

“This is my beloved Son, with him I am well pleased; listen to him.”

Matthew 17:5



Jerry Slowinski
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Pastor

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) was a German theologian, Lutheran pastor and anti-Nazi dissident. He paid the ultimate price for being a dissenter when he died in a concentration camp on April 9, 1945, just as the Third Reich was collapsing. Bonhoeffer, as a Christian, found it impossible and intolerable to ignore the face of suffering that was going on in his home land. He spoke vehemently and vigorously against anti-

Semitism knowing full well that, as a German citizen, taking a stand against the Nazis was, in effect, tantamount to signing his own death certificate.

In 1937, two years before the start of World War II, Bonhoeffer published a book entitled *The Cost of Discipleship*. This book, written over 80 years ago, is still relevant in the times we live in today. Bonhoeffer's book emphasizes that the words of Jesus and people's response to those words are often-times two different realities. To put it in plain and simple terms: too many people who call themselves "Christians" ignore the central message of the Gospel because it is "too hard" or "not meant for me". Bonhoeffer knew that there were many around him who claimed they were Christians yet they were part of the majority who made up Hitler's reign of terror by being members of the Nazi party, thereby either explicitly or implicitly condoning acts of atrocities.

Bonhoeffer, since he was a pastor and theologian, was also particularly critical of the concept of cheap grace. He describes cheap grace as "seeking God's forgiveness without repentance. Communion without confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross and grace without the cross is a grace without Jesus Christ." This is a powerful theme which is stressed over and over again in *The Cost of Discipleship*. The book's contention is that discipleship requires us to follow in the footsteps of the Master.

There is also a second type of grace which Bonhoeffer labels as costly grace or precious grace because one has to pay a higher price for divine sanctification. Bonhoeffer levels a scathing attack on those who attempt to avoid taking the call to discipleship seriously. He was highly critical of Protestant pastors, elders and lay leaders who he accused of watering down the faith. He goes so far as to issue a stern warning that those who disregard the demands of discipleship trivialize the words of Jesus and are guilty of making a mockery and a sham of the faith they profess.

Bonhoeffer also makes a strong case related to the significance and importance of suffering for Christ. Recall that Jesus said to his disciples that He must not only suffer and be killed, but also be rejected by the world. From this, he asserts, it only stands to reason that we, as Disciples of Christ, are to bear the cross as well. "To endure the cross is not a tragedy, it is the fruit of an exclusive allegiance to Jesus Christ. Suffering is a cross that is laid on every Christian and our willingness to share in the sufferings of Christ is part of our obedience to Him."

The role of suffering for Christ also takes shape in terms of a disciple's separation from the world. This is not a separation from living in the world, but a separation from the ways of the world. A disciple of Christ is not someone who necessarily lives a monastic lifestyle, but rather is someone who is present to the world by making the love of Christ known to those who are in the greatest of need.

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Second Sunday of Lent

**ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL
PARISH COMMUNITY**

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Phone: (586) 977-8080
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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Masses
Tuesday 7:00pm
Wednesday, Thursday 8:00am
Holy Day Masses As Announced
Pastor

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
8:30am - 8:30pm
(Closed from 12:00 to 1:15 for lunch)
Friday: Closed
Saturday: 2:30pm - 6:30pm

MINISTRIES

Knights of Columbus #13340
Brian Barkkari 586-215-4669
Parish Nurse Ministry
Doreen Corby 586-977-8080
Seniors
Don Rogowski 586-977-8080
Soup Kitchen
Steven Gadzinski 586-731-4091
St. Vincent de Paul
Tom Harris 586-977-8080
Ushers-Ministers of Hospitality
Brian Brennan 586-264-1087

SACRAMENTS

Children's Baptism

If you have a child who is not yet baptized, but you would like them to be, we would be delighted to talk to you about your options. Please call the Parish Office (586-977-8080) to make any arrangements.

Reconciliation

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

Marriage

Arrangements must be made by contacting the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired date. Marriage guidelines are available at the Parish Office and must be read before your appointment. Participation in pre-marriage preparation will be arranged.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the Parish Office at 586-977-8080. Also available once a month during the Tuesday evening Mass. Speak with Fr. Jerry before Mass.

**Rite of Christian Initiation
of Adults**

This is a shared program with St. Ephrem, conducted at St. Ephrem. Those taking part in RCIA from St. Jane Frances will receive the faith formation at St. Ephrem's but celebrate associated rites at St. Jane Frances de Chantal. Please make initial contact with our pastor, Fr. Jerry Slowinski, before contacting St. Ephrem Parish.

Parish Policy

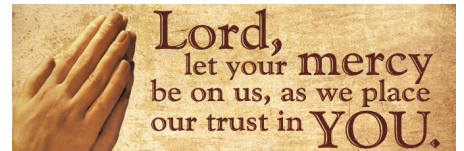
We ask that in order to have your child baptized here, or to be married here, you should be a registered parishioner or active in your previous parish. This means attending weekly Mass with your faith community, using your envelopes and taking part in parish activities.

**Visits to the Homebound
for Communion/ Anointing**

Contact Parish Office: 586-977-8080

This Week in our Parish

Monday, March 13
1:30pm Intercessory Prayer Team Mtg.
6:00pm Faith Formation Classes,
Grades K-6
Tuesday, March 14
4:30pm Faith Formation Classes,
Grades K-6
5:30pm-6:30pm Confessions
6:00pm Rosary
6:30pm Faith Formation Classes,
Grades 7 & 8
7:00pm Mass
Wednesday, March 15
8:00am Mass
9:30am Needle Crafters
10:00am-2:00pm Seniors Meet
6:00pm Needle Crafters
6:30pm CPR & AED Training
7:00pm Lectio Divina
7:00pm Parish Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 16
No Mass at St. Jane Frances
1:00pm Swiffers, Team 1
7:00pm Parish Leadership Meeting
Friday, March 17
4:00pm-7:00pm Fish Fry
6:30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, March 18
4:30pm-6:30pm Blood Pressure
Screening
5:00pm Mass
Sunday, March 19
8:30am-11:30am Blood Pressure
Screening
8:30am Parish Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Mass
11:00am Sunday Grief Support Group
11:30am Mass with Children's Liturgy
of the Word
6:00pm Youth Ministry Gathering



NEW PARISHIONERS

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A
REGISTERED PARISHIONER AT
ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL?**

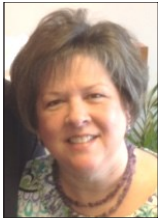
You may register at the Parish Office at any-time after Mass on the weekend or during regular office hours. Please call 586-977-8080

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."



Tuesday, 6:00pm.
Novena to the Mother
of Perpetual Help & Rosary
Join us in the Church



Maureen Blair
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Pastoral Associate
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Thoughts on Evangelization: We're Too Programmed

Evangelization is not principally a program or a process. Programs have a beginning and an end; processes can be finished. Evangelization, sharing my faith with others, never ends. It is a way of life, a state of mind, an attitude of heart. Evangelization leads people to care for others like a shepherd, testify like a witness, obey like a child, wait on others like a servant and love like a brother or sister. What attitude adjustments can you make so that you can better share your faith with others?

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LECTIO DIVINA

Reading the Scripture
Reflecting on the Meaning
Responding through Prayer
Resting in God
Responding in Action

Group *Lectio Divina* Wednesday Evenings

Are you looking for a Lenten practice to help you partake in the three pillars of Lent - fasting, almsgiving, and prayer? *Lectio Divina* is a method of **prayer** using scripture. On Wednesday evenings 7:00pm-8:00pm, I will be facilitating a group prayer using the *Lectio Divina* method. We will be using the readings from the Sunday liturgies during our prayers. If you are interested in joining this group please call the parish office at (586) 977-8080 or by emailing me at maureenblair.stjane@gmail.com.

Stations of the Cross in Times of Illness

Followed by the
Sacrament of
Anointing of the Sick
Thursday, April 6th,
2:30pm



Please mark your calendars and pass this information along!!



Chrism Mass and Holy Oils

Would you like to attend the Chrism Mass at the cathedral and bring the new holy oils to St. Jane Frances?

Each year on the morning of Holy Thursday, the deacons, priests, bishops, and members of the faithful of the archdiocese gather together with the archbishop for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. At this Mass, the priests and bishops renew their priestly promises and the Oils of the Catechumens, and of the Sick are blessed and the Oil of Chrism is consecrated. Each parish sends a representative to this Mass, celebrated at the mother church of the archdiocese, the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, to bring these new oils back to their home parish (the old oils are burned). These oils are then received by the pastor during the celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

The Chrism Mass is celebrated at 10:00am at the cathedral on Thursday, April 13th. If you are interested in attending and bringing the oils to our parish, please contact Maureen Blair at maureenblair.stjane@gmail.com or call the parish office (586) 977-8080. Thank you!

Preparing for Holy Thursday April 13th, 7:00pm

Washing of the Feet:

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 13th, 7:00pm), the presider washes the feet of 12 parish members. At the end of the reading of the Gospel, Fr. Jerry will wash feet as a way of bringing the gospel message of service forward to us today. If you would like to take part in this please give me a call or email me to let me know. I will take the first twelve people to contact me (please only one member to represent a family).



Offertory & Dressing the Altar: As part of the Grand Procession (includes presentation of the Oils, presenting the altar cloths, and offertory gifts) we would like several parishioners to participate in the dressing of the altar and bringing forward the offertory gifts.

Presentation of Sacred Oils: Each Holy Thursday, the oils of the Sick, the Catechumens and the Holy Chrism are blessed at the Cathedral in the morning by the archbishop then presented to the parish at the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. If you would like to present one of the oils at this liturgy please contact me.



Please contact me if you would like to participate in any of these special opportunities. Please email me at maureenblair.stjane@gmail.com or give me a call me at 586.977.8080.

Thank you, Maureen



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Canticum Novum – Andy Langlands

The music of Lent can be quite stunning. Filled with spirituality and the tradition of the church, it has the power to move us forward in our journey. It can also make us stop right where we are in order that we consider for a time, our destination goal and where we are today. Some of this music might be foreign to you by name. If or when you hear it, you may recall having heard it before. One of these pieces for me is by a composer known as Palestrina. He is considered by most to be the great Father of liturgical music. He is best known for taking well known chant melody and constructing polyphony (Greek for many voice). Polyphony has “many” lines which take the melody into a kind of musical game of tag; chasing throughout each voice part as the others have counterpoint. Counterpoint is a secondary theme, lacking the importance of the primary, yet making the primary more beautiful by its presence. The title of the piece to which I refer is “Sicut Cervus” (Ps. 42: As the deer longs). It’s in a major key, yet evokes, due to the beautiful counterpoint, an almost 3-minute-long sigh of longing. When its well performed, the singers understand where the melody is, and what part to blend nearest to it to evoke this feeling. “As the deer longs for running springs, so my soul longs for you, O Lord.” I think this psalm brings me to the realization that when I separate myself from the Lord, my heart yearns to return. Timely to listen to, pray, and be spiritually fed by the longing to return to God. You may find Sicut Cervus on Youtube.

Number boards, musical announcements, etc: Here at St. Jane Frances, you have an old style hymn number board. In the 1970’s, these became out of style with modern worship. Many churches replaced them with electronic hymn boards. They are larger, lighted, and offer more flexibility for the worship/music minister. We have purchased one of these units, to be installed soon. It will be placed near where the current number board is. I have removed the other board to get you used to looking to the front of church to see the number. We also announce the hymn numbers as well. So, depending on whether its your hearing that is at issue, or your sight, we should have you covered.

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VOCATIONS

ATTENTION SINGLES



REFLECT is for and about single men & women (mid-30s to 50s) looking to connect with others who also face the unique challenges of being a mid-life single in a couple’s world. Join us for the **REFLECT Catholic Retreat** at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt on March 17th-19th. The cost is \$175.00 for a single bedroom, meals, and materials. For more details, visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, email them at reflect.michigan@gmail.com or call 586-770-1772.

Does your marriage need help?

Retrouvaille is a Christian Peer Ministry reaching out to hurting couples longing for renewal and hope. Their next retreat is scheduled for March 17th-19th. Check out more information or register at helpourmarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. Scholarships are available so don’t let cost keep you from attending.



Are you a college student or young professional who is trying to decide how God is calling you?

Join us for Discernment Day 2017
 Saturday March 18, 2017 9:00am-5:30pm
 \$10 Includes Lunch and Liturgy

Hosted by DAVA (Detroit Archdiocese Vocation Association)

Mercy Center
 28650 W. 11 Mile Rd.
 Farmington Hills, MI 48336

To Register: DetVocations@gmail.com
 Questions: Karen Egri, RSM 248.473.7175 or
 Kathy Onderbeke, IHM 248.347.7778 Ext.31
 Overnight accommodations available Friday 3/17 \$15 fee.

A Marriage Enrichment Series for Young Marrieds

The First Years and Beyond

An entertaining, edifying and uplifting dinner date with other Young Married Couples
 Dinner, dessert, live music/dancing entertainment, open bar!

Upcoming 2017 Dinner Dates ■ Babysitting available

“Intimate Graces: Bringing Out the Best in Your Marriage”

6:30 – 9:00pm Saturday, March 18
 St. Malachy Parish - 14115 Fourteen Mile Rd.
 Sterling Heights, MI 48312

National speaker, author and Catholic radio host
 Teresa Tomeo and husband Deacon Dominic

“Love Never Fails”

6:30 – 9:00pm Friday, May 19
 St. John Neumann Parish -
 44800 Warren Rd. Canton, MI 48187

With national speaker, author and Catholic
 radio hosts Peter and Debbie Herbeck

Eventbrite registrations URL’s

- Mach 18 : <https://youngmarriedsmarch18.eventbrite.com>
- May 19: <https://youngmarriedsmay19.eventbrite.com>

STEWARDSHIP



LENTEN FISH FRYs 2017 4:00pm-7:00pm

Fish Frys are back each Friday of March this year! Each Fish Fry is hosted by a different organization to raise funds for an activity or cause. We hope you can join us this Lenten season!

Check out the schedule below for who is hosting what dates. See you Friday!

Friday, March 17th—The Knights of Columbus

Friday, March 24th—The Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality

Friday, March 31st—The Knights of Columbus AND the Ushers/Ministers of Hospitality

Desserts and cans of pop are available for \$1 each and proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. To donate a dessert, please see page 6 of the bulletin. The Knights of Columbus will have tootsie rolls available as well.

MENU

Dinners

2 Piece Fried Cod Dinner--\$8.00

3 Piece Fried Cod Dinner--\$10.00

(Dinners include French Fries or Macaroni & Cheese, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, and lemonade, water, coffee or tea to drink.)

Sides

French Fries--\$2.50

Macaroni & Cheese--\$3.00

Coleslaw--\$1.00

Slice of Cheese Pizza--\$1.00

EASTER EGG HUNT

Save the Date! We will be having the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th, at 10:00am. Please register at the Parish Office. More details to come in



Lady Luck sitting on your side? Can you take 3 out of 5 tricks? Then join us Saturday April 29th, at 6:30pm for a Euchre Night! Whether you are a pro or a beginner join us for a fun night of Euchre! More details coming soon!

ADULT FORMATION

St. Jane Frances "SENIORS": *Years of experience being young at heart!*

Seniors meetings for 2017 begin **Wednesday, March 15th!!!**

Are you 55 or older (and wiser!)? Do you enjoy conversation, community, a shared meal or playing cards? Then join our SENIORS group! SENIORS (55 yr +) meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10:00am-2:00pm. All meetings include **morning refreshments** at 9:45am and also a **lunch** served at noon!

Entertainment options include...

*Progressive Pinochle (\$1.25)

*Card and Dice games of your choosing

*Bingo with playing cards (5 cards for \$1.00) - \$2.00 prize awarded per game!

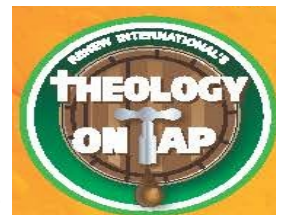
*Meet, make and visit with friends!

Membership is \$5.00 for the year. A \$4.00 donation is collected at the door every meeting to fund refreshments and lunch. [*Note: If you are new, you are welcome to join us for a meeting or two before you decide to join and pay the \$5.00 membership fee.*]

YOUNG ADULTS

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join young adults (ages 18-35) for food, fellowship, fantastic speakers, and faith. The next one is in the Northwest Region, held on Thursday, March 16th, at 6:30pm at St. John Fisher (3665 E. Walton Blvd., Auburn Hills, MI—right across the street from Oakland University). Everyone is asked to bring \$5 to cover the cost of food and beverages. Archbishop Vigneron has set a vision for the AOD of Encounter, Grow, and Witness. This month is all about witnessing in a secular work environment. Do you ever wonder how to bring Catholic Social Justice teaching to your place of work without turning people off? This Theology on Tap will address current topics and suggest strategies for how to be a Christian in an increasingly secular work environment. The sessions are developed and organized by Deacon Mike Houghton and Deacon John Manera, both deacons of the Archdiocese of Detroit and active business professionals. Contact Kim with any questions at agapepav@gmail.com or 248-906-8571.



MICHIGAN CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE AGES 18-35

The Archdiocese of Detroit and the Catholic dioceses of Michigan present

ENCOUNTER GROW WITNESS

Friday and Saturday,
March 31 and April 1, 2017

St. John Neumann Catholic Church
44800 Warren Road, Canton, Michigan

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE (MICYAC)

The dioceses of Michigan offer a conference each year for Young Adults and it is right here in the Metro-Detroit area! The conference includes great speakers, break-out sessions, time for adoration, a service project, food, and time with other young adults!

The theme of this year's conference is "Encounter. Grow. Witness. A Plan to Unleash the Gospel." Take some time to encounter the Lord, grow as His disciple, and reflect on how to share your friendship with the Lord! The keynote speakers are Mary Wilkerson and Peter Herbeck. The conference is at St. John Neumann in Canton. The event starts Friday, March 31st and ends Saturday, April 1st. You can attend Friday night, Saturday, or both! The cost is under \$55 by March 21st, then the price goes up! To sign-up, visit: <http://2017micyac.eventbrite.com>



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**Sunday Grief Support Group
March 19, 2017 from 11:00am-1:00pm**

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Health Ministry is pleased to offer a monthly Grief Support Group. This is a peer led group for those who have experienced a loss.

Please consider sharing this information with families and friends you know who may be suffering from grief and may like to join us in this group support program.

For more information, please contact Barb at (586) 264-0845 or the parish office at (586) 977-8080.

Blood Pressure Screening



Our Health Ministry Team will be available for Blood Pressure Screening next weekend.: March 18th and 19th. They will do the screenings on Saturday, March 18th, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm and on Sunday, March 19th, from 8:30am to 11:30am.

Human Trafficking of Children

(U.S. Department of Education)

How to Identify a Victim of Human Trafficking? *

- Has unexplained absences from school for a period of time, and is therefore a truant
- Demonstrates an inability to attend school on a regular basis
- Chronically runs away from home
- Makes references to frequent travel to other cities
- Exhibits bruises or other physical trauma, withdrawn behavior, depression, or fear
- Lacks control over her or his schedule or identification documents
- Is hungry-malnourished or inappropriately dressed (based on weather conditions or surroundings)
- Shows signs of drug addiction
- Demonstrates a sudden change in attire, behavior, or material possessions (e.g., has expensive items)
- Has a “boyfriend” who is noticeably older (10+ years)
- Makes references to terminology of the commercial sex industry that are beyond age specific norms; engages in promiscuous behavior and may be labeled “fast” by peers

Human trafficking involves force, fraud, or coercion.

Report trafficking if you suspect it:

Contact the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (24/7) Hotline 1-888-3737-888 or text BeFree (233733)

In an emergency call 911.

Please keep these victims in your prayers.

**It is important to note that this list is not comprehensive of all signs of human trafficking, nor are all students who exhibit these signs most certainly trafficking victims. The list is meant to be a guide to help determine if further action is appropriate.*

DESSERTS

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 (be sure NO nuts or peanut butter) to the Parish Office on **Thursday before 8:00pm** the week of the Fish Fry!

Our Next Fish Fry is scheduled **March 17, 2017
From 4:00pm-7:00pm**

We look forward to your delicious donations!!

**Health Ministry
Symptoms of Stress**

The fact is that those people that have stress on a regular basis, 77% display physical symptoms. Physical symptoms of stress may include:

- Low energy.
- Headaches.
- Upset stomach, including diarrhea, constipation and nausea.
- Aches, pains, and tense muscles.
- Chest pain and rapid heartbeat.
- Insomnia.
- Frequent colds and infections.

Those people that have stress on a regular basis, 73% display psychological symptoms that may include:

- Boredom. Repetitive work such as assembly or many forms of administrative work can be an immense source of boredom.
- Tension. A little tension can be helpful!
- Anxiety.
- Depression.
- Insecurity.
- Meaninglessness.
- Powerlessness.
- Disengagement.
- If any combination of these symptoms are exhibited for a length of time, please contact your Faith Community Nurse or consult a physician.

Please try these helpful tips if you are one of those persons exhibiting symptoms:

- Exercise at least 30 minutes a day. Always check with your doctor before starting an exercise program.
- When you get a surge of stress, count to 10.
- Take a 5-minute walk to help clear your mind.
- Squeeze a foam or rubber ball 5-10 times.
- Close your eyes. Imagine a calm scene or say a prayer.
- Allow at least 15-20 minutes a day to be with Christ, uncluttering your mind and refreshing your soul.
- Help someone else in need. Call or text a friend.
- Take a warm bath or shower.
- Get 7-9 hours of sleep per night.
- Take 10 minutes at home or at work to focus on something special in your life.

James 1:2 (ESV) [*Testing of Your Faith*] “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,”

Jerry-Arties (Continued from page 1)

The Cost of Discipleship also addresses the topic of evangelization. Being a disciple of Christ goes beyond just being individually saved. Discipleship is not exclusively focused on one's own personal salvation. A disciple of Christ has to come to the realization that faith is not something which is shared only with those who are our fellow disciples. The command of Jesus to "follow me", was not just applicable to a group of fishermen who lived in Galilee over 2000 years ago, it also applies to the times we now live in. All Disciples of Christ are empowered to proclaim the Gospel in both word and deed.

In essence the defining rule for all who call themselves Disciples of Christ, can be defined in two words: follow Jesus. If Jesus' example and teaching show one thing, we can have no excuse to believe we should be doing something else.

Settling for cheap grace is something we all are guilty of at various times in our life. Lent is the time to come to understand more fully what costly/precious grace means. The only way the Church can become a force for great change in the world may just lie in helping those of us who call ourselves Disciples of Christ to see the difference between cheap grace and costly/precious grace. Truth be told: it is a lot easier, when it comes to being a Christian, to talk the talk, than it is to walk the walk, but in doing this, are we really being true to the faith we profess?

All this is meant as food for thought; it should be part of our Lenten meditation and reflection. Lent is time for us to ask the hard questions of ourselves and to hold ourselves accountable in differentiating between cheap and costly/precious grace. Such discernment should be one of the challenges we face as Disciples of Christ as we continue our Lenten journey.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Revisited

March 21st & 23rd; 7:00pm - 8:30pm

If you have not participated in the sacrament of Reconciliation for a long time or do so with great reluctance, please know that you are not alone! In 2008, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University conducted a study entitled, *Sacraments Today: Belief and Practice among U.S. Catholics*. Regarding Reconciliation, the basic finding was that 75% of Catholics "report that they never participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation or that they do so less than once a year."(57)

During this time of Lent, I invite you to take part in this two-part series during which we can explore and address reasons and concerns that keep you from celebrating this sacrament which is filled with grace, even as it might instill fear or discomfort in you. This is an opportunity to learn more about Reconciliation; there will be no judging you nor pressuring you.

1) You Are Not Alone: I Don't Go to Confession Because...

This evening (March 21st) explores the reasons people give for not participating in the sacrament. Are these feelings valid? What is our understanding of the sacrament? What is truth about the sacrament: the theology, the affects of sin, forgiveness, mercy, grace?

2) What I See: From My Side of the Confessional...; So What's the Next Step?

This evening (March 23rd) explores the priest's experience in hearing people's confession. This does not mean a discussion of the sins that are confessed, but rather the humility, healing, joy, consolation, hope, grace and re-encounter with Christ that the priest witnesses as the confessor. Fr. Jerry Slowinski, pastor of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish, will share his personal reflections of his role as confessor. To close out this evening we will review the healing grace of the sacrament, examination of conscience, and practical matters of celebrating the sacrament.

It is the hope that you will leave this series open to the Spirit moving you towards the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation and to experience the powerful love and compassion of Jesus. Register by contacting the parish office at 586-977-8080.

CALLING ALL NEEDLE CRAFTERS!

Do you like to sew, knit, crochet, quilt, etc.? Whether you are new to the craft or a seasoned veteran, please join us at any of our gatherings to socialize and work on projects (your own or ours)! Some of our projects include blankets for those in the hospital, prayer shawls, and gloves and scarves for the homeless. There is no RSVP necessary and there is no cost. You can come to one, some, or all of our gatherings! Please join us: *Wednesdays from 9:30am until 11:30am OR from 6:00pm until 8:15pm*. We are also in need of more yarn to complete the projects we are working on. If you have some you are able to donate, please drop it off in the parish office. Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Tara at tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.

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ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC CHURCH
38900 Dodge Park, Sterling Heights
Phone: 586-264-1230 Fax: 586-264-2757
Pastor: Fr. Craig Giera
Deacon: Edwin McLeod

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

PARISH LEADERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY,
MARCH 16TH, 7:00pm-9:30pm

The Committees will meet at 7:00pm. If you are unable to attend, please contact your chairperson and let them know.

The Parish Council will meet at 8:00pm. If you are unable to attend, please let Fr. Jerry know.

There is time allotted at the start of each Parish Council Meeting for an Open Forum. If you have a suggestion or an issue which you would like to present to the Parish Council, please email Fr. Jerry at (jws1953@att.net). Be sure to include a brief summary or details regarding what you will be talking about. You will be given 5 minutes to address the Council.

Readings
Week of March 12, 2017

Sunday
Second Sunday of Lent
 Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;
 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Monday
 Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13;
 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday
 Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;
 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday
 Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16;
 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday
 Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
 Lk 16:19-31

Friday
Saint Patrick, Bishop
 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17,
 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday
Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday
Third Sunday of Lent
 Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 13
 No Mass at St. Jane Frances

Tuesday, March 14
7:00pm Dec. Walter Cholewa (Franczyk Family)
 Dec. Veronica Cholewa (Franczyk Family)

Wednesday, March 15
8:00am Dec. Marge Bellus (Family)

Thursday, March 16
 No Mass at St. Jane Frances

Friday, March 17
 No Mass at St. Jane Frances

Saturday, March 18
5:00pm For the Parishioners
 Dec. Lillian Kogut (Husband Paul)
 Dec. Stanley Zwolinski (Kris)
 Dec. Roger Peterson (Dawn Peterson)
 Dec. Eugene & Frances Berthiaume (Joyce)

Sunday, March 19
9:00am Dec. Barbara & Ralph Rays (Albina & Don Srodon)
 Dec. Edward S. Papcon 5th Anniversary (Family)
 Living — Grace Ochenski 95th Birthday

11:30am Dec. Rose Medved 1st Anniversary (Family)
 Dec. Father Michael Kazar (Appleton Family)
 Dec. Ann McCormack (Family)
 Living — Kevin Wilcox (Family)

Low-Gluten Hosts available

For our parishioners who have Celiacs Disease we now have procedures in place to help you celebrate the Eucharist with your parish family. For more information or to take part, please contact Maureen Blair,
 586-977-8080 or by email maureenblair.stjane@gmail.com



EASTER FLOWER INTENTIONS

We are now collecting Easter Flower Intentions. Your intentions will be placed in our annual Easter Flower Newsletter.
 All intentions MUST be in no later than Monday, March 27th.



Prayer:
IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS

We thank thee, God, for the equations of life — joy and pain, work and play, sun and rain, victory and defeat — that having one portion, we may understand the other also. Amen.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — MARCH 18TH & MARCH 19TH			
	5:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Malloy	Fr. Malloy	Fr. Malloy
Sacristan(s)	Lisa Skoczylas	Dick & Nancy Volpe	Lynn & Dave Burley
Lector 1	Linda Smith	Kathleen Pawlik	Annette Mobley
Lector 2	Craig Smith	Ben Klassen	Robert Skwara
Altar Servers	Matt Pawl	Samantha Belz	Mary Burley
	Taryn Pawl	Amanda Belz	Kathaleen Burley
	Isabella Schilling	Ray Benvenuti	Maddie Kleinberg
Ushers	Team 1	Assigned	Team 2
Music	Andy	Therese & Choir	Jan

WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 14th, @ 7:00pm
 Mary Minjeur

Wednesday, March 15th, @ 8:00am
 Judy Taylor

Thursday, March 16th,
NO Mass at St. Jane Frances



Parish Support

Sunday, March 5, 2016

Budgeted Weekly Obligation:
\$12,237.00

Actual Average Weekly Collection:
\$12,242.00

Registered Families.....1470
Envelopes Returned.....388
Amount Offered.....\$9,719.16
Loose Offering.....\$683.78
Children's.....\$2.00

Online Giving:
Contributors.....79
Contributions.....\$2,856.00

Total Offerings.....\$13,260.94

Special Collections:
Central Europe.....\$45.00
Easter Flowers.....\$2,122.00

ONLINE GIVING

If you have never used the convenience of Online Giving, why not make your life simpler and give it a try. Go to the parish website at www.sjfparish.org click on the Welcome to Online Giving box and follow the instructions for setting up your donation (s). It is easy and allows you:

- A direct debit from your checking/savings account or credit/debit card.
- The convenience of recurring or one-time donations.
- Complete online giving history available 24/7.
- E-mail reminders regarding when the debit will be made to your account/card.

Online Giving is easy, secure, and eliminates always having to remember your weekly envelopes. Go online and give Online Giving a try. If you have any questions, contact Jody Gazo at jgazosjfparish@gmail.com or call her at 586-977-8080.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We want to thank Najy Jaboro of Rusty Keg Najor Enterprises for advertising in the St. Jane Frances de Chantal bulletin.

We ask our parishioners to please patronize the advertisers as they are the ones that help make our bulletin possible.



TOGETHER LET US PRAY...

Please pray for those who are in special need of our prayers.

Maureen Blair
James Brown
Mary Sue Bruce
Margaret Cardamone
Richard Cardamone
Sam Castelli
Sandy Castelli
Vicki Chrzanowski
Bernie Colasanti, Jr.
Greg Corby
Anna DiDonato
Rita Duffey
Kevin Dufoor
Pam Evanzia
Charles Grade
James Friedmann

Cindy Graham
Pauline Gronowski
Scott Harris
Andrew Hetrick
Mary Ann Joly
John Karalunas
James Klassen
Joan Knapp
Walter Kronner
Jeffrey Leonard
George Lutfy
Addison Mathews
Charlotte Miles
William Navalta
Grace Ochenski
Norma O'Connor
Kathleen Pawlik

Matthew Pawlik
Helen Perliskey
Adam Phillips
Anita Pitlock
Frank Polizzi
Amy Zachwieja Raggio
Sam Randazzo
Marlene Rokicki
Olivia Rokicki
Jean Stevens
Daniel Van Acker
Dorothy Weglarz
Mel Werner
Kevin Wilcox
Don G. Wisniewski
Toni Woodring
Mary Woywood

Please pray for the men and women serving our country in the Armed Services that they may return home safely to family and friends. Remember particularly:

Robert Bain
Richard Brown
Christopher Burley
Amir Ciplakovic
Eric Dillard
Lisa Drake
Joshua Hebert

Zack Hoover
Louis B. Kasper, III
Paul Koss
Curtis McCoy
Matthew McDowell
Donovan John Miller

Danielle Marie Minichello
Eric Olson
Scot Skoczylas
Sean Slattery
Allison Stewart
Anthony Trotta
Carl Winowiecki

FIRST SUNDAY MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

We are still accepting applications for the First Sunday Memorial Association listing. The cost to have your intention placed on the back page of our bulletin is \$75 for a year. The members of the First Sunday Memorial Association will be announced as a group on the 1st Sunday of each month at the 9:00am Mass.



Calling All Volunteers!

It is the season for Vacation Bible School! We are looking for volunteers in many areas:

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Actors for skits | Music Assistants |
| Crafts Leader | Crafts Assistants |
| Games Leader | Games Assistants |
| Bible Challenge Leader and Assistants | |
| Team Leaders for the grade levels | |
| and | |
| Snack Assistants | |

If you are interested in helping contact Ben at:
Faithformation.sjf@gmail.com

“There are different gifts but the same Spirit; there are different services but the same Lord; and there are different activities but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”
(1 Cor. 12:4-7)