



Fr. Tony Sulkowski
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FR. T'S TIDBITS: MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHTER WORK

One of the aspects of St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish that has impressed me since my arrival here last November is the number of people who volunteer and share their gifts and their talents with the parish—whether it be volunteering to help at the Fish Fry, decorating the Church and Chapel, cleaning the Church, setting up for the weekday and weekend Masses, just to name a few.

When I see so many people getting involved in the parish life it is a sign to me of the love and devotion each of you have for the parish of St. Jane Frances de Chantal. I would like to thank all those who give of their time and talents to serve the needs of our community. I would also like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to volunteer at the parish. There is always a place for you. The more the merrier!

I would like to invite people to consider signing up to take the travelling chalice home and pray for vocations to the religious life, priesthood, diaconate and lay ministries. Each of us are called to a particular vocation within the Church. May God's call be not only heard but responded to.

In light of the violence that is taking place in our society, some have asked if the parish has a plan in place should something happen at the parish. St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish has been very proactive in regards to security and an evacuation plan in case of an emergency. These protocols have been in existence before I arrived. I would like to thank the parish staff and the leadership team for being proactive in this regard. Safety is a priority and will always be a priority - if you see something say something. Bring it to someone's attention.

Lastly, people have asked about religious reading material and programs that are available in the vicariate. In the hallway leading to the parish offices there are tables with a variety of reading materials such as the Michigan Catholic and Our Sunday Visitor. On the bulletin boards you will find various programs and events that are happening in the area. Take a look, you might find something that interests you.

Have a great week.

Bon mot: Give them quality. That's the best kind of advertising---Milton Hershey

Carpe Diem,
Fr. Tony

St. Pope John Paul II designated the 2nd Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. Join us following the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, April 7th for the Divine Mercy prayers.

*For the sake of His sorrowful passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.*



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

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www.sjfp parish.org

MASS SCHEDULE

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

PARISH STAFF

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 2:30pm - 6:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am - 1:30pm

MINISTRIES

- Knights of Columbus #13340**
Joe Nida 586-977-8080
- 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

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.

This Week in Our Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 9

- 1:30pm Intercessory Prayer Mtg.
- 6:00pm K-6 Faith Formation

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

- 4:30pm K-6 Faith Formation
- 5:30pm Confessions
- 6:00pm Rosary
- 6:30pm Jr. High/Confirmation Prep (7th grade only)
- 7:00pm Mass

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

- 8:00am Mass
- 9:30am Needle Crafters
- 6:00pm Needle Crafters
- 6:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Lectio Divina

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

- 8:00am Mass
- 1:00pm Swiffers, Team 3
- 6:15pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.
- 7:00pm Pilgrimage Mtg.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

- Noon Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Practice
- 5:00pm Mass with Confirmation

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

- 9:00am Mass
- 11:30am Mass
- 6:00pm Youth Ministry Gathering

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 in full color!

sjfp parish.org

Stay connected through social media! Find us on Facebook at @sjfp parish and on Instagram at @stjane frances parish.

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!

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."



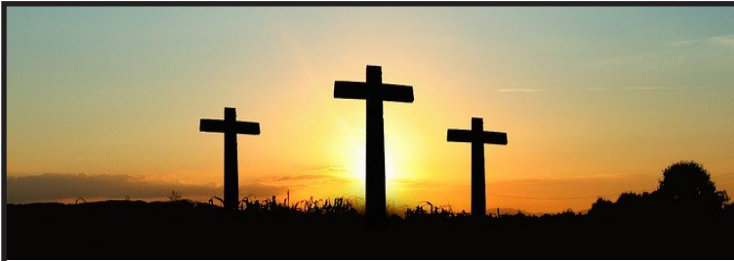
Laurie Hall
Pastoral Associate
& Worship Coord.
Ext. 104

CELEBRATING THE EASTER SEASON

Easter is a seven week season of joy and grace. Starting with the Triduum in Holy Week and ending with Pentecost Sunday, this 50 day season has been called "the radiant center of the liturgical year." We keep celebrating so that we might continue to enter into the meaning of the resurrection and to deepen the way it touches our daily lives.

After Easter Week's resurrection stories, the first reading for the rest of this long and glorious season is from the Acts of the Apostles. Every day we see how Jesus' followers reacted to his death, the challenges to their witness and the unexpected courage that comes to them. John's Gospel is used for the entire Easter Season, the one time of year we can enter into his poetic and layered stories on a daily basis.

Easter only **begins** with Easter Sunday. These daily prayers and meditations come together to remind us that Jesus is with us. He is not dead, but alive. And, that makes all the difference in the world in how much hope and courage we have, before any struggle, any possible fear of death. In these 50 days, we are Easter People!



This blessing for the Easter Season, or one we adapt in our own words, may be prayed individually or used at special meetings or with family and community prayer.

Through the resurrection of Jesus, God has redeemed us and made us his children.
May God bless us with joy.
Amen.

Our Redeemer has given us lasting freedom.
May we inherit everlasting life.
Amen.

By faith, we rose with Jesus in baptism.
May our lives be holy, so that we will be united with Jesus for ever.
Amen.

May almighty God bless us,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Taken from <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/e-celebratingeaster.html>

In addition, many thanks to ALL who ministered during our Holy Week and Easter celebrations! Our Decorators, Altar Servers, Lectors, Readers, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choir, Musicians, Swiffers, and staff members all came together to worship and praise God. God is working through all of you – may God bless you as abundantly as you have blessed the community of St. Jane Frances!



**EASTER FLOWERS IN HONOR
OF OUR LOVED ONES**
Thank you for your gift!

From Ms. Josephine Sine In Memory of Dominic Guadagni

From Mrs. Charlene Brown In Memory of Russell Brown
From Mrs. Charlene Brown In Memory of Cheryle A. Brown
From Mrs. Charlene Brown In Memory of Jane McGinley
From Mrs. Charlene Brown In Memory of Norm & Ann Setter

From Mr. & Mrs. John Rakowski In Memory of Alfred & Eleanor Roncato
From Mr. & Mrs. John Rakowski In Memory of Walter & Rena Rakowski

From Mrs. Mary Reo In Memory of Karen Zawada
From Mrs. Mary Reo In Memory of Mary & Charles Benci
From Mrs. Mary Reo In Memory of Joseph & Josephine Reo
From Mrs. Mary Reo In Memory of Brian Zawada
From Mrs. Mary Reo In Memory of Cyril & Mary Sharda

From Mrs. Lois Theisen In Memory of Lawrence J. Theisen
From Mrs. Lois Theisen In Memory of John & Berneice Weber
From Mrs. Lois Theisen In Memory of Lawrence & Hilda Theisen

From Mrs. Nancy Morrissey In Memory of Joseph Morrissey
From Mrs. Nancy Morrissey In Memory of Connie Bryant
From Mrs. Nancy Morrissey In Memory of Ruth Morrissey
From Mrs. Nancy Morrissey In Memory of Mary Ann Joly

From Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Kosnik In Memory of Kosnik & Fuddy Family Members

From Mr. and Mrs. John Shannon

From Mrs. Rosa Maiani In Memory of Giuseppe Gasperoni
From Mrs. Rosa Maiani In Memory of Lazzaro & Angela Gasperoni
From Mrs. Rosa Maiani In Memory of Marino & Giuseppe Gasperoni
From Mrs. Rosa Maiani In Memory of Teresa & Agostina Gasperoni

From Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zeleny In Memory of Courtney Anne Pelowski

From Mrs. Shirley Essad In Memory of DaPrato & Meccariello Families



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**SUNDAY GRIEF
 SUPPORT GROUP**

**April 22, 2018
 11:00am - 12:00pm**

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 the parish office at (586)977-8080 or Barb at (586)264-0845.

**2018 Natural Family Planning Support & Education
Series: Deeper Reflections**

NFP: SUBFERTILITY AND INFERTILITY
April 24, 2018 | 7:00-9:00pm
Sacred Heart Major Seminary

April 22-28, 2018 is National Infertility Awareness Week. Approximately 1 in 8 couples will struggle to build their family. At this meeting we'll explore NFP in relation to subfertility and infertility. Couples have found help from NFP to identify and treat a variety of fertility concerns. The Church recognizes the pain of infertility and offers her love and support to couples dealing with this unique cross. We will come together to offer prayer, comfort and understanding for all those affected by infertility.

RSVP to nfp@aod.org and visit www.aod.org/nfp for upcoming dates and more information!



**OUR SOUP KITCHEN SERVES LUNCH AT
 ST. LEO'S SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018**

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 carpooling.** At St. Leo's, lunch is served from 11:30am to 12:30pm with clean-up following. We will return to the St. Jane 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's 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



The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program, which provides help to older and disabled adults and has partnered with our DENIS Connection, is looking to fill some uniquely rewarding staff positions:

Volunteer Coordinator
Events Coordinator
Volunteers

If you would like more information contact Debbie at 586-977-8080, ext. 107 or contact IVC at www.ivcinfo.org



"Where is God?" – Theology on Tap

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11TH @ 6:00pm | Shield's Pizza in Macomb

Join young adults for fellowship, food, fantastic speakers, and faith at a brand new chapter of Theology on Tap here in Macomb! Fr. John Kopson of the Shrine of the Little Flower will speak on "Where is God?". Come for dinner at 6:00pm, the program starts at 7:00pm. **Bring your friends! Please RSVP to Gretchen at 586.286.4065**





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**PEOPLE, POVERTY, PLANET:
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 Focusing on Human Dignity &
 Environmental Justice

Saturday, April 14, 2018
Sts. Simon & Jude Church in Westland

featuring renowned peacemakers
Fr. Tom Lumpkin & Ms. Maureen Taylor

To register, visit www.paxchristimi.org.

For more information contact Debbie at 586-977-8080 ext. 107 or email dmazursjparish@gmail.com.



DISCERNMENT OVERNIGHT
APRIL 13-14, 2018

A Discernment Overnight offers a young high school man (Freshman-Junior in high school) a unique opportunity to experience the seminary and learn about the priesthood. There's no better way to learn about life in the seminary than from a current seminarian! You'll hear presentations, pray, eat and recreate with them. There is also time for quiet reflection. Take the "leap of faith" and consider an overnight visit at Sacred Heart Seminary so you can better discern your vocation. For more information or to register visit detroitpriest.com



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life...precious from the start

Thank you, dear Friends at St. Jane Frances de Chantal,

On behalf of the women, children and ministry staff here at Abigayle Ministries, I want to thank you for the generosity you have shown to our ministry. By planning a Baby Shower to collect donations in support of the work we do, you are helping to enrich the lives of women who are incredibly vulnerable, but seeking to pave a new way for themselves and their children. The monetary donations, gift cards, and baby items all represent a sacrifice on the part of those who gave, and we are so thankful for that partnership.

The women and babies who make their home at Abigayle Ministries have such unique stories. It can be heartbreaking to hear of the chains of abuse, addiction, and poverty that have plagued these young women and their families, often for generations. Our goal, however, is to step in and help break these cycles. We believe that a relationship with Jesus Christ is the first key to significant life change, and we also work with residents to set goals, learn life skills, and plan for their lives with their new babies. Our aim is to show them that there is hope and a future set before them, and it is within their reach.

None of that would be possible without the support of partners like you. Thank you to Linda and St. Jane Frances de Chantal for your continual support of our ministry. Through your donations, you are helping to continue the life-changing work that we are so privileged to do. We are so appreciative of the gift you have given us, and we thank you for the time and effort put forth on our behalf.

Many blessings,
 Samantha Johns
 Community Relations Manager

THE CATHEDRAL CULTURAL SERIES
 PRESENTS

THE TALLIS SCHOLARS
WAR AND PEACE

ENGLAND'S WORLD-RENOWNED EARLY MUSIC CHOIR COMMEMORATES
 THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR I

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018
8:00 PM

CATHEDRAL OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
 9844 Woodward Avenue Detroit, Michigan

\$30 general admission
\$100 select seating and afterglow

The program will be preceded by a memorial commemoration of the departed

For online ticketing and more information,
 visit detcathedral.org or scan the code at right.



Find the latest news and updates on our
 "Cathedral Cultural Series" Facebook Page.

Learn more about MCACA at
michiganbusiness.org/community/council-affairs-cultural-affairs





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ABOUT THE GOSPEL:

Jesus appears to the disciples, and they are amazed! He is alive, truly risen. Thomas isn't there and, when he hears about Jesus, it is hard for him to believe. Jesus later visits Thomas so the Apostle can believe in the Resurrection..

IN CHURCH:

We can finally say, "Alleluia," again. Alleluia means "God, be praised." We are singing praise, so say Alleluia with joy before the Gospel reading.

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

- ◆ When have you found new life in forgiving or being forgiven?
- ◆ What Gospel story or saying makes Jesus present and available to you?
- ◆ Why does Thomas refuse to believe Jesus is risen? What symbols of Easter do you recognize in Church?
- ◆ What causes Thomas to change his mind and believe Jesus is risen? To become a "full" member of the Church we go through the Sacraments of Initiation. Can you name them? Have you believed without seeing?

FAMILY PRAYER:

Lord, help us to believe even when we do not see or understand.

QUESTION TO ASK YOURSELF NEXT WEEK:

IN PREPARATION FOR MASS:

- ◆ If you had Jesus over for dinner, what would you talk about?
- ◆ What does the word PEACE mean?
- ◆ How do stories help us remember someone?

Upcoming Faith Formation Events -

Check out our website!
www.sifparish.org/FaithFormation
 Or e-mail us at
FaithFormation@sifparish.org

Doubt... Do you doubt? I doubt, at least I think that I doubt, or do I second guess? The nature of faith is quite an interesting discussion, unfortunately, not much back and forth goes on in a written article, so no discussion, just an emptying of a single mind. Many questions arise, and I completely welcome them! Questions help everyone come to some understanding of the truth (but that's a whole other thing!)

Faith: 2(b) - firm belief in something for which there is no proof.
 (www.merriam-webster.com)

No "proof", no "experiential" understanding of something. Thomas just couldn't understand without that proof. Can we? The very understanding of faith, lies in a basic understanding of revelation (general, special, etc.). We as limited beings can only understand concepts in a very limited way. Physicists understand physics, pretty well, but still cannot claim to know *all* about their specialty. The same goes for mechanics, doctors, plumbers, psychologists, even those of us who work in the church (gasp...). We can read, speak about it, study it, but there still comes a point when a revelation happens for each one of us. Sometimes it comes in the form of data; sometimes a "feeling" that we work out in our minds until we can come to a slightly more limited understanding. Our Religious Faith is a gift. A grace granted to us by God. A few weeks ago, our First Reading (from the Old Testament) said:

"I (God) will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Jeremiah 31:33

God graced us with knowledge of himself. We still have to learn about God, but the very existence of God was revealed to us and written on our hearts. He came to Earth in the form of man (Jesus), lived among us for 30 odd years, and allowed himself to be sacrificed for me. For you. For everyone. Faith is not just a religious thing. School takes a LOT of faith! Are you sending your children to the correct teachers? If you're a child, how do you "know" that what someone is "teaching" you is not just correct, but will be used in the future. How do we know, at work, that what we are working on, is really going to be used properly, by the right people for the right causes?

Faith... we MUST believe (even if that belief is the size of a mustard seed) to move forward. We must re-engage the mystery that we hear each week (even though we hear it every three years at Mass). We must un-knot the tangles that we find ourselves in, and know (through our experience) when it is time to just cut the knot, in hope and knowledge that it can be spliced together again.

Pray, especially these upcoming weeks, as we get ready to welcome our eighth graders into full Confirmation of their faith, into full oneness (communion) with the church, on April 14th at the 5:00pm Mass. Pray that their understanding, knowledge, wisdom, fortitude, wonder and awe, right judgement, and piety (growing closer to oneness with God) continues to increase, beyond the event of Confirmation, into Life in the Church.



Pray for our students and parents preparing for their First Communion, on May 6th. May their preparation be fruitful as they approach the day to receive our Lord for the first time.

Pray for those preparing for Baptism. Pray for everyone attending the Mass with you on Sunday (so, the whole world). Pray for those struggling in faith. Pray...

Thank you to everyone who came out last week, in Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Mass. Thank you to those who played a special part in one or more of our Liturgical celebrations. Your faithful service to God led to beautiful celebration!

Doubt... Yes, I do doubt, but I do not let it sit and burn a hole in my mind. There comes a time where we need to push doubt aside, ask the questions and seek answers to that which causes us to doubt. Now is the time to help someone else who is, where you were, to where you are, and then take those next steps ahead!

HAPPY EASTER! He Has Risen, Indeed!



EUCHRE NIGHT

WHEN: Saturday, April 21st | 6:15pm until 11:00pm.

WHERE: In the Fr. Page Activity Center

WHO: Whether you're a pro or beginner, join us for a fun night!

WHAT: We'll be playing Euchre & having a fun evening together! Games will be played using rotating partners.

HOW: Sign-up in the Parish Office.

The cost is \$10 per player (to be paid in advance) to cover the cost of dinner, snacks, dessert, beverages & prizes . The deadline to register is Monday, April 16th, 2018.

Contact Linda Smith at Lsmithsjparish@gmail.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 113 if you have any questions or would like more information. We hope to see you there!



BIKE CLUB

Anyone who wants to join others for a non-competitive bicycle ride is invited to come out to one of the Bike Club's rides! Anyone under 18 needs to attend with a parent or guardian. They ride around various trails in the area. The spring/summer schedule will be coming out soon.

If you would like to help with the planning or would like to co-lead a ride, join us for the Bike Club's planning meeting on Thursday, April 26th at 7:00pm. At the meeting, we will be scheduling the spring/summer rides. Questions? Email Linda at Lsmithsjf@gmail.com or call her at 586-977- 8080, ext 113.

EASTER EGG HUNT: On Saturday, March 24th, we had our 3rd annual Easter Egg Hunt here at the parish. We had over 50 children participate, and the weather was sunny and bright! A special thanks to our committee members Barb, Janet, and Maria for creating this event! Also, thank you to ALL of the volunteers who made the event possible from prepping the eggs, setting-up, and helping Charlie the Easter Bunny...your presence was invaluable! You can see photo highlights from the event online at sjparish.org.

A LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP VIGNERON ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As my brother bishops of the United States offer a statement on the fiftieth anniversary of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, I believe that this provides us here in the Archdiocese of Detroit an opportunity for our own time of reflection. In 1963 in Detroit, Dr. King presented a challenge which still rings true today: "Nonviolence not only calls on its adherents to avoid physical violence, but it calls upon them to avoid internal violence of spirit. It calls on them to engage in that something called love."

Racism *is* violence. It breeds private and public actions intended to diminish, deny, or – at its extreme – destroy one ethnic group's dignity and its God-given right to be equals in the human family. In the Archdiocese of Detroit, we must never forget the generations of institutionalized racism and neglect that have happened here. God calls us to persevere in working to overcome that shameful past by the power of His grace.

At the same time, we acknowledge that in our community and elsewhere, violence presents itself in many forms – sometimes on a large and deadly scale. Closer to home, we see the weekly reports of the violent deaths of our neighbors and fellow citizens, young and old, in southeast Michigan. It is a terrible, unacceptable toll.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, frames the issue this way: "Intolerance must be confronted in all its forms: Wherever any minority is persecuted and marginalized because of its religious convictions or ethnic identity, the wellbeing of society as a whole is endangered and each one of us must feel affected."

We honor the legacy of Dr. King when we cast aside all forms of violence. We must do this as we continue forward as a band of joyful, missionary disciples of Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron Archbishop of Detroit

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Pastor: Fr. Craig Giera

WEEKEND MASSES

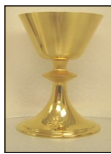
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

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 PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS
 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 the

Dufour Family

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



Sponsored by the St. Jane Frances Knights of Columbus.

Marriage Banns

WEEK I

Kyle Fillmore
 &
 Lauren Mandziara

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
 APRIL 8, 2018**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Mercy Sunday
 Acts 4:32-35, Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1
 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

MONDAY

The Annunciation of the Lord
 Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9,
 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

TUESDAY

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5;
 Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY

Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
 Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
 Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18,
 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY

Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr
 Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
 Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
 Jn 6:16-21

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9;
 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

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, please call the Parish Office at 586-977-8080.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, APRIL 9

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

7:00pm Dec. Frank & Mary Skonieczny (Family)
 Liv. Tom & Judy Taylor (Friend)
 Liv. Pavlin Vacaj (Mom)
 Liv. Nicoleta's Child (Mom)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

8:00am Dec. Leo Majka (Majka Family)
 Liv. Patricia Rumpetz (Family)

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

8:00am For Vocations

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

5:00pm Dec. Ralph Beaufait (Robert & Frances Kraft)
 Dec. Desmond Cushing (Barbaresso Family)
 Dec. Rrok Pepaj (Family)
 Dec. Lillian Kogut (Husband, Paul Kogut)

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

9:00am For the Parishioners
 Dec. Grace Ochenski (DiBella & Reinhart Families)
 Dec. Floyd Andreski (Paul & Betty Waleke)
 Dec. Leonard Waleke (Paul & Betty Waleke)
11:30am Dec. Maureen Blair (Dorothy Welgarz)
 Dec. Bernadine Welgarz (Dorothy Welgarz)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — APRIL 14TH & 15TH

| | 5:00pm | 9:00am | 11:30am |
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| Presider | Bishop Battersby & Fr. Tony | Fr. Tony | Fr. Tony |
| Sacristan(s) | Tim & Karen Pawlik | Selma & Paul Marzec | Lynn & Dave Burley |
| Lector 1 | Cynthia Kaufmann | John Martin | Ronald Mobley |
| Lector 2 | Eileen Clase | Geri Miles | Annette Mobley |
| Altar Servers | Maggie Friedmann | Amanda Dufour | Matt Pawl |
| | Mary Burley Nina Benno | Nancy Dufour | Taryn Pawl |
| Ushers | Team 1 | Assigned | Team 2 |

WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

Mary Anne Barczak

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

Judy Taylor

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Annette Mobley

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Budgeted Weekly Obligation: \$12,237.00
 Actual Average Weekly Collection: \$11,996.00
 Registered Families: 1439
 Envelopes Returned: 380
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THE 2018 VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT WILL BE SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH. Stay tuned for more details in the upcoming weeks!

TOGETHER LET US PRAY...

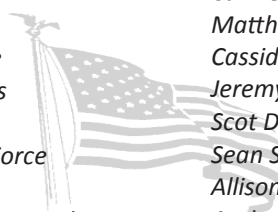
Please pray for those who are in special need of our prayers.

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| <i>Lillian Arendall</i> | <i>Cindy Graham</i> | <i>Olivia Rokicki</i> |
| <i>Michael Astro</i> | <i>Pauline Gronowski</i> | <i>Eric Rzeppa</i> |
| <i>Tim Broders</i> | <i>Scott Harris</i> | <i>Lori Chmielewski Sanders</i> |
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| <i>Sandy Castelli</i> | <i>Walter Kronner</i> | <i>Tom Taylor</i> |
| <i>Jack Caradonna</i> | <i>James Kwapis</i> | <i>Daniel Van Acker</i> |
| <i>Lorenza Caradonna</i> | <i>Kathy Lido</i> | <i>Roy Weickel</i> |
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| <i>James Friedmann</i> | <i>Amy Zachwieja Raggio</i> | |
| <i>Richard Gerst</i> | <i>Marlene Rokicki</i> | |

ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

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

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| <i>Robert Bain, Army</i> | <i>Carmen LaForest, Navy</i> |
| <i>Chris Burley, Navy</i> | <i>Matthew McDowell, Air Force</i> |
| <i>Shaun Chaplin, Air Force</i> | <i>Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force</i> |
| <i>Amir Ciplakovic, Marines</i> | <i>Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy</i> |
| <i>Paige Corrias, Army</i> | <i>Scot D. Skoczylas, Navy</i> |
| <i>Melanie De Le Ree, Air Force</i> | <i>Sean Slattery, Marines</i> |
| <i>Zack Hoover, Air Force</i> | <i>Allison Stewart, Army</i> |
| <i>Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard</i> | <i>Anthony Trotta, Navy</i> |
| <i>Stephen LaBarge, Army</i> | |



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