

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26



Jerry Slowinski

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Pastor

In many respects Lazarus, who was raised from the dead by Jesus, is a man of mystery. Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead is found only in the Gospel of John – Chapters 11 and 12. After that, Lazarus is never mentioned anywhere else in the New Testament.

Since the raising of Lazarus is absent in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the historical authenticity of this event has been subject to question. Why would Matthew, Mark and Luke have omitted the account of Lazarus being raised from the dead? Why is the Gospel of John the only biblical account we have of the raising of Lazarus? If anything, the opposite should have been true. John's Gospel was written almost 60 years after Jesus ascended back to the Father. Matthew, Mark and Luke's Gospels were written roughly 30 to 40 years after Jesus' Ascension. Could all three, Matthew, Mark and Luke, have forgotten such a miraculous event, leaving only John to recount the details? These are questions that beg for answers, but all we can do is wonder and ponder why this is the case.

We know that the first twelve chapters of John revolve around seven signs (we would call them miracles) of Jesus. The raising of Lazarus is the seventh and final sign. The raising of Lazarus serves as a transition from the book of signs to the book of glory in the Gospel of John. Yet after Lazarus has his "15 minutes of fame" he fades off into oblivion.

In today's world of celebrity news, Lazarus would have been famous. Who would not want to hear from someone who had been dead for a period of four days and then returned to life? The playwright Eugene O'Neill, in 1925, penned a sequel, or perhaps more to the point, a fictitious response, to what should have happened to Lazarus after he returned to life. O'Neill entitled his work "Lazarus Laughed". He had no intention of writing a theological treatise in regards to Lazarus but he tried to envision how Lazarus would have been viewed by the people who lived during the time that Jesus walked the face of the earth as one like us.

O'Neill imagined a celebrity figure, someone who commanded both wonder and admiration. In the play, at one point, Lazarus' fame gains the attention of the Emperor Caesar. Lazarus is summoned to Rome to be interrogated by the emperor. When Lazarus is asked what is it like to die, Lazarus laughs, a holy, loud and rather pompous laugh. Lazarus responds that there is no such thing as death, just the joy and ecstasy of being with God. The laughter of Lazarus was, however, no laughing matter; rather it represented a threat to Rome. People shuddered and trembled in deference to Rome's muscle and authority. The fear of death was what made the Roman Empire such a power. As a result Lazarus is sentenced to death by Rome and he goes to his death laughing. In effect, it is Lazarus who has the last laugh.

This is why, we, as Disciples of Christ, do not grieve as if there is no hope. We know that there is more to our existence than the time we spend in our earthly body. Does that mean we do not weep and lament when someone close dies? Of course not. We are told that "Jesus wept" at the death of His

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

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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.

**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, April 3**

No Faith Formation Classes

**Tuesday, April 4**

No Faith Formation Classes

**5:30pm-6:30pm Confessions**

**6:00pm Rosary**

**7:00pm Mass**

**Wednesday, April 5**

**8:00am Mass**

**9:30am Needle Crafters**

**10:00am-2:00pm Seniors Meet**

**1:00pm Swiffers, Team 4**

**6:00pm Needle Crafters**

**6:30pm Easter Egg Hunt Prep**

**7:00pm Lectio Divina**

**7:00pm Parish Choir Rehearsal**

**Thursday, April 6**

**8:00am Mass**

**2:30pm-3:30pm Stations of the Cross in Times of Illness and Anointing of the Sick**

**6:15pm Knights of Columbus Meeting**

**7:00pm Coffee and Catholicism**

**Friday, April 7**

**6:30pm Stations of the Cross Led by the Youth Group**

**Saturday, April 8**

**Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive**

**10:00am Easter Egg Hunt**

**2:00pm Instruments in Praise Rehearsal for Palm Sunday**

**3:15pm Instruments in Praise Rehearsal for Easter**

**5:00pm Mass with Blessing of Palms Sunday, April 9**

**Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive**

**8:30am Parish Choir Rehearsal**

**9:00am Mass with Blessing of Palms**

**11:30am Mass with Blessing of Palms**

**6:00pm Youth Ministry Gathering**

**6:30pm Stations of the Cross Led by the Youth Group**

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

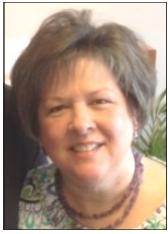
You may register at the Parish Office at any-time after Mass on the weekend or during regular office hours. Please call 586-977-8080

**Parish Mission Statement**

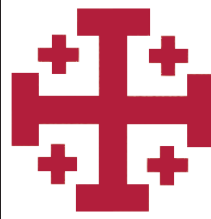
"Nourished by God's Word and the Eucharist, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



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



*Maureen Blair*  
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 Pastoral Associate  
 and Director of Worship and Evangelization  
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**The Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

For more information, visit [myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://myfranciscan.org/good-friday).

**Thoughts on Evangelization: Be Salty!!**



Salt has many different effects. Salt adds flavor to food; it makes things zesty. Salt is also used as a preservative; it keeps things from going bad. Salt makes people thirsty. Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth." (Matthew 5:13) As we live and share our faith we can have many effects. We are to add a zest for living, make our environments more flavorful with the grace of God. By living and sharing our faith we preserve our culture, we help it to be more fully a culture of life. And, as people rub shoulders with us they should become more thirsty for Jesus, the Life-giving Water. But to have the effects of salt - all of us - needs to get out of the saltshaker. Let's get out and be salty!

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**Stations of the Cross in Times of Illness**

Followed by the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**  
**Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:30pm**



Please mark your calendars and pass this information along!!

**Coming Soon! Archbishop Vigneron's Pastoral Report - Synod 16**



**TIMELINE 2014-2017**



Arch. Vigneron declares his intentions to convoke a synod

**COME, ENCOUNTER Christ!**

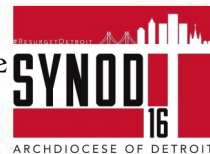
Sept. '15 - June '16 "Come, Encounter Christ!" missions take place around the Archdiocese

March - June 2016 Parish dialogue gatherings held in parishes across the Archdiocese



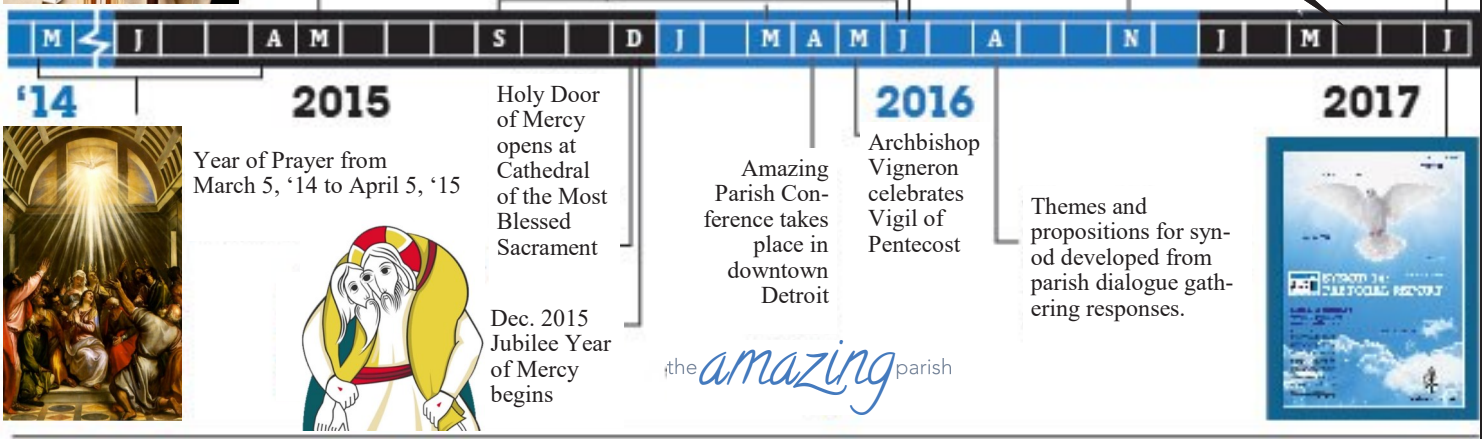
Archdiocese of Detroit

Synod weekend  
 Nov. 18 thru  
 Nov. 20, 2016



We are here

Archbishop releases a pastoral report outlining implementation of the concerns identified at Synod 16





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**Canticum Novum – Time**

Time is relative (according to Albert Einstein) and flows according to a set plan. Relatively speaking, time can get warped when it runs into different objects with gravitational properties. Church time is different. There is a theory that time stops during the liturgy. That it is placed in a vacuum of sorts, and is replaced with the presence of God. Especially true during the celebration of the Eucharistic prayer, we revert to a point in time where Jesus is present during the last supper, saying the words of institution through the person of our priestly celebrant who stands in His place. The Hebrew understanding of the word remember (zekher) is very literally interpreted. It really means that the moment is not only recalled, but relived as if we are placed in that moment for the first time.

The walk to Easter is filled with moments of remembrance from the Tradition of the bible. The woman at the well, the man born blind, and the restoration of the life of Lazarus, who is summoned from the tomb, wrapped in his burial clothes. Each of these people experience a rebirth. A second look at the riches of life lived with Jesus in our midst. My walk through Lent is always a time of discovery. It reminds, and makes me remember that my life needs Jesus in it to be fulfilling. I fall short more times than I like to remember. I miss my mark, maybe because I set the bar high, but I fall short and find myself on my knees feeling small. I ask for forgiveness and look for the opportunity to return the forgiveness I hope is bestowed upon me with reverence and renewed spirit. I recall the walk Jesus will make to Calvary. Beaten, scourged, and bleeding with the cross He will die on straining His back. Falling and getting back up on His way toward fulfilling His marvelous work. Holy week and the Triduum fill me with longing. The music gets sparse. The words being so important that accompaniment can sometimes confuse what we should be focusing our minds on. We adore the cross that is where our salvation lies. We hear the story of our faith during the Easter Vigil and awake to the resurrection the following morning resplendent with the cry “He’s alive!”.

I hope you will be joining us for all of the liturgies of Holy week and the Triduum. Easter time is my favorite time. The music is victorious with lyrics that recall the resurrection of Jesus. The weather recovers from the cold of winter to the promise of summer that spring carries. May God Bless your walk.

Current needs:

Kids for a kids choir, strong arms to ring bells, instruments and singers to praise Jesus in group settings.

Please consider joining me in the Online Giving program!

Andy

**VBS reminder...**

ALL volunteers *over* 18 years old, MUST have completed the Archdiocesan course: Protecting God’s Children to volunteer with our young Catholics.

If you are still in High School (9<sup>th</sup>– 12<sup>th</sup> grade), and wish to volunteer, you must have completed the Archdiocesan program: Called to Serve.

Either of these programs are offered throughout the archdiocese and can be signed up for, through the archdiocese at:

<http://www.aod.org/our-archdiocese/protecting-children/>

Follow the link on their webpage for the appropriate session and bring in your certificate to the parish office for us to keep a copy on file for you.

**Save the Date**

for this year’s Vacation Bible School!



June

26<sup>th</sup> –

30<sup>th</sup>

All children

Kindergarten—6<sup>th</sup> grade

Are welcome to join us!

Go to: [www.sjfparish.org/K6FaithFormation](http://www.sjfparish.org/K6FaithFormation)

To register for the fun!

**CYO Camps Work Weekend-**

It is that time of year! The weekend of April 21-23, 2017, the Youth Ministry Program here at St. Jane invites teens and families to join us at the CYO Camps to help them as they work to get ready for the Summer Camp Season. We rake leaves (lots and lots of leaves), we paint, chop wood, collect wood, wash buildings, move furniture from storage, and all around spruce up the camps. Look online at [www.sjfparish.org/Youth-Ministry](http://www.sjfparish.org/Youth-Ministry) for a flier and permission slip, then e-mail Ben to let him know that you’ll be joining us!



**2017 Graduates**



As we get closer to the end of the year, we are beginning to plan for our annual Graduation Mass and bulletin. For the bulletin, we will collect pictures of the graduates, as well as information about their graduation. Pictures may be dropped off in the Parish office or e-mailed to Ben at:

[bklassen.sjfparish@gmail.com](mailto:bklassen.sjfparish@gmail.com)

Along with the picture, we would like to share with the community the following information:

- Name of Graduate (as you would like it to appear in the bulletin)
- High School graduating from
- College graduating from (as well as the degree received)
- And an email address and/or telephone number to be able to contact you.

We will be continuing with plans for the Mass, and will let you know the dates of the celebration as we determine more.

## STEWARDSHIP

## EASTER EGG HUNT



We are having an Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 and under here at the Parish on **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am**

Please sign-up in the Parish Office by Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, so that we know how many children to plan for. Questions? Contact Tara at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.



## EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help prep the eggs for the Easter Egg hunt on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm. If you would be interested in helping with this, please contact Tara at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107. If you are interested in helping out the day of the Easter Egg Hunt, let Tara know that too. Thank you!

## EUCHRE NIGHT

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30pm until about 11:00pm

**WHERE:** In the de Chantal Hall

**WHO:** Whether you are a pro or a beginner join us for a fun night of Euchre!

**WHAT:** We'll be playing Euchre, eating dinner, and having a fun evening together!

**HOW:** Sign-up in the Parish Office. The cost is \$10 per player and that covers the cost of food, beverages, and prizes.

**QUESTIONS?** Contact Tara at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.



## ADULT FORMATION

## COFFEE &amp; CATHOLICISM

Join us for great presentations on topics near and dear to our faith! Our speaker will present about the history, philosophy, and theology of things like the development of the soul, Purgatory, the Council of Trent, grace, the Vatican councils, and more! There is no cost to attend! We will meet from 7:00pm until 8:20pm. Contact Tara at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107 for more information. Our last gathering is **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm. We will be discussing Vatican Councils I and II.**



**St. Jane Frances "SENIORS": Years of experience being young at heart!**  
**Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>!**

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

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

\*Card and Dice games of your choosing

\*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.]*

## CALLING ALL NEEDLE CRAFTERS!

## A Few of Our Thank You Notes

*Thank you so much for your generous donation of blankets. We use them everyday in the NICU. They truly brighten our unit. ~Troy NICU Team*

*...It is thru donations like yours that we are able to continue to provide a little comfort to those who are going thru a difficult time. I personally have handed out your beautiful hats to several patients and witnessed the joy it brought them to receive something this special made by your group of caring women. I truly hope you realize the joy you are bringing to many. Again we deeply appreciated your act of kindness and it is my honor to be able to distribute your hats. ~Lorna Stabile, Wilson Cancer Resource Center*

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)! Please join us: **Wednesdays from 9:30am until 11:30am OR from 6:00pm until 8:15pm.** If you have any questions, please contact Tara at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.



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**Knights of Columbus**  
**Tootsie Roll Drive**  
**April 8<sup>th</sup> & April 9<sup>th</sup>**



Our members will be handing out Tootsie Rolls for a donation after each Mass. Please be generous in helping people with intellectual disabilities. All donations are used to support charities for those with intellectual disabilities.

THANK YOU in advance for your generosity.



**BREAK THE CHAIN**

Friday, April 7, 2017

Our day will begin with Lunch at 12:00 noon

Viewing / Meeting 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart Major Seminary 2701 Chicago Blvd. Detroit 48206

\$12.00 registration fee

To register: <https://breakthechaindoc.eventbrite.com>

BREAK THE CHAIN is a feature-length documentary film that addresses the often "hidden-in-plain-sight" issue of Human Trafficking within Michigan communities and the United States. The film chronicles two survivors of Human Trafficking within Michigan communities - providing a detailed look at how trafficking goes unnoticed within our backyards. Accompanying the stories of these survivors are nearly 20 interviews with researchers, Senators, non-profit organizations, legal service agencies, law enforcement officers and several artists actively working to raise awareness for this global issue.



Break the Chain sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southeastern Michigan and the Archdiocese of Detroit.



**Soup Kitchen Ministry serves lunch at St. Leo's**  
 Please mark your calendar for April 22<sup>nd</sup>! We will be going to St. Leo's in Detroit to prepare and serve lunch to approximately 130-150 guests. In order to have a successful lunch service, **we need 12 volunteers to sign up at the parish office.** Volunteers must be at least 16 years old to volunteer for St. Leo's service.

We will meet in the south parking lot at 8:15am and leave by 8:30am. **DRIVERS ARE NEEDED** so please consider signing up to help with car pooling. At St. Leo's, lunch is served from 11:30am to 12:30pm with clean-up following. We will return to the St. Jane Frances parking lot around 1:30pm.

If you are unable to attend, but wish to contribute, you can do so by providing a dessert plate (cookies, cakes, or muffins) or fruit. Monetary donations are always appreciated by writing a check to St. Jane Frances and write "Soup Kitchen Ministry" in the memo line.

God bless you for your help in this ministry.

Through your participation and generosity, it is possible to serve. Steve Gadzinski, Soup Kitchen Coordinator  
 St. Jane Frances de Chantal Soup Kitchen Ministry

**BIG SCREEN SUNDAY - FOR THE GLORY OF GOD!**

**IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA**  
 SOLDIER · SINNER · SAINT

**Sunday, April 9, 2017 - 3 PM**  
 \$5 - First-come, First-seated!  
**AMC Star Southfield**  
 25333 W. Twelve Mile Rd.  
 Questions? 313-407-2284 or [iCtheLight@mail.com](mailto:iCtheLight@mail.com)

**Got Drugs?**

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
 10 a.m. – 2 p. m.

St. Michael Catholic Community  
 40501 Hayes Rd.  
 Sterling Heights, 48313  
 Call 586-566-4487 for Details

For more information, please visit [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov)

*Jerry-Atrics (Continued from page 1)*

friend Lazarus. Perhaps He was also weeping, at least in some part, on account of the lack of faith of all who were angry with Him. Jesus had delayed for a period of four days before returning to Bethany. By that point, people had given up all hope of a miracle. Jesus, in effect didn't give the people what they wanted when they wanted it.

Each of us must one day face death. There is no arguing, no getting around this fact. If we are striving to live Christ-centered lives death should not bully us. Although we do not know anywhere near as much as we would like to know in regards to what happens after we take our final breath here on earth, we know that we are essentially spiritual beings who have an earthly body for only the shortest period of time. This is why, when life seems to get too hard, things as bad as they may seem, are not a cause for hopelessness. We continue to have eternal hope. God has truly defeated death and has power over it. The resuscitation of Lazarus (recall that he did die a second time), but more importantly the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, serves to validate that God's supremacy is far greater than physical death.

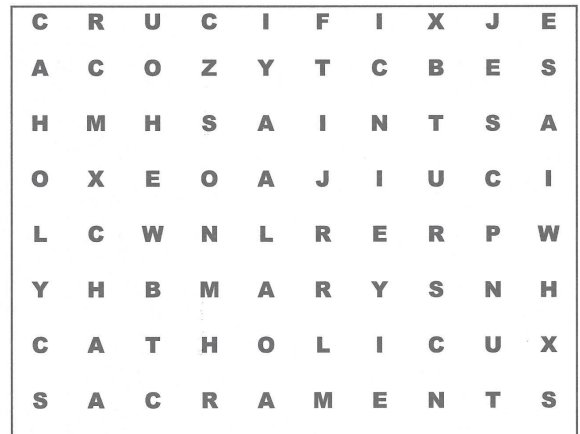
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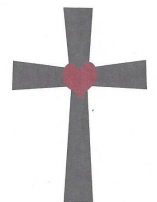
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| Fasting    | Palm Sunday   | Resurrection |
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Is your child ready for their Best Summer Ever?!



2017 registration is now open!

**"BEST SUMMER EVER!"**

This is what we repeatedly hear from parents whose kids have attended **Camp Sancta Maria**.

Since 1933, Camp Sancta Maria has been offering young people **ages 8 to 16** a summer full of **fun and adventure, personal growth and spiritual development**.

Our campers **escape their daily routines** of electronics and digital media in a **technology-free zone** to enjoy 96 acres of **sacred space** filled with **new experiences**, while they **make new friends** and **learn interpersonal skills** in an **atmosphere of Christian faith**.

Financial aid is available.

Visit us online at [www.CampSanctaMaria.org](http://www.CampSanctaMaria.org)

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death, rather it is for God's glory that through it the Son of God may be glorified". Every aspect of our lives — our gifts as well as our sufferings — can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.

**Our Cluster Partner**  
**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



**Traveling Chalice  
A Program of Prayer  
For Vocations**

Parishioners are asked to take the chalice home and display it in a place of honor, we ask them to pray each night for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This week our parish gratefully acknowledges

*Bill Bishop*

for hosting our Traveling Chalice. If you would like to participate in The Traveling Chalice Program please contact Ray Sroka at 586-979-7879.

**REMINDER:  
NO FAITH FORMATION  
CLASSES  
GRADES K-6  
MONDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> &  
TUESDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**

Classes for grades K-6 will resume on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm and Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30pm

**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

**Readings  
Week of April 2, 2017**

**Sunday**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;  
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,  
33b-45

**Monday**

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-  
62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday**

**Saint Isidore, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church**

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn  
8:21-30

**Wednesday**

**Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest**

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54,  
55, 56; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday**

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday**

**Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest**

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;  
Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday**

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;  
Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,  
19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66  
or  
27:11-54

**All Are Welcome**

To all who need comfort, to all who need friendship,  
To all who are lonely and need companionship,  
To all who want sheltering love, to those who need a savior.  
To those who would serve a living God, Whosoever will,  
This church opens wide its doors and in the name of JESUS says ... "WELCOME".

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, April 3**

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

**Tuesday, April 4**

**7:00pm** Dec. Antoine & Valerie Poissant

(Chuck & Marge Wagner)

**Wednesday, April 5**

**8:00am** Living — Lena DeMarse 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday

(Chuck & Marge Wagner)

**Thursday, April 6**

**8:00am** Dec. Theresa LaVague (Gulock Family)

Dec. Paul M. Wirries

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

(Daughter Virginia DiBella)

Dec. Paul R. Wirries

(Sister Virginia DiBella)

**Friday, April 7**

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

**Saturday, April 8**

**5:00pm** Dec. Ralph Beaufait

(Robert & Frances Kraft)

Dec. Eugene Goike

(Mr. & Mrs. Duane Gavrilek)

Dec. Edgardo Chu

(Frank Balagtas)

**Sunday, April 9**

**9:00am** For the Parishioners

Dec. Sharon Meccariello (Sister Shirley Essad)

Dec. Barbara & Ralph Rays

(Albina & Don Srodon)

Living — Scott Harris

(Tom & Phyllis Harris)

**11:30am** Dec. Giovanni & Margheri Sarti

(Sarti Family)

Dec. Kimberly LaForest

(LaForest Family)

Deceased Members of the

Mollicone Family

(Jennie Collella)

Living — Anne Marie Licavoli

(Briana Liller)

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> & APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**

	5:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Jerry	Fr. Jerry	Fr. Jerry
<b>Sacristan(s)</b>	Lori & Joe Nida	Dick & Nancy Volpe	Dan & Darlene Rys
<b>Lector 1</b>	Dale Erickson	Jolynn Friedmann	Barb Wojtas
<b>Lector 2</b>	Lisa Erickson	John Martin	Kathy Pawlik
<b>Reader 1</b>	Keith Morris	Brian Enck	Barb Milczynski
<b>Reader 2</b>	Bob Skwara	Annette Mobley	Jan Machusak
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Amanda Dufoor	Maggie Friedmann	Mary Burley
	Nancy Dufoor	Sarah Friedmann	Kathaleen Burley
	Kayla Pickens	Ray Benvenuti	Maddie Kleinberg
<b>Ushers</b>	Team 1	Assigned	Team 2
<b>Music</b>	Jeanette	Jan & Choir	Therese



**WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, @ 7:00pm**  
Mary Minjeur

**Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, @ 8:00am**  
Mike Scavo

**Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, @ 8:00am**  
Tom Kraniak





Sunday, , 2016

**Budgeted Weekly Collection:**  
\$12,237.00

**Actual Average Weekly Collection:**  
\$12,242.00

**Registered Families.....1479**  
**Envelopes Returned.....368**  
**Amount Offered.....\$8,908.27**  
**Loose Offering.....\$741.00**  
**Children's.....\$1.00**

**Online Giving:**  
**Contributors.....71**  
**Contributions.....\$2,071.00**

**Total Offerings.....\$11,721.27**

**Special Collection:**  
**Easter.....\$13.00**  
**Easter Flowers.....\$150.00**  
**Catholic Relief.....\$691.00**

**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.sjfp parish.org](http://www.sjfp parish.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 596-977-8080 or email her at: [jgazosjfp parish@gmail.com](mailto:jgazosjfp parish@gmail.com)

**CAN TABS**

The Ushers will no longer be collecting tabs from cans.

We want to “thank” everyone who so generously dropped off the tabs. The tabs were used to help purchase dialysis machines.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We want to thank James Behen, Jr. of Chicken Shack 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*  
*Mario DiDonato*  
*Rita Duffey*  
*Kevin Dufloor*  
*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 Lufy*  
*Addison Mathews*  
*Charlotte Miles*  
*William Navalta*  
*Norma O'Connor*  
*Kathleen Pawlik*

*Matthew Pawlik*  
*Helen Perliskey*  
*Adam Phillips*  
*Anita Pitlock*  
*Frank Polizzi*  
*Amy Zachwieja Raggio*  
*Marlene Rokicki*  
*Olivia Rokicki*  
*Arnold Semrau*  
*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*  
*Jeremy Rzeppa*  
*Scot Skoczylas*  
*Sean Slattery*  
*Allison Stewart*  
*Anthony Trotta*  
*Carl Winowiecki*

**OPERATION RICE BOWLS**

Just a reminder! Rice Bowls should be returned by **Holy Thursday Mass, April 13<sup>th</sup>**. Faith Formation students should turn them in to their catechist on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, or Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Rice Bowls can also be turned in directly to the parish office.

**WILL OUR KIDS HAVE FAITH?**

How often does someone come to us with a situation they are dealing with and we don't know how to respond? Oftentimes as people of faith, the response is "I'll pray for you". Do your kids know that you do that? Do they ever see you pray for someone ... even them? Do they have a place where they can pray for someone as well? You may want to offer time for that as part of a family prayer or leave a spot in the house for people to note who they have prayer intentions for so you can pray for them as well. It helps them talk to God and care for others!

**A STEWARD'S WAY**

The life of a Christian steward models the life of Jesus. It is challenging and even difficult, in many respects, yet intense joy comes to those who take the risk to live as Christian stewards. Women and men who seek to live as stewards learn that "all things work for the good for those who love God" (Rom 8:28).

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. As the Mother of Christ, she lived her ministry in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call.

We must ask ourselves: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ and Christian stewards of our world and our Church?

Central to human and Christian vocation, as well as to the unique vocation each one of us receives from God, is that we be good stewards of the gifts we possess. God gives us this divine-human workshop, this world and Church of ours.

The spirit shows us the way.