



# Alleluia

*“Blessed are those who have not seen  
and have believed.”*

John 20:29

## SUNDAY

### Of E A S T E R



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Fr. Jerry Slowinski  
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Pastor

People often express to me they use to have a warm and solid sense of God in their lives, but now, as an adult, they find that the warmth, the confidence have disappeared and they find themselves struggling to pray as they use to when they were young. They feel a deep sense of loss and ask, “What’s wrong with me?”

My answer, in essence, is this: “There is nothing wrong with you. Despite your pain, doubt and loss of confidence you have not lost

your faith. The feelings that were appropriate for you when you were a child are not necessarily fitting or suitable for you as an adult. You are being led into a deeper, not a lesser faith. Moreover, the loss you feel is leading you to a deeper sense of maturity.”

For all practical purposes, what the person who feels he, or she, has lost faith is saying is: “I use to be quite sure of myself when it came to faith and religion. There were no doubts in my mind.” When that sense of surety is somehow shaken, it is easy, or natural, to doubt and experience bewilderment. When there is the realization that there are not always easy answers to the questions and doubts, then that person is growing, not regressing in faith.

To grow in faith, there is a price that had to be paid. This seems to happen when our world is rocked and when the bottom seems to fall out. St. Thomas, who is one of the two central figures in this weekend’s Gospel, is a perfect example of this. Thomas had faith in Jesus, but it was the faith of a child. When Jesus was crucified and died an excruciatingly painful death, Thomas’ faith was shaken to the core. He was not quite as cocky, as sure of himself. In fact, Thomas became bitter and arrogant. Sometimes there is no other cure for arrogance other than a painful loss of certitude about our own ideas about God, faith and religion. St. John of the Cross suggests that a deeper religious faith begins when, as he puts it, *we are forced to understand more by not understanding than by understanding*. But that can be a very confusing and painful experience that prompts the question: What’s wrong with me?

A curious, paradoxical dynamic lies behind this: We tend to confuse faith with an idealized image of who God is. Some of the greatest spiritual writers of the Church have said that when we are young, we have idealized feelings about God. These feelings are not unlike a couple who first meets and falls in love and believes that everything will be perfect from that moment on. They truly believe they will live happily ever after in this world. Gradually, over the course of time, troubles arise and things are not always as perfect as they were in those first intoxicating and heady days of wine and roses. There are problems and difficulties that have to be faced in an adult manner, but if the love of the couple remains strong and the problems are faced head on, the bond between the couple deepens. This is also true when it comes to faith and our relationship with God.

There are moments in each of our lives when our spiritual journey seems to “take away” our faith, or perhaps tests us in some unimaginable way. St. John of the Cross refers to this as “the dark night of the soul”. This serves to describe the experience where we felt God’s presence in a certain warm way and

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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

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Monday thru Thursday  
8:30am - 8:30pm  
(Closed from 12:00 to 1:15 for lunch)  
  
Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 2:30pm - 6:30pm  
Sunday: 10:00am - 1:30pm

**MINISTRIES**

**Knights of Columbus #13340**  
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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-7:00pm  
(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 24**

6:00pm Faith Formation Classes,  
Grades K-6  
6:00pm First Communion Workshop  
7:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team  
Meeting

**Tuesday, April 25**

4:30pm Faith Formation Classes,  
Grades K-6  
5:30pm-6:30pm Confessions  
6:00pm Rosary  
7:00pm Mass with Anointing with  
Intercessory Prayers After  
Mass

**Wednesday, April 26**

8:00am Mass  
9:30am Needle Crafters  
6:00pm Needle Crafters  
6:00pm Coffee House  
7:00pm Lectio Divina  
7:00pm Parish Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 27**

8:00am Mass  
1:00pm Swiffers, Team 3  
6:00pm First Communion Workshop  
7:00pm Bike Club Meeting

**Friday, April 28**

Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, April 29**

9:30am-4:30pm REST Program  
5:00pm Mass  
6:00pm Divine Mercy Prayers  
6:30pm-11:00pm Euchre Night

**Sunday, April 30**

9:00am Mass  
10:00am Knights of Columbus Rosary  
11:00am Parish Choir Rehearsal  
11:30am Mass with First Eucharist  
3:00pm-5:30pm Timothy Awards  
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 if you have any questions.



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

**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."





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**Much thanks and gratitude to all who took part in enriching our Holy Week and Easter celebrations.** Our liturgical ministers, our Swiffers, our decorators, the staff (you have no idea how much Hosie and Rich do during this time to make it all come together), our Hospitality Team, Fr. Jerry, and all the staff worked overtime to prepare and to celebrate beautiful liturgies and a Vigil reception. Please know we could not accomplish this without your dedication. God bless you all!



**Easter Time**  
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**The Meaning**

God raised Jesus. Repent. Be baptized for the forgiveness of sins. Receive the Holy Spirit. This is the message of Peter and John as we follow the story of the Church's growth in the first century after the Resurrection of Christ. The seven weeks of Easter Time give us an opportunity to reflect on this message

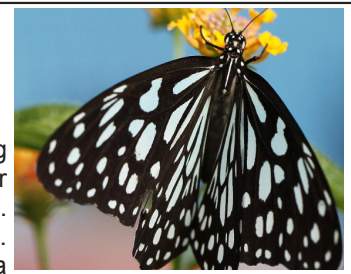
as we internalize what it means to be Easter disciples at this time in Church history.

After overcoming their initial fear at the empty tomb, the joy of the disciples is continuously present in the Easter Time readings. Easter joy is ours, too. We faithfully celebrate the Sacred Triduum each year in our parishes. We wash feet, we partake of the Eucharist, we proclaim the Passion and Death of our Lord, and we announce His Resurrection. The prayer we undertake in these liturgies is not for the faint-hearted. Our prayer expresses our faith and the faith in which catechumens are baptized.

The unfettered joy of Easter Time is marked by the Risen Lord's appearances, the disciples' proclamation of the Resurrection, their healing of the sick and baptizing of many households, remains pure even in the face of the disciples own suffering and persecution. Our joy, even if it seems muted in light of tragedies, suffering, and other of life's challenges, really is not. The Lord is still raised; Easter Time helps us see that death has not won. He saved us through the Resurrection.

And, while Jesus ascended to the Father, the same Holy Spirit that the early followers received, we receive as well. The Spirit empowers us to continue to spread the Easter Gospel to all corners of the world. On the Ascension, we accept that ours is now the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. On the Solemnity of Pentecost, which marks the conclusion of Easter Time, we celebrate our unity as followers of the Risen Lord; in our diversity is unity in the One Body of the Lord and in the one Spirit. Like the early followers of the Risen Lord, we share all things in common, we proclaim the Word, participate in the prayers, and partake of the Sacred Meal that nourishes us for the journey after Easter time. Adapted from Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2017, ©2016 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publication, pp.171-172

**Thoughts on Discipleship: It's Habitual; It's a pattern!!!**



Following Jesus is about building patterns into your life. A prayer time, and a prayer place. Reading His word everyday. Regularly gathering with a community of believers.

Be a disciple who makes disciples!



**National Day of Prayer**  
**May 4, 2017**

Many Christians are unaware that they live in a nation that has a law in place requiring our President proclaim a National Day of Prayer each year, the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in May.

*The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals. (Public Law 105-225)*

As citizens and residents of the United States and as believers in Christ Jesus, we not only have a spiritual responsibility according to 1 Timothy 2:1-2 to pray, but a civic duty as well to heed our President's call to stand in the gap for our nation. Who but God's people have the ability to enter into the very throne room of Heaven with prayers and petitions!

Our theme this year is **For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us... Forgive Us...Heal Us!** Taken from Daniel 9:19, which says, "O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God...". As the 2017 **National Day of Prayer on May 4<sup>th</sup>** approaches, thousands of individuals, churches, and communities will be working to rally millions of Christian's to once again heed this call!



**Blessed are They Who Mourn**  
**For Those Who Grieve on Mother's Day**

**Sunday, May 14, 2017, 2:00pm**

Ste. Anne de Detroit  
 1000 Ste. Anne Street, Detroit  
 Fr. Gabriel Richard Chapel

A simple Mother's Day Mass.  
 No special blessings, gifts, or prayers.  
 Prayerfully respectful to those for whom Mother's Day is hard to face.

Contact [danielle.center@steannedetroit.org](mailto:danielle.center@steannedetroit.org) for more information



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**Canticum Novum – Andy Langlands  
 Divine Mercy!**

It's been a week since we witnessed the death and resurrection of Jesus. Walking with Him from the triumphal entrance into Jerusalem with the procession of palms, we sang "Hosanna on High!" through His passion and death, through to witness the glory of the resurrection and the first Alleluia's of the new liturgical season. Then, a few days of respite. Maybe I'll call it "healing balm". I began the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday, and brought to the Father prayers for all those whom St. Faustina directed us to. The direction comes from Jesus, who says these prayers are the last hope for many sinners to come back to the Father. If we have followed the rubric, an indulgence is granted to us. If we were only to complete a portion of the novena, we receive a partial indulgence. Going to confession is part of the rubric. I hope you all take advantage of the grace that reconciliation with the Father holds through Priestly confessors.

So, it's back to work. There is much to look forward to this spring and summer. 1<sup>st</sup> communion (always a great day!) is one of my favorite celebrations of the year. Our young children receiving the eucharist makes me so very happy for the future of our church. It is through these little Catholics that the church will continue to live on and impact the lives of everyone around the world. Especially here at St. Jane Frances, we all would love to see our children begin to get involved with their faith. Music is a great way to do this! Let's all make it a point to be open to our children participating in the music program here at St. Jane Frances. This fall, we will re-enliven the children's portion of our program with a choir. They will also learn to ring the handbells that lay dormant in the closet for now.

Another project (for me) is to inventory the music storeroom, which is full of equipment. I would like to find out what is in working order, what is not, and define space so that it gets stored properly. Storage space is always at a premium in church, and the proper use of it makes things easier to find when needed. There is a large buildup of things to be tested, cataloged, and stored. Should any of our young people need service hours, this would be a wonderful way to fulfill them.

Lastly, please consider joining me in the online giving program here at St. Jane Frances!

Happy Easter!



**Save the Date**  
 for this year's Vacation Bible School!



**June 26th – 30th**  
 All children  
 Kindergarten—6th grade  
 Welcome to join us!

**Keep our 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist preparation disciples in prayer!**

We will be celebrating the next step of initiation towards full communion with the Church with our current class preparing for their first Holy Eucharist, on Sunday, April 30, 2017, at the 11:30am Mass.

As they learn, grow, and experience discipleship in a new way, I ask the whole of the St. Jane Frances de Chantal Community to pray for our young Catholics during their journey! Lift them in prayer in the morning, in the evening, at a meal, whenever you may think of them, so that their minds and hearts will be on fire for Jesus as they learn to accept Him in this new way!



**GRADUATION PICTURES AND  
 GRADUATION MASS**

If you will be a high school or college graduate this year (winter or spring commencement), please turn in a picture for our parish graduation insert this spring!

Please include your name (as you want it to appear in the bulletin), school, degree and contact information. The pictures will be returned (if requested) after the bulletin insert is distributed. If you would prefer to email the picture, please send it to [bulletinsjparish@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinsjparish@gmail.com) along with the information above.

**Pictures are due by Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

The Graduation Mass is scheduled for Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:30am Mass! Please RSVP by May 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can use the form below to RSVP!

**GRADUATION MASS RSVP**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## STEWARDSHIP

## 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 by Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.



## Tigers Baseball Game



St. Jane Frances Parish has tickets for the Detroit Tigers vs Los Angeles Dodgers Baseball game on Friday, August 18, 2017, at 7:10pm. The seats are located in the lower level down the first base line Section 113. We have a school bus that will pick us up at the parish between 5:00pm – 5:30pm to take us to the game and back. There will be fireworks after the game. The cost is \$52.00 per person on a first come, first serve basis. Also, extra tickets are available for those who want to drive on their own. If you are driving yourself, the ticket cost is \$46.00 per person. If you are interested, please contact

Charles Benvenuti at 586-977-6606 after 5:00pm.

## EDEN CLUB SPRING MEETING

The Eden Club Spring Meeting will be *Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm*. Join us if you want to learn more about the awesome work they do for our parish grounds. Also, save the date! Spring Cleaning will be on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Come help us get the grounds ready for planting! Contact Tara for more information at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.

## BIKE CLUB

The Bike Club's planning meeting is Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm to plan rides for the spring and summer. If you would like to help co-lead a ride, please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Tara at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.

## VOCATIONS

5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ROSARY—APRIL 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

The Vocations Committee, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, invites you to the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, following the 9:00am Mass. Join us as we pray for vocations and enter into this beautiful devotional prayer. We will have prayer guides and rosaries available as well! Whether you pray the rosary regularly or have never done it before, please join us! Here is a helpful guide to help familiarize yourself with some of the prayers said during the Rosary. The guide and picture are taken from <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/how-to-pray-the-rosary.cfm>

## Praying the Rosary

1. Make the Sign of the Cross.
2. Holding the Crucifix, say the *Apostles' Creed*.
3. On the first bead, say an *Our Father*.
4. Say one *Hail Mary* on each of the next three beads.
5. Say the *Glory Be*
6. For each of the five decades, announce the Mystery (perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture) then say the *Our Father*.
7. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten *Hail Marys* while meditating on the Mystery. Then say a *Glory Be*. (After finishing each decade, some say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: *O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.*)



## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.  
Amen.

## The Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
Amen

## The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

## The Glory Be (The Doxology)

Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

## The Hail Holy Queen (The Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

8. After saying the five decades, say the *Hail, Holy Queen*, followed by this dialogue and prayer:

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ .

*Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by His life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*





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**HEALTH MINISTRY  
 MEMORY SCREENING**

**WHERE: ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL CHURCH**

**May 6, 2017**

**2:30pm – 4:30pm**

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

**CALL 586-977-8080**

**OR STOP IN THE CHURCH OFFICE**

This screening is affiliated with the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America.

A memory screening is a simple and safe evaluation tool that checks memory and other thinking skills. It can indicate whether an additional check up by a qualified healthcare professional is needed. The face-to-face screening takes place in private and will be done by a parish nurse. It consists of a series of questions and/or tasks designed to test memory, language skills, thinking ability, and other intellectual functions. Results of the memory screenings are confidential. A memory screening is not used to diagnose any particular illness and does not replace consultation with a qualified physician or other healthcare professional.

These questions might help you decide if you should be screened. If you answer "yes" to any of them, you might benefit from a memory screening.

- Am I becoming more forgetful?
- Do I have trouble concentrating?
- Do I have difficulty performing familiar tasks?
- Do I have trouble recalling words or names in conversation?
- Do I sometimes forget where I am or where I am going?
- Have family or friends told me that I am repeating questions or saying the same thing over and over again?
- Am I misplacing things more often?
- Have I become lost when walking or driving?
- Have my family or friends noticed changes in my mood, behavior, personality, or desire to do things?

If a memory screening indicates possible problems, the person should follow up with a doctor or another qualified healthcare professional as soon as possible for a complete medical evaluation. Follow-up is important to identify the cause of the memory problems. Memory problems could be caused by Alzheimer’s disease or other medical conditions. Some memory problems can be readily treated, such as those caused by vitamin deficiencies or thyroid problems. Other memory problems might result from causes that are not currently reversible, such as Alzheimer’s disease.

**Got Drugs?**

Turn in your unused or expired medications for safe disposal

**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am—2:00pm**

**St. Michael Catholic Community**



**HEALING JOURNEY**  
 For Widowed Men and Women  
 Bereavement Seminar  
 Saturday, May 13, 2017  
 10:00am – 2:00pm  
 St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Speakers:

- **Ron Gries**, author of “Through Death to Life”
- **Barbara Mezzapelle**, Grief Ministry Facilitator from St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Cost is **\$10.00** per person which includes beverages & a light lunch.

**Deadline to register is May 6<sup>th</sup> in the parish office.**  
 For information, please contact Kathy at 248-918-1622 or Rose at 586-876-1270.

Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a “peer” support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. For further information about Widowed Friends, come visit our website at [www.widowedfriends.org](http://www.widowedfriends.org)



Delivering education and support to those offering a break to caregivers.

REST, Respite Education and Support Tools, is a unique, interactive training program where you will receive the education and tools needed to be confident and successful in providing respite care to adults and children. Upcoming training through the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers will take place:

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**  
**9:30am to 4:00pm**  
**at St. Jane Frances de Chantal**

For Information, contact:  
 Carmen Mitchel, Volunteer Coordinator  
 Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers  
 CarmenMitchel@ivcinfo.org  
 (586) 757-5551

**Free of charge—refreshments and lunch provided.**


**Please RSVP to IVC (586) 757-5551 or to the parish office (586) 977-8080**

**REST Companion™ Training**


Jerry-Arties (Continued from page 1)

there was total solidarity with God. Inevitably, something comes along which tests us and we are left in doubt. This is what Jesus experienced on the cross and what Mother Teresa wrote about in her journals.

And while the darkness can be confusing, it can also be maturing. It can help us move from being arrogant and judgmental to being humble because we recognize that living inside a cloud of uncertainty, where we cannot always be in control of, or in charge of our lives, makes us humble and eventually leads us to rely on God for the faith, the grace and the strength we need to sustain ourselves.



**Child Abuse Prevention Month**  
**April 2017**




**PROMISE TO PROTECT**  
**PLEDGE TO HEAL**

During Child Abuse Prevention Month, we are reminded of the call to be instruments of justice, working for the common good of all, which includes the protection of children. As Jesus entrusts to Peter the care of the flock, we are reminded that this responsibility belongs to everyone as a matter of charity and justice. Child Abuse Prevention Month should lead to heightened awareness of the need to be vigilant about providing a safe environment for all within the Church and for our communities.

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon his followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. Our faith also calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful.

Recent statistics tell us one out of every four girls, and one out of every six boys, are assaulted before they turn 18. If those statistics are correct, on every Sunday in our congregation are people who have been abused and are feeling the pain of that abuse. Reaching out to all victims of abuse is critical in bringing hope and the love of Christ to them. Our diocese is here to provide anyone suffering from abuse with steps towards healing.



**26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VOCATION DINNER**

The Knights of Columbus, Detroit Archdiocesan Vocation League, will be hosting the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Vocation Dinner. The dinner will be held on Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>, at St. Lawrence Council #2950, 44425 Utica Rd., Utica MI. Cocktails at 3:00pm and Dinner at 4:00pm, the cost is \$35.00 per person or \$240.00 for a table of 8. If you would like to attend please contact Lawrence Frontera at 586-306-3450 by April 24, 2017. You can make out all checks to The D.A.V.L.



Looking for a fun and faith-filled place for your children or grandchildren to spend a week or two this summer? Want to help them unplug from technology, develop face-to-face relationships, exercise, experience nature and give them experiences they will treasure the rest of their lives? Look no further! Camp Sancta Maria (CSM), located in Gaylord,

Michigan, provides wholesome recreation and adventure in an atmosphere of Christian faith. CSM is a Catholic camp with one- and two-week sessions for boys and one-week sessions for girls. Since 1933, CSM has provided countless youth with lasting memories. Do they like horseback riding or want to try it for the first time? They can do it at camp! Want to spend time at the beach and in the water? Enjoy CSM's own private beach on Lake 27! Enjoy playing sports? Have fun each day competing in different athletic contests! These are just a few of the activities offered at Camp. Other activities include daily Mass, a high- and low-challenge ropes course, a fifty-foot climbing wall, crafts, archery, a trip to Mackinac Island with a stop for Mass under the largest crucifix in the world, campfires (and s'mores!) and so much more!!! Fun, faith, and friendships included at no extra cost! Camp begins in June and runs through mid-August. We also offer Mother & Daughter weekends and Father & Son weekends. Check out our website to learn more at [www.CampSanctaMaria.org](http://www.CampSanctaMaria.org) or call (248) 822-8199.

### MORE THAN JUST MONEY

Stewardship must become a way of life with God as Creator and ourselves as His servants, accountable to Him for our use of the gifts of time, talent and treasure He has given us.

**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

*The O'Hear 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.

**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 23, 2017**

**Sunday**

**Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy**

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;  
1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

**Monday**

**Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen,  
Priest and Martyr**

Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday**

**Saint Mark, Evangelist**

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;  
Mk 16:15-20

**Wednesday**

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 Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;  
Saint Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort,  
Priest**

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday**

**Saint Catherine of Siena,  
Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

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

**Sunday**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;  
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, April 24**

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

**Tuesday, April 25**

**7:00pm** Dec. Frank J. Polizzi  
(Sharon Boekhout)  
Dec. Robert Gabel  
(Daughter Sharon)  
Dec. Michael Tarter  
(Tom & Judy Taylor)  
Dec. Enrico Flaviani  
(Tom & Judy Taylor)

**Wednesday, April 26**

**8:00am** Dec. Dolores Whitehouse  
(Tom & Judy Taylor)

**Thursday, April 27**

**8:00am** Dec. John Peterson  
(Tom & Judy Taylor)

**Friday, April 28**

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

**Saturday, April 29**

**5:00pm** Dec. Jerry Ficek  
(Kris)  
Dec. Edward Smak  
(Kris)  
Dec. Stanley Zwolinski  
(Kris)  
Living—Donald G. Wisniewski  
(Mom & Dad)  
For Our First Eucharist Students

**Sunday, April 30**

**9:00am** For the Parishioners  
Dec. James Balagna  
(Carolyn Briston)  
Living — Joseph Nguyen  
(Mom Vanessa)  
All Souls  
(Vanessa Nguyen)  
For Our First Eucharist Students

**11:30am** Dec. Jack Campo  
(Caradonna Family)  
Dec. Maria & Damiano Campo  
(Caradonna Family)  
Dec. Vincent & Bridget  
Caradonna  
(Caradonna Family)  
For Our First Eucharist Students

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS — SIGN UP NOW!**

Close your eyes, or turn your head, and you'll think Ol' Blue Eyes is in the room. Gary Sacco does an incredible tribute, not an imitation, of The Chairman of the Board. Gary will be our entertainment for the evening.



Each year, we like to take some time to recognize and celebrate ALL the volunteers we have at the parish! Does this include you?

You may have volunteered with MCREST, been a Lector, Altar Server, or Eucharistic Minister, or you may help decorate the Church for various seasons. Helping out with the Soup Kitchen Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul, or the Giving Tree as well as sharing your gifts with the Music Ministry or being part of a hospitality team may be something you do! These are just a few of the volunteer opportunities here at the parish!

Volunteers of all ages are invited to sign up for our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party! *The date is Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm.* The evening includes dinner, dessert, and entertainment. This year's theme is New York Night. Outfits inspired by our theme are welcome!

You must sign-up ahead of time though! Be sure to stop in the parish office and sign-up by Sunday April 30, 2017!

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> & APRIL 30<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	Ray Knapp	Dan & Darlene Rys
<b>Lector 1</b>	Chris Darner	Kathleen Pawlik	Robert Skwara
<b>Lector 2</b>	Keith Morris	Jolynn Friedmann	Jan Machusak
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Matt Pawl	Amanda Belz	Mary Burley
	Taryn Pawl	Samantha Belz	Kathleen Burley
	Isabella Schilling	Sarah Andrzejewski	Maddie Kleinberg
<b>Ushers</b>	Team 1	Assigned	Team 2

**WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, @ 7:00pm**  
Mary Anne Barczak  
(Mass with Anointing in the Church)

**Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, @ 8:00am**  
Joe Boland

**Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup>, @ 8:00am**  
Bernie Mikowski



 *Parish Support*

Sunday, April 16, 2016

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

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

Registered Families.....1466  
Envelopes Returned.....515  
Amount Offered.....\$14,617.00  
Loose Offering.....\$2,572.00

**Online Giving:**  
Contributors.....\$74.00  
Contributions.....\$2,309.00

**Total Offerings.....\$19,498.00**

**Special Collection:**  
Pontifical.....\$675.00  
Priest Retirement.....\$10.00  
Easter Flowers.....\$5.00  
Catholic Relief.....\$20.00

Sunday, April 9, 2016

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

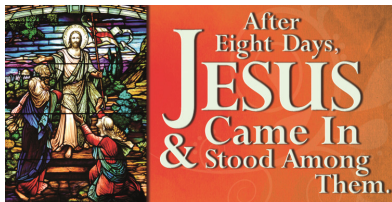
**Actual Average Weekly Collection:**  
\$12,242.00

Registered Families.....1466  
Envelopes Returned.....456  
Amount Offered.....\$10,027.31  
Loose Offering.....\$757.56

**Online Giving:**  
Contributors.....78  
Contributions.....\$3,024.00

**Total Offerings.....\$13,808.87**

**Special Collection:**  
Flowers.....\$6.00  
Catholic Relief.....\$75.00  
Easter.....\$443.27  
Rice Bowl.....\$10.00



**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We want to thank Stacey Gadde of Verheyden Funeral Home 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  
Sam Castelli  
Sandy Castelli  
Vicki Chrzanowski  
Bernie Colasanti, Jr.  
Greg Corby  
Barb Demopolis  
Anna DiDonato  
Mario DiDonato  
Rita Duffey  
Kevin Dufour  
Pam Evanzia  
Charles Grade  
James Friedmann

Evelyn Geldhof  
Cindy Graham  
Scott Harris  
John Karalunas  
James Klassen  
Joan Knapp  
Walter Kronner  
George Lutfy  
Addison Mathews  
Charlotte Miles  
William Navalta  
Norma O'Connor  
Kathleen Pawlik  
Matthew Pawlik  
Helen Perliskey  
Adam Phillips

Anita Pitlock  
Amy Zachwieja Raggio  
Marlene Rokicki  
Olivia Rokicki  
Arnold Semrau  
Jean Stevens  
Tom Taylor  
Daniel Van Acker  
Dorothy Weglarz  
Mel Werner  
Kevin Wilcox  
Mark Wilhelm  
Lois Winters  
Don G. Wisniewski  
Toni Woodring  
Mary Woywood  
Mary Zalewski

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  
Jeremy Rzeppa  
Scot Skoczylas  
Sean Slattery  
Allison Stewart  
Anthony Trotta  
Carl Winowiecki

**ADDITIONAL  
EASTER FLOWER  
INTENTIONS**

**In Honor/Memory of:**

**Deceased Family Members**  
From: Albina & Don Srodon

**Heyza Family**  
**Shannon Family**  
From: Mr. & Mrs. John Shannon

**Guiseppe Maiani**  
**Lazzaro & Angela Gasperoni**  
**Marino & Giuseppe Gasperoni**  
**Teresa & Agostina Gasperoni**  
From: Mrs. Rosa Maiani

**IN SYMPATHY**

The community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal expresses support and prayers to the families who have lost a loved one.

**Mary Ann Joly**  
Mother of Cheryl

**Mary Leonard**  
Wife of the late John  
Mother of Frank, Charles, Mary, Sam,  
Anthony, Michael, Geri, Josie, Denise,  
Larry, James, Jeffrey and the late John

**Mark Stegner**  
Husband of Patricia  
Father of Elyse

**Frank J. Polizzi**  
Husband of Frances  
Father of Michelle Ann, John Joseph,  
And the late Daniel Anthony

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

Amen.

**ONLINE GIVING**

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

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

to sign-up for Online Giving. Contact Jody Gazo at [jgazosjparish@gmail.com](mailto:jgazosjparish@gmail.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 101 with any questions. Thank you!

"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35).