "Lent calls us to step out of the ordinary precisely so that we can step back into it with eyes opened and hearts renewed. The tradition has always emphasized the practical aim of Lenten self-denial: a greater openness and sensitivity to the needs of others."

He goes on to say: "Lent is, after all, the season of spring, of new life. Although its image may bear some cheerless connotations, its reality is refreshing. As American Catholics rediscover its ritual effectiveness, Lent may once again don its public face. And American society just might take notice." (Editorial Feb. 11,1978)

Have a wonderful Lent!

Bon mot: No one is so rich that he does not need another's help; no one is so poor as not to be useful to his fellow man. ---Pope Leo XIII, *Graves de Communi*, January 10, 1901.

Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony



Plan to LIVE LENT with us on ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH.

Mass at 8:00am & 6:00pm. Liturgy of the Word with Ashes at 12:15pm & 4:00pm.

JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH from 4:00pm—7:00pm

Proceeds to benefit the Christian Service Commission

STATIONS OF THE CROSS BEGIN THIS WEEK! FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH at 7:00pm

Led by Fr. Tony

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

Catholics 14 or older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays of Lent. Catholics between 18 and 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting means only one full, meatless meal. Some food may be eaten at other regular meal times if necessary, but combined, they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed anytime, but no solid food between meals.

Catholics excused from fast and abstinence: the physically and mentally ill, including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes; pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.



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MASS 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

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

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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Steven Gadzinski 586-731-4091

St. Vincent de Paul

Tom Harris 586-977-8080

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 make arrangements and start your preparations. Marriage guidelines are available at the Parish Office and should be read before your initial appointment. Participation in pre-marriage preparation will be arranged.

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 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 the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

This Week in Our Parish

MONDAY, MARCH 4

7:00pm ChristLife

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

5:30pm Confessions 6:00pm Rosary

6:00pm Confirmation Prep

7:00pm Mass

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00am Mass

9:30am Needle Crafters

12:15pm Liturgy of the Word with Ashes 4:00pm Liturgy of the Word with Ashes

6:00pm Mass

6:00pm Needle Crafters

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

8:00am Mass

1:15pm Swiffers, Team 2 5:30pm K-6 Faith Formation 6:00pm K of C Officer Mtg.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

Parish Office Closed 4:00pm Fish Fry

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

RTL Baby Shower

11:00am Rite of Election RCIA (Cathedral)

1:00pm RCIA Lunch (off-site)

4:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

RTL Baby Shower

9:00am Mass

11:30am Mass w/ CLW

6:00pm High School Youth Ministry

FIND US ONLINE!

Visit the parish website to stay up to date on what is happening, to sign up to our parish news blasts, & to view the bulletin online!

sjfparish.org

Stay connected through social media! Find us on Facebook at @sjfparish and on Instagram at @stjanefrancesparish.

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 Coord. Ext. 104

If you haven't already, You'll soon receive a postcard in the mail with all that is happening at St. Jane Frances during Lent. Just a few items I would like to personally invite you to participate in:

PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING WITH FR. TONY on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30pm. Join Fr. Tony for a talk and discussion around the spiritual practices of Lent. All are welcome, light snacks will be served.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: St. Jane's will have *three* opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration during Lent:

Monday, March 11th from 3:00pm – 7:00pm; Thursday, March 21st from 1:00pm – 6:00pm; and Tuesday, April 9th from 1:00pm – 6:00pm.

We are asking for everyone to set aside an hour during Lent to spend in Adoration. If you are new to Eucharistic Adoration, you may wonder how you are to spend that hour with the Lord. You may bring your own prayer books, use the books provided in the chapel, read the Bible, pray the rosary, or just sit and relax and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from simply being in the Presence of God. You may feel that you can't pray well. Don't let this discourage you. The mere fact that you take time out to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is in itself a prayer of great faith.

Another opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus: **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be held each Friday in Lent at 7:00pm. Please consider joining us for one or more of these beautiful devotions led by different groups each week. I have added a new Stations booklet to our choices and it will be used on several occasions. It is titled *Praying the Stations with Pope Francis* and includes prayers taken from Pope Francis' reflections and writings.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS are available in the Gathering Space for the season of Lent. They contain six minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of Lent (Cycle C). The reflections begin today and continue through Easter Sunday. This is a great resource for learning more about your faith and for deepening your relationship with Jesus. We also have a supply of **two other booklets** this year, *Let God Work Wonders* by Joseph F. Sica and *Renew Your Spirit* by Alice Camille. The booklets contain daily reflections from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday. Suggested donation for each of the books is \$1.

We continue our Wednesday evening **LECTIO DIVINA** at 7:00pm. Lectio Divina is a wonderful practice of reading scripture, reflecting on its meaning, and sharing your reflections as you grow in faith with others. This is an excellent way to prepare for full participation in Sunday liturgy as we use the Gospel for the coming weekend. Please join us as we seek to strengthen our relationship with Jesus, our understanding of the Word and build community. No need to sign-up, prepare anything or bring anything. Simply join us on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in Room B. All are welcome!

MASS, MEAL AND A MOVIE on Saturday, March 23rd: Join us for the 4:00pm Mass followed by a pizza/salad dinner and viewing of *War Room*, a powerful movie about prayer and forgiveness.



Janina Jacobs Director of Music Ext. 103

MUSICAL NOTES:

The Angels and Inspiration Music Series was pleased to host the Motor City Symphony last Sunday. I hope you enjoyed the concert. You may not be aware of how privileged we were to have the Symphony here. Check this out: "Since its first season in 1973-74, the Warren Symphony Society, Inc. (Now the Motor City Symphony) has presented hundreds of concerts in the southeastern Michigan region. During recent years, the orchestra has earned the 'Outstanding Community Orchestra' award seven different times at the annual Detroit Music Awards."

As I've said before, music is the perfect way to bring people together from all walks of life and to let them see first-hand the beautiful worship space we enjoy each week as we live out our parish mission through God's word. The Motor City Symphony has a mission as well: "..... to support and advance an orchestra of professional quality for cultural enrichment, entertainment and youth education." I think we worked well together in spreading great joy through music.

OF NOTE: I do have personal connections to a couple members of the Symphony. President David Schade (Director of Music/Adult Choir at St. Thomas Lutheran Church) and I actually played together in school band many moons ago, he on the sax and me, on the clarinet. David attended one of my A&I concerts last year and re-connected, which is why they were here. I've also had the pleasure of performing at weddings with violinist Melody Wooton. She is such an accomplished musician, but what I especially admire is her ability to make up spur-of-the-moment descants and harmonies to go with whatever I'd play and sing...especially 'Ave Maria'.

Please mark your calendar for **Friday, April 12th at 7:00pm**, when our Music Ministry will lead Stations of the Cross with Musical Reflection. Our next Angels and Inspiration program will feature The Motor City Chorale (formerly the GM Chorus) on **Sunday, May 5th at 7:00pm**. Broadway, here we come!



DEBBIE MAZUR

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Are you Looking for an opportunity to give back to the parish and the community? Become a Lifestyle Coach for a Diabetes Prevention Program to be offered at St. Jane Frances in June!

The CDC-led National Diabetes Prevention program (DPP) is a lifestyle change program for preventing type 2 Diabetes. Lifestyle Coaches are trained facilitators who deliver the National DPP lifestyle change program. They are trained in the national curriculum and possess strong interpersonal and group facilitation skills. As the facilitator for the program sessions, the Lifestyle Coach fulfills several key roles:

- ♦ Providing information and support
- ◆ Facilitating and fostering relationships with and among participants
- Providing guidance in setting goals, identifying and overcoming barriers
- Delivering the evidence-based curriculum as it was designed
- ♦ Conducting weigh-ins of each participant at every session
- ♦ Reviewing participant self-monitoring records
- ♦ Submitting program data to the CDC in conjunction with their site coordinator.

Henry Ford Macomb Faith Community Nursing Diabetes Prevention Program is seeking a candidate to be the Lifestyle Coach for our community of St. Jane Frances. Lifestyle Coaches do not have to be health care professionals. A stipend is offered and training is provided. The next training will be held on March 25th & 26th on the Henry Ford Macomb Hospital campus. Do you know someone who may be interested in the position? Are you?

For further details, please contact Debbie Mazur or Doreen Corby at 586-977-8080, ext 107 or dmazur@sjfparish.org.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS SPONSORING A "SUPER CHARITY RAFFLE"



1ST DEGREE CHARITY PRIZE Trip for 2 to 2020 SUPER BOWL and \$8,500 Cash

Hard Rock Stadium in Miami, FL February 2, 2020



2nd Degree Unity Prize \$1500.00 Cash
3rd Degree Fraternity Prize \$1000.00 Cash
4th Degree Patriotic Prize \$500.00 Cash
5th-10th Prizes—\$360 Cash Each
11th-20th Prizes \$180.00 Cash Each
21st—30th Prizes—\$120.00 Cash Each
31st-40th Prizes—\$60.00 Each

Grand Prize Drawing Wednesday, April 24, 2019
See any Knights of Columbus Member for ticket information

ESSERT

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be selling desserts at the Friday Fish Fry's. We need your help to make it a success! You can donate your desserts to the Parish Office on **Thursday before 8:00pm** the week of the Fish Frys! Please be sure your treats have:

- ♦ No Nuts
- ♦ No Peanut Butter
- Nothing that needs to be refrigerated

Our First Fish Fry is scheduled **March 8, 2019** We look forward to your delicious donations!!



Sacred Heart Major Seminary is launching a free online course designed for the everyday Catholic seeking to grow and discover the beauty of the Catholic Faith.

Our first open, online, non-credit course, **Beauty of Belief**, will feature some of our most respected faculty members and take students on a journey covering six key theological themes and how these unique characteristics radiate the beauty of Christ and his Church. This course is not intended to be academically strenuous, and is instead designed to provide enrichment for those who may have busy lives and need flexibility. This is a perfect activity to prepare and nourish you through the Lenten season.

Beauty of Belief will launch on March 11th and run through Lent ending on April 20th.

For further information or to register go to: explore.shms.edu/beautyofbelief



MARCH 6—APRIL 14, 2019

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It is a focused pro-life campaign.

PRAYER & FASTING

Prayer is at the center of 40 Days of Life. During each campaign, we are calling on people of faith across the nation and around the world to pray for:

- Women who are at risk of having an abortion
- Innocent children who are at risk of perishing
- Men and women who carry the pain of a past abortion experience
- ♦ Workers at abortion centers
- Local, regional and national leaders
- Revival and renewal in our churches
- Repentance and healing throughout our nation.

Fasting is a powerful means of drawing closer to God by blocking out distractions. Fast from:

- Certain foods
- Television
- ♦ Apathy and indifference
- ♦ Whatever it is that separates you from God!

CONSTANT VIGIL

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40 Day, non-stop, round the clock prayer vigil outside an abortion facility. It is a peaceful and prayerful presence. Locally, the RTL Macomb County NW Chapter holds a vigil at 17 Mile & Ryan during this time. Please contact Paul at 40DflSterlingHts@gmail.com for more information or if you wish to personally participate in this peaceful prayer vigil.

HELP WANTED!!

Christian Service is looking for help for their sponsored fish frys on March 8th & March 29th. Many of the regular volunteers for Christian Service are **already** working in the kitchen and **more help** is needed in the dining room from 3:30pm-7:00pm:

- Ticket order runner & order up window
- Table busser & wait staff
- Tray assistance
- Dishwasher (3:30pm-9:00pm)
- Clean up crew (7:00pm-10:00pm)

If you are available to help, please contact Debbie at 586-977-8080 ext 107 or dmazur@sjfparish.org



St. Jane Frances de Chantal and Right to Life—LIFESPAN are co-hosting the

30th Annual LIFESPAN Baby Shower benefitting ABIGAYLE MINISTRIES & COMPASSION PREGNANCY CENTER MARCH 9 & 10, 2019

Abigayle Ministries provides a solution and a place to go for homeless, pregnant women after they have made the decision to keep their unborn child. They are located in Sterling Heights and provide housing for up to nine women who have nowhere else to go. Their ministry provides food, shelter and the tools needed to set women on the path to self-sufficiency. The curriculum provided focuses on the financial, emotional and spiritual wholeness necessary to achieve independent housing.

Compassion Pregnancy Center provides specialized medical services including no–cost pregnancy testing, limited ultrasounds, confidential peer counseling and much more assistance to moms and their babies.

Gift suggestions include:

- Diapers (size 3-6)
- Baby hygiene items (lotion, shampoo, etc.)
- Enfamil formula (yellow label)
- Pacifiers
- Teething rings
- Boys and girls sleepers/pajamas (size NB-4T)
- Toilet paper/paper towel

Please bring your "Baby Shower" donations to the bassinette in the Gathering Space March 9th-10th.



THE TRAVELING CHALICE IS BACK FOR LENT!

During Lent, we reflect on the life of Jesus; what He taught us about God as our loving Father and how He suffered for us. Today, priests lead us at Mass and teach us about God's enduring and unfaltering love for us. At this time of Lent, we pray in a special way for priestly vocations. Join us in praying for those discerning the priesthood—that they may hear, accept, and love such a special vocation. Sign up to take home the chalice begins this weekend, March $2^{\text{nd}} \& 3^{\text{rd}}$.



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ABOUT THE GOSPEL:

Family Corner

Jesus says that when a

person is fully trained, he will be like his teacher. This is one of the reasons that going to Mass and studying Sacred Scripture are so important. We need to seek training in the ways of Christ and his Church.

IN CHURCH:

Read Sunday's Gospel before Mass begins as preparation for hearing it proclaimed.

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK;

- ♦ How is your life like a tree that grows good fruit?
- What fault do you see in yourself that you need to work on? Why?
- ♦ What does it mean, that a good tree produces good fruit? How can we avoid producing "bad" fruit?
- ♦ What does the word hypocrite mean? Have you ever been a hypocrite?

FAMILY PRAYER:

Lord, help us to share the goodness you have put into our hearts.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF NEXT WEEK, IN PREPARATION FOR MASS:

- ♦ How will you celebrate Lent?
- ♦ What will you do different during Lent to help you grow?
- ♦ How do you pray? Have you ever tried different types of prayer?

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT? LOOKING FOR A FAMILY EVENT? LOOKING TO EXPAND YOUR COMFORT ZONE?

For years, teens and adults from St. Jane Frances have helped the CYO at their Camps in Port Sanilac clean up and get ready for the summer Camp season.

This year, their annual Camps Cleanup will be the weekend of April 12-14, 2019. This happens to be Palm Sunday weekend. Help is needed throughout the weekend, come for a half a day, a day, a day and a half or the whole weekend. Keep your eyes on the bulletin for more information in upcoming weeks.

In Philosophy classes we learned about a human being's search for meaning. We discussed many different types of philosophy from the Greek poets, into the Socratic era, Aristotelian thought, the philosophies of mathematicians, into the Church Fathers, medieval European thought, through the 18th, 19th, 20th centuries, into the Modern age. One thing that really stuck out, to me, was that the further I (we) went in our studies, and the more that I (we) learned, the more I realized - There is so much more that I do not know and may not ever know.

This is probably one of the reasons that I struggle in positions where I instruct others. I "think" that because I am still in the "I am a student still" and "I need to fix myself first" mode. Then I speak with some of our younger disciples at church, and I remind them that we are all, constantly, on that journey of holiness—the journey toward God. Every step that we make is unique. Even if we retrace our steps a couple of times, the path is unique because we are different, the people around us are different, the circumstances of our being in that exact spot, have changed even if only on a tiny level.

Jesus' challenge in the Gospel this week,

"Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye. Luke 6:42

is not the call to be perfect before we act, but rather to recognize our own imperfections, mistakes, and even failures, to be able to learn and teach from them. If we get sick (like the trees in the Gospel), we take care of ourselves to become better and our bodies are then left with antibodies to help defend itself from that sickness next time, it learns and becomes stronger against that illness.

Change isn't easy. It often stinks and we don't want to leave the comfort of familiarity that we have built for ourselves. We like to operate in what we know, but when this is the only way we operate, we limit ourselves and become one dimensional, a point in space. When we get closer to the edges of our comfort zone, we become more two dimensional and begin to grow in breadth of knowledge, but by stretching ourselves outside (but within reach of) our comfort zones, we become more three dimensional. We gain depth and weight in knowledge, understanding and wisdom (I'm still looking for this part in myself).

Come to events that stretch your understanding, even if it isn't comfortable. Grow in knowledge, so that you will be able to remove your wooden beam and help your brother/sister. Share your experiences with others so that they may learn from you. This is how we better ourselves. This is where we grow in wisdom. It is through our actions that we progress forward, and we continue on our journey together. Come, join your brothers and sisters on the path...

WHAT'S IN YOUR EYE?

JUDGE
CRITICIZE
BEAM
HYPOCRITE
EYE
GOD
HELP

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WORDSEARCH



2019 LENTEN FISH FRYS

Fridays, 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Friday Lenten Fish Frys are back again this year! Each Fish Fry will be hosted by a different ministry to raise funds for an activity or cause.

In addition, the proceeds from one of the events will go towards the parish's Kitchen Remodeling Fund. The dates and ministry hosting each of the events are listed below:

Friday, March 8th – Friday, March 15th –

Christian Service
Knights of Columbus

Friday, March 22nd –

Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers)

Friday, March 29th – Friday, April 5th –

Christian Service
Knights of Columbus &
Ministers of Hospitality

Friday, April 12th –

Kitchen Remodeling Fund

DINNER MENU

2 Piece Fried Cod Dinner - \$8.00 | 3 Piece Fried Cod Dinner - \$10.00 (Dinners include French Fries or Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw and Dinner Roll. Dine-in dinners also include lemonade, water, coffee or tea.)

SIDES

French Fries - \$2.50; Mac & Cheese - \$3.00; Coleslaw - \$1.00; Slice of Cheese Pizza - \$2.00

Desserts and cans of pop are available for \$1 each and with the proceeds going to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In addition, the Knights of Columbus will have tootsie rolls available and will also be hosting 50/50 raffles.



OPERATION RICE BOWL BOXES

are in this week's bulletin. Please take them home and consider joining us in helping those in need around the world.

OPERATION RICE BOWL is

Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. And it's an opportunity for us as a

parish to come together as a community and reflect on what it means to live out our Gospel call to go out and encounter those most in need.

This Lent, encounter Christ in the desert through daily prayer, weekly fasting, and almsgiving that changes lives. Jesus showed courage when confronted by fear. With CRS Rice Bowl as our guide, we too stand with courage to encounter the needs of all. **Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.**



& Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH
From 9:30am - 11:30am
Fr. Page Activity Center &
Parish Grounds

Join the fun and bring your little ones for breakfast with the Easter bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt! (The Easter Egg Hunt is limited to ages 10 years and younger, but parents and siblings are all welcome for breakfast.)

Please sign up by Monday, April 8th in the Parish Office. (*Due to limited space, this particular event is for registered parishioners and their families only.*)

Want to volunteer? Help is needed the day of the event. Please sign up in the Parish Office to help out. Thanks in advance!

Questions? Contact Linda at 586-977-8080 ext. 113 or email her at Lsmith@sjfparish.org.



EUCHRE NIGHT: PLAY BALL!

Join us on **SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH** from 5:00pm - 11:00pm in the Fr. Page Activity Center for a baseball themed Euchre night! Games will be played with rotating partners.

The deadline to register will be Monday, March 25th!

Sign-up in the Parish Office. The cost is \$10.00 per player and covers the cost of dinner, snacks, dessert, beverages & prizes.

Questions? Please contact Linda Smith at 586-977-8080, ext. 113 or email Lsmithsjfparish@gmail.com.

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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

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE: For our parishioners with Celiac Disease, we now have procedures in place to help you celebrate the Eucharist with your parish family. For more info or to take part, call the Parish Office at 586-977-8080.

WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 5 Mary Anne Barczak

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6: See below

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 Cindy Guzi

LITURGY OF THE WORD SCHEDULE MARCH 6TH ASH WEDNESDAY

OF THE WORD	Lector 1	Lector 2		
12:15pm	Linda Smith	Craig Smith		
4:00pm	Eileen Clase	Ben Klassen		
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2019

SUNDAY

Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

MONDAY

Saint Casimir

Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 10:17-27

TUESDAY

Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23; Mk 10:28-31

ASH WEDNESDAY

Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY

Saint John of God, Religious

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — MARCH 6 TH ASH WEDNESDAY							
MASSES	Presider	Sacristan	Lector 1	Lector 2	Altar Servers		
8:00am	Fr. Tony	MaryAnn Webb	Annette Mobley	John Martin	Dennis Koslowski		
6:00pm	Fr. Tony	Brian Finn	Denise Dara	Robert Skwara	Matthew & Taryn Pawl		

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — MARCH 9 TH & 10 TH (Please see scheduling app for updates.)					
	4:00pm	9:00am	11:30am		
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony		
Sacristan(s)	Lisa Skoczylas	MaryAnn Webb	Dan & Darlene Rys		
Lector 1	Dale Erickson	Chris Darner	Annette Mobley		
Lector 2	Lisa Erickson	Geri Miles	Ronald Mobley		
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Galadik	Adrianna Frezza	Nina Benno		
	Tim Wainz	Terasa Mezzapelle	Maddie Kleinberg		
Ushers	Team 2	Assigned	Team 3		

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, MARCH 4: NO MASS

TUESDAY, MARCH 5:

7:00pm Dec. Mary Varani (Judy Taylor)

Dec. Richard Winters (Family)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6: 8:00am For Vocations

6:00pm Liv. Joel, Alex, & Jillian Haio

(Mom & Dad)

Liv. Adil & Nancy Arabbo and

Family (Haio Family)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7:

8:00am Dec. Marsha Olson (Family)

Dec. Christine Flaviani

(Judy Taylor)

Dec. Joseph Jarboe (Family) Liv. Richard Kaufmann (Sophie Novak & Bob)

FRIDAY, MARCH 8: NO MASS

SATURDAY, MARCH 9:

4:00pm For the Parishioners

Dec. Ceola Trinity (Robert & Frances Kraft) Dec. Eugene & Frances Berthiaume (Joyce) Dec. Ron Rezeppa (Maguran Family)

SUNDAY, MARCH 10:

9:00am Dec. Eric Schoenborn

(Son, Steve)

Liv. Avi D'Sousa (Haio Family) Liv. Vacaj Family (Maria) Dec. Aida Landicho (Family)

11:30am Dec. Naim Qussar (Family)

Dec. Helen Tank (Judy Taylor)

Dec. Johnny Mapile (Wife & Children)

Liv. Ben Klassen & Family

(Haio Family)

Liv. Jonathan Haio & Family

(Haio Family)



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Chris Burley, Navy
Shaun Chaplin, Air Force
Amir Ciplakovic, Marines
Charles Cosnowski, Air Force
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