



St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Catholic Community

STERLING HEIGHTS
MICHIGAN

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 2, 2018



Fr. Tony Sulkowski
Pastor
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FR. T'S TIDBITS: ADVENT

The Church begins the season of Advent, a season of preparation for the Feast of Christmas and the New Year. Many people have begun to prepare for this wonderful season one only has to drive through the neighborhoods and see the colorful lights and Christmas trees decorated with ornaments and tinsel.

These are all ways in which we prepare for something special. When we celebrate family events such as marriages, baptisms, graduations, birth of a child we always prepare so as to enter into these celebration. However, we also prepare so that we aren't caught off guard as the event approaches.

The Church invites us to prepare in a spiritual way so as to enter into the season. The season of Advent is our time to spiritually prepare for the great Feast of Christmas. There are many ways that we can do this, attend daily mass, do some spiritual reading, the little blue book, fix a broken relationship, volunteer at the church or in the community. How we prepare and when we prepare is up to us. The fact is that Christmas will come whether we are prepared or not.

As we enter into the season of Advent may we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ and may we pray for each other as we continue to build up the Body of Christ. Christmas is a time in which Christ is born into the world again.

As you may or may not know the Michigan Catholic has been replaced with the Detroit Catholic. It is an online news paper. Many of the papers that we read are now online. If you wish to view the Detroit Catholic you can either go to the Archdiocese of Detroit website which is AOD.org. or you can go to Detroit Catholic.org. I must say that the layout is colorful and wonderfully done. I hope you enjoy the current news from the local church as well as the international news from the universal church.

Have a wonderful Advent.

Bon mot: Plunge into the deep without fear, with the gladness of April in your heart. Sir Rabindranath Tagore

Carpe Diem,
Fr. Tony



Inspiration for Living Your Faith

First Week of Advent: Hope

One who has hope lives differently.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Spe Salvi

"The Holy Spirit has the power to fill us with the hope of Christ, in turn making Christians vessels that bring hope to others, rather than bitterness or desperation. The Holy Spirit makes us not only able to hope, but also to be sowers of hope, that we too are, like him and thanks to him – the 'paraclete' – consolers and defenders of our brothers, sowers of hope . . . Sow hope: sow the oil of hope, sow the fragrance of hope, and not the vinegar of bitterness and hopelessness." - Pope Francis

These words of Pope Francis from his Wednesday audience in May 2017 should give us pause as we begin our journey to Christmas. **Are** we vessels of hope? Do our lives look different as believers of the Good News of Jesus Christ?

While we begin to check things off our wish lists and prepare for the holiday season, perhaps we can also take the time to seek out those who struggle to find hope. Invite them to coffee. Send a note of encouragement. Ask them to join you for Mass. Bring the good news that there is more for them than the struggles of the present day. Share with them the hope you have in Christ.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses	
Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Masses	
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday, Thursday	8:00am
Holy Day Masses	As Announced

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 2:30pm - 5:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am - 12:30pm

MINISTRIES

- Knights of Columbus #13340**
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- St. Vincent de Paul**
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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, DECEMBER 3 (No Events)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 5:30pm Confessions
- 6:00pm Rosary
- 6:00pm Confirmation Prep
- 7:00pm Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 8:00am Mass
- 1:15pm Swiffers, Team 2
- 5:30pm K-6 Faith Formation
- 6:00pm K of C Officers' Meeting
- 7:00pm Judelaires Holiday Concert

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 6:00pm Vigil Mass (Imm. Conception)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- 8:00am Mass (Immaculate Conception)
- Noon Inventory Gifts
- 3:30pm Blood Pressure Screening
- 3:30pm K of C Honor Guard
- 4:00pm Mass w/K of C Corporate Communion & Honor Guard

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:30am Blood Pressure Screening
- 9:00am Mass
- 9:00am RCIA
- 11:30am Mass
- 6:00pm High School Youth Ministry

FIND US ONLINE!

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

sjfparish.org

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

NEW TO THE PARISH?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL FAMILY? BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER!

You may register at the Parish Office at anytime after Mass on the weekend or during regular office hours. Please call 586-977-8080 if you have any questions. We look forward to having you here!

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.
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THE SEASON OF ADVENT IS UPON US!

We focus this week on the theme of hope. As we light the first purple candle on our Advent wreath, we give thanks for the coming of the Lord. Everything began with Mary's "yes"; let us remember that we, too, are called to give that same response to God by always seeing the possibilities and replacing cynicism with hope.

ADVENT CANDLE SETS FOR HOME USE - Available for purchase in the Parish office for \$3/set.

"LITTLE BOOKS" ADVENT EDITION – The Little Blue Books are available in the Gathering Space for your Advent preparations. These little books offer a great way to prepare your heart for the Lord. There is a basket with a suggested donation of \$1.

LECTIO DIVINA – Join us for this spiritual prayer practice, each Wednesday in Advent at 7:00pm. We use the Gospel reading from the Sunday liturgies during our prayers. During this hour, time will be taken to: read the scripture, reflect on the meaning, respond through prayer, rest in God and respond in action. All are welcome.

ADORATION – Tuesday, December 11th, from 1:00pm to 6:00pm in the Chapel. If you can, please sign up ahead of time in the Parish Office.

ADVENT MASS PROCESSIONS – We are still looking for parishioners to join in our Advent Mass celebrations! This year our parishioners are invited to carry the Advent candle in the opening procession at each Mass. If you and/or your family would like to take part in this ritual, please sign up for one of the Masses during Advent (December 1st through December 23rd). A sign-up sheet will be available at the Welcome Desk until all slots are filled. You can also sign-up by calling me at the parish number or emailing at lhall@sifparish.org.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feast day of the USA) is celebrated on Saturday, December 8th. We have a Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7th at 6:00pm and Mass on the Feast day, Saturday, at 8:00am.

A RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be held on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00pm here at St. Jane Frances.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS – The Christmas wafer commemorates a custom that is many centuries old. Oplatek (from the Latin "Oblatum" – Holy Bread) is believed by some to emanate as far back as the "manna" of Exodus 16:31 and is sometimes referred to as the Bread of Angels. Shared at the Christmas Vigil meal, the breaking of the Christmas wafer offers best wishes to family and friends. Christmas wafers are now available in the Parish Office. A donation of \$1 per package of 4 wafers is appreciated.

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MUSICAL NOTES

Advent is upon us and you'll note some subtle changes in the music we'll use. It will be quieter, more reflective, to evoke a sense of the mysterious as we await Jesus' birth. Music is supposed to do that anyway, to bring on certain feelings and emotions which touch the heart. You may notice that I don't play in any hard and fixed way....that my music flows and is expressed more by feel than by anything else. No song is ever played the same way twice.

That comes from the gospel music training I had at the hands of choir friends during my 70's and 80's days at St. Rita's in Detroit. You'll see my gurus Darnell and Matt McQueen and Cheri Wilson on some Saturdays and the music will be more in that Gospel-style. Yes, we've been together THAT long.

To those of you who have questioned the use of the tambourine (and there may be other instruments showing up) or who maybe notice their kids or grandkids moving and swaying to the music..... it's OKAY, so let them (See Psalm 150)! That shows the spirit is indeed moving all throughout the church as it should be.

Recently, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Archbishop Vigneron celebrated a special Gospel mass which filled the church with music some Catholics think isn't 'proper'. Well, please think again, that music is as old as the hills and worships God in ways everyone should experience. Most people love it and surprisingly the bulk of the criticism I get is from colleagues who decide that music must be played in only one way: methodical. The simple answer is this: if you ask composers how they want their music to be played, the majority will answer 'my composition is only a guideline and it is up to the artist or musician to interpret it.' If you walk away from church with no song in your heart, I've failed.

DO come and see our second presentation in the **Angels and Inspiration Music Series (AIMS) on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 7:00pm.** The Judelaires will visit and perform 'Holiday Magic', a concert of holiday and Christmas favorites you and your family will certainly enjoy. Judelaires leaders Peter DiSante and Stan Barr were here last week to take a look and said it will be a beautiful concert setting. They were impressed with our PR and promotional efforts and commented that they usually don't get this much assistance, so let's make sure they get a full house this week. In fact, they took a picture by the wonderful poster Rakhi created and will use it in their own PR (thanks Rakhi!). A Free Will offering will be taken and an AfterGlow Reception will follow (and they're not used to that hospitality either!).

FUTURE ANGELS & INSPIRATION MUSIC SERIES (AIMS) NOTES: In 2019, both the **Motor City Symphony** and the **Motor City Chorale** will perform an Angels concert **February 24 and May 5** respectively. To catch a sneak preview of the Chorale, head to St. Ephrem on Sunday December 9th at 3:00pm or Utica United Methodist Church on Canal Rd. on Sunday, December 16th at 3:00pm. Let's support them so they will support us.....that's how we build community!



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St. JOSEPH SATURDAY



Pete Burak
 Renewal Ministries,
 Director of i.d.9:16

Advent Retreat & Mass

Saturday, December 8
9:00AM-1:00PM

Corpus Christi Church
 19800 Pembroke Ave., Detroit



Advent Vespers
 Sunday, December 2 at 4 PM.
 Free-will offering.
 The Cathedral Chorale offers the Church's ancient evening prayer with chants, psalms, and hymns

Detroit Children's Choir Christmas Festival
 Sunday, December 16 at 4 PM. Free-will offering
 Join several children's choirs from across Southeast Michigan to celebrate the season of joy!



detcathedral.org

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament
 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit 48202
 Doors open 45 minutes before each concert.
 Free, secure parking is adjacent to the Cathedral.

GRIEF SUPPORT THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

St. Jane Frances de Chantal's Grief Ministry is having two sessions that are open to anyone who has experienced a loss.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018
6:00-8:00PM

SUNDAY DECEMBER 16, 2018
11:00AM-1:00PM

If you would like more information, please call Barb at (586) 264-0845. *You are not alone.*

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

A chance to share your time and talent!



Sunday, December 9th join us in the Fr. Page Activity Center at 12:30pm to help wrap gifts. Please bring scissors, tape, gift boxes (if possible) and ribbon. **NO WRAPPING PAPER NEEDED.**

***NOTE:** Minors under age 16 need to be accompanied by a parent.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET COLLECTION

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"



For Christmas our St. Vincent de Paul chapter provides holiday meal packages to over **40 families in need** within our parish boundaries. This only happens because of the **generosity of you**, our parishioners.

The **specific** items we need to complete our **Christmas** meals include:



- ◆ 40 Hams
- ◆ 50 boxes of potato casserole mix (scallop, au gratin)
- ◆ 50 Canned sweet potatoes
- ◆ 50 Jell-O or pudding mix

Note: Please bring **hams** to the church office **no later than Wednesday, December 12th!**

Thanks in advance!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please mark your calendars—it's time once again to decorate St. Jane Frances for the Christmas season. We know everyone is very busy at this time of year, but St. Jane Frances really needs a couple of hours of your time on **Sunday, December 16th**, after the 11:30am Mass. (High school students, this is a fun way to earn some community service hours!) Please join us; the more the merrier! We look forward to seeing you!

In Gratitude...

THANK YOUs FROM OUR TROOPS

Archdiocese,

I just wanted to drop a quick line to thank you for the lovely boxes that you and your parishes sent out to my troops in Al Asad Iraq. It means so much to us to receive support from great Americans such as yourselves. It is not always easy to be away from friends and family during the holiday season, but knowing that there are folks out there such as yourselves makes it much easier.

Thank you again and please pass my regards to all who participated.

Very Respectfully,
LT Dan

Members of The Archdiocese of Detroit & Troops Need Love Too,

I'd like to thank you for the care package that we've received. It certainly brought a smile to all of our faces.

It is especially nice to have a reminder of home as we near the holiday season. My shipmates and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

I'd like to extend a special thank you to 5 year-old Alexandra for our Christmas card - she is quite the young artist!

Thanks again for your support!

God Bless,
Ashley, Josh, Matt, Mike, and Dan
Somewhere in the middle of the desert, Iraq

THANK YOU

We wish to thank all the members of your parish who participated in the "Mercy in Action" program on October 20th, giving generously of their time and energy to the fall cleanup of our monastery grounds. The grounds look so much better thanks to their hard work!

Please assure them of our gratitude and our prayers for them and for their families. May God bless you and all the people of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, and make you all a wonderful witness for Christ in Clinton Township and Sterling Heights.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Mother Mary Therese, O.C. D.
Prioress, Disalced Carmelite Nuns

Health Ministry HEPATITIS A VACCINATION

Hepatitis A (HepA) is a highly contagious liver infection caused by the Hepatitis A virus (HAV). It can range in severity from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a severe illness lasting several months and can result in liver failure and death. Since August 2016, there has been an increase incidence of Hep A in Michigan, with 905 cases reported. Eighty percent of these people required hospitalization, and 28 have died.

Symptoms of HepA include fever, vomiting, grey-colored stools, fatigue, abdominal pain, joint pain, loss of appetite, nausea, dark urine and jaundice. However, not everyone who has HepA feels or looks sick and can still spread the disease. HepA is spread through contact with the stool of an infected person. This can happen easily if someone does not wash his or her hands properly after using the bathroom, or after changing the diaper of an infected person. Hepatitis A also can be spread through contaminated food or water. Contamination of food can happen at any point: growing, harvesting, processing, handling, and even after cooking.

The best way to prevent HepA is to get vaccinated. HepA vaccination is an inactivated (killed) vaccine. You will need 2 doses, given at least 6 months apart, for long-lasting protection. Children are routinely vaccinated between their first and second birthdays (12 through 23 months of age). But Hepatitis A vaccine was not routinely given before 1996, so many adults are not immunized. It is also recommended to wash your hands well with soap and water after going to the bathroom, and when preparing meals, or eating. Use your own towels, toothbrushes, and eating utensils. Do not have sex with someone who has HAV infection or share food, drinks, or smokes with other people.

For more information, please visit the following websites:
<https://www.webmd.com/a-to-z-guides/prevention-15/vaccines/need-hepatitis-vaccines>

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2955_2976_82305_82310-447907--,00.html

WHAT DO YOU GET SOMEONE WHO HAS EVERYTHING? HELP SEND THEM ON A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE!

Terra Sancta Pilgrimages with Franciscan friar Fr. Alex Kratz will be leading a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from **May 6-20, 2019**. This life-changing experience walking in Jesus' footsteps includes daily Mass and Rosary, biblical readings on site, time for prayer and spiritual guidance, and meeting local Christians.

Cost is \$4,299 (all expenses included— round trip airfare from Detroit, 3 daily meals, all tips and taxes). A \$500 deposit is due at registration, and an orientation Meeting is February 3rd. (Next pilgrimage: December 2-16, 2019.)

Call (248) 514-1747 or email mrspattig@yahoo.com for more information.



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ABOUT THE GOSPEL:

The focus of Sunday's Gospel is the Second Coming of Jesus. It contains a strong message for us to not be distracted by problems or our own bad behaviors while we wait. Jesus wants us to be good to others and ourselves while we prepare for his return.

IN CHURCH:

Did you take a tag from the giving tree? If you did say a special prayer for the person who will receive your gift this Christmas.

Say a special prayer for everyone who needs more that we do this Christmas.

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

- ◆ How can you serve and help build the Kingdom of God?
- ◆ What are your hopes for yourself, your family and for the world? How can we fashion these hopes into ways to prepare for Jesus' coming again in Glory?
- ◆ What are you giving this Christmas? How are you preparing yourself to accept Jesus this Christmas season?

FAMILY PRAYER:

Lord, we want to become the people you created us to be. Give us the grace to work on those things we need to correct or improve.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF NEXT WEEK:

IN PREPARATION FOR MASS:

- ◆ What does God becoming human, mean to you?
- ◆ What are things in Creation are you thankful to God for?

Are you celebrating Christmas already? Christmas songs and carols have been on the radio for weeks. Christmas shopping has been in full swing for almost a month (right after All Hallows Eve and All Saints Day) as displays for trees and trimmings went up and began selling. Thanksgiving was a blur for me this year, and it seems that we are all looking directly at Christmas and beyond. When are my parties, when are we celebrating, with which side of the family or which friends, where will these parties be, how will I fit them each in, what do I have to buy for each of them? Whoa... hold up, wait a minute. First things first!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

No, not a new "calendar year" - that's *after* Christmas, but...we *have* just started a new Liturgical year. Funny word—liturgical. It comes from the Greek words for public (leitosis-) and working (-ergos) especially when related to worship. Our society has blown apart a Christian identity with misconceived readings and understandings of "separation of church and state," which has lead us into a more secular (not openly religious) viewpoint. Be that what it may, we experience an extreme lack of "religiosity" which in itself IS a religious understanding. It is as if society doesn't trust you and I, to deem for ourselves a correct religious stance, so it imposes "non-religion" as a stance.

But I digress (go figure, huh?!). We, as Christians are called to witness to the *adventus*, the coming wind of change in the world—"God with us" in the flesh. We remember the Birth of our Savior, Jesus, who was from the little town of Nazareth, into this world. The birth of a child whose very coming had been foretold by multiple sources throughout history, both "secular" AND "religious," at that point in time. We celebrate His birthday at almost the beginning of our church year, about a month in, but we *really* start in a preparation phase.

An engaged couple prepares for their wedding day, new parents prepare for the coming of their child, an individual prepares for a career in the workforce not by focusing past an event, but by focusing on the "what do I have to do NOW" to be ready for this eventual event. So what do we do NOW for this celebration that is coming? Our first week of Advent can be a little bit of a bummer as the "big event" is quite a way off still. So much prep work to be done, so much to be ready for. This first week of Advent in the Church, we are called to remember with HOPE. Hope of the future, hope that we will be ready, hope that everything will work out, hope that we are not forgotten in the rush of everything, hope that we do not forget something or someone in all of our plans.

Jesus, the Christ (the Anointed one), through His sacrifice for us, gives us Hope that we may one day, join God in "oneness." We may live once again without want, without need, without pain, without distress, without loneliness. Jesus promised to come back and bring us all back to God. Are you ready to accept His sacrifice, His gift to US on His birthday? Let us together take some time to prepare ourselves to be more worthy of His gift of grace to us this season. Do something *more* by doing less getting ready for the "after," and live in the NOW; prepare ourselves NOW by doing things like prayer in Adoration, or pre-read the scripture before coming to Mass. Most importantly of all, be HOPE for someone else in the world. Show a stranger the Love that Jesus has given to you, and *be* Jesus to someone who really needs to hear and witness His Message of Hope.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Beginning this WEEK at the 11:30am Mass!

All young disciples from 4 years old to First Communion are invited to join us to hear the Mass in a little easier way to understand. Bring your canned food offering with you, and we will drop it off at the Altar when we come back in! Listen for Fr. Tony to invite you forward at the beginning of Mass, and come join your friends as we hear the Word of the Lord!

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CHRISTMAS SEASON DECORATING – Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 16th, following the 11:30am Mass.


At that time we will bring Christmas to light in our beautiful worship space. We need just a couple of hours to transform our space into a beautiful reflection of the season we are celebrating. (If you are a high school student looking for service hours – this is your opportunity!)

Please join us – all are welcome! If you can commit early, please email me at lhall@sjfparish.org or call me at the parish number. If you don't know your availability, just be there on Sunday, December 16th following the 11:30am Mass! Looking forward to a fun time!

Laurie

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.




Consider doing a work of mercy. Aging religious need your help.

Senior Catholic sisters, brother, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their religious communities struggle to meet their retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Your gift to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.



If you signed up to receive Parish News via email, please add us to your contacts to be sure you're receiving the updates. If you haven't signed up, you can do so from our website: **SJFPARISH.ORG**



EUCHRE NIGHT: SUPER BOWL THEME!

Join us on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH** from 5:15pm - 11:00pm in the Fr. Page Activity Center for a Super Bowl themed Euchre night! Games will be played with rotating partners.

The deadline to register will be Monday, January 7th!

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

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



ATTENTION SENIORS! JOIN US FOR "THURSDAYS AT THE MUSEUM"

The Detroit Institute of Arts is offering a FREE special program for adults 55 and older

The DIA is offering groups of 25-50 people from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties FREE admission, FREE transportation and a complementary coffee and cookie reception. The itinerary is

12:00pm	Bus pick-up at St. Jane Frances
1:00pm	Program begins
2:30pm	Coffee and cookie reception
3:15pm	Buses depart from DIA to St. Jane Frances

WE ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING EVENT:
Thursday, January 31st - Tour: DIA from A-Z
 (must sign up in the Parish Office by January 22nd)

We can only take a maximum of 50 people, so sign up early!! Please contact Linda at 586-977-8080, ext. 113 or LSmith@sjfparish.org with any questions.

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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



I, John, heard a voice from heaven speak to me.
 REVELATION 11:4

WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4
 Mary Minjeur

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5
 Annette Mobley

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6
 John Martin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14;
 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

MONDAY
Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
 Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;
 Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY
Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
 Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY
 Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
 Mt 15:29-37

THURSDAY
Saint Nicholas, Bishop
 Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
 Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY
Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;
 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3:
NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4:
7:00pm Dec. Jim Sawicki (Judy Taylor)
 All Souls in Purgatory (Vicky Bui)
 Dec. Lillian J. Cripps (Family)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5:
8:00am Dec. Ignacz Blahota (Judy Taylor)
 All Souls in Purgatory (Vicky Bui)
 Dec. Lorraine Graviette
 (Harry & Judy Burzynski)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6:
8:00am Liv. Shelly & Scott Wogoman & Family
 (Larry Wells)
 All Souls in Purgatory (Vicky Bui)
 Dec. Madaline Majka (Majka Family)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7:
VIGIL MASS
NO INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8:
4:00pm For the Parishioners
 Dec. Mbrs. Of the Bauer Family
 (Scalli Family)
 Dec. Alex Hetrick (A. Hetrick & Terans)
 Dec. Tom Taylor (Gjok Pepaj)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9:
9:00am Dec. Dorothy Briston (Carolyn Briston)
 Dec. Tom Taylor (Tom & Phyllis Harris)
 Dec. Joseph Tallerico
 (St. Jane Frances Ushers)
 Dec. Josephine Mauri, 3rd Anniversary
 (Family)

11:30am Dec. Salvatore Cecchini, Sr. (Family)
 Dec. Helen Perliskey (Joe & Lori Nida)
 Dec. Mark Chmielewski
 (Chmielewski Family)
 Dec. Stan & Helen Chmielewski
 (Chmielewski Family)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — DECEMBER 7TH - 9TH (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & 2ND SUNDAY ADVENT)

	12/7 @ 6:00pm	12/8 @ 8:00am	4:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Sacristan(s)	Brian Finn	Dick & Nancy Volpe	Lori & Joe Nida	Dick & Nancy Volpe	Dan & Darlene Rys
Lector 1	Phil Mina	Lisa Erickson	Keith Morris	Chris Darner	Ronald Mobley
Lector 2	Chris Bajercius	Dale Erickson	Felix Erfe	Julius D'Ambrosio	Annette Mobley
Altar Servers	Julia Ortmann	Isabella Schilling	Maddie Kleinberg	Teresa Mezzapelle	Elsa Jeffrey
	Elizabeth Galadik	Nina Benno	Taryn Pawl	Samantha Abuel	Lucas Jeffrey
Ushers	Assigned	Assigned	Team 3	Assigned	Team 1

PARISH SUPPORT

November 18, 2018

Registered Families:	1417
Envelopes Returned:	362
Amount Offered:	\$6,838.05
Loose Offering:	\$1,277.35
Online Giving	79
Contributors:	\$2,562.00
Contributions:	
Total Offerings	\$10,677.40

BUDGETED OFFERATORY:	\$12,044.00
ACUTAL OFFERATORY:	\$10,677.40
DIFFERENCE:	(\$1,366.60)

November 25, 2018

Registered Families:	1417
Envelopes Returned:	307
Amount Offered:	\$6,885.00
Loose Offering:	\$858.00
Online Giving	72
Contributors:	\$2,229.00
Contributions:	
Total Offerings	\$9,972.00

BUDGETED OFFERATORY:	\$12,044.00
ACUTAL OFFERATORY:	\$9,972.00
DIFFERENCE:	(\$2072.00)

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TOGETHER LET US PRAY...

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

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| <i>Tim Broders</i> | <i>Scott Harris</i> | <i>Matthew Pawlik</i> |
| <i>James Brown</i> | <i>Elizabeth Kaptur</i> | <i>Judy Peterson</i> |
| <i>Sam Castelli</i> | <i>John Karalunas</i> | <i>Adam Phillips</i> |
| <i>Sandy Castelli</i> | <i>Richard Kaufmann</i> | <i>Anita Pitlock</i> |
| <i>Jack Caradonna</i> | <i>James Klassen</i> | <i>Amy Zachwieja Raggio</i> |
| <i>Lorenza Caradonna</i> | <i>Susan Kowalski</i> | <i>Marlene Rokicki</i> |
| <i>Vicki Chrzanowski</i> | <i>Frances Kraft</i> | <i>Olivia Rokicki</i> |
| <i>Bernie Colasanti, Jr</i> | <i>Walter Kronner</i> | <i>Junito Sacdalan</i> |
| <i>MaryAnn DeDonatis</i> | <i>James Kwapis</i> | <i>Ray Samarziya</i> |
| <i>Lorraine Dory</i> | <i>Fr. Gerry LeBoeuf</i> | <i>Lori Chmielewski Sanders</i> |
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| <i>Jim Duncan</i> | <i>Samuel Llewellyn</i> | <i>Pat Sowa</i> |
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| <i>Marie Gagnon</i> | <i>Lucy Maloziec</i> | <i>Merrie Watchowski</i> |
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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>Stephen LaBarge, Army</i> |
| <i>Chris Burley, Navy</i> | <i>Carmen LaForest, Navy</i> |
| <i>Shaun Chaplin, Air Force</i> | <i>Matthew McDowell, Air Force</i> |
| <i>Amir Ciplakovic, Marines</i> | <i>Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force</i> |
| <i>Charles Cosnowski, AirForce</i> | <i>Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy</i> |
| <i>Melanie De Le Ree, Air Force</i> | <i>Scot D. Skoczylas, Navy</i> |
| <i>Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines</i> | <i>Sean Slattery, Marines</i> |
| <i>Zack Hoover, Air Force</i> | <i>Allison Stewart, Army</i> |
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