



St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Catholic Community

STERLING HEIGHTS
MICHIGAN

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 9, 2018



Fr. Tony Sulkowski
Pastor
Ext. 102

FR. T'S TIDBITS: 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT

In this second week of Advent, John the Baptist plays a prominent role in the life and ministry of Jesus. John is often referred to as the precursor of Jesus. The definition of precursor is forerunner, forbearer, or trailblazer. In reading the Scriptures that pertain to John the Baptist, any one of those terms would be appropriate for him. John was indeed a trailblazer making people aware that one more powerful than he (John) was to come.

This Advent season affords us the opportunity to be like John and tell our stories of faith and our spiritual journey. Advent is one of those times the Church encourages us to see how God is present in our daily life but more importantly to share those experiences of God's presence with people who are a part of our life or who enter into our journey for a short time. We all have a story to tell and there are people who want to hear our story.

One of the materials I use every Advent season is what has become known as the "the little blue book." The little blue book contains writings or reflections by Bishop Ken Untener. These little six minute reflections allow us to center our attention on the season of Advent in the midst of our busy life and Christmas preparations. I would encourage you to pick up an Advent book in the gathering space and spend that six minutes a day reflecting upon the scripture verse, the reflection, and the prayer at the bottom of each page.

Many people have asked, "What is the meaning of Carpe Diem?" It is Latin for "seize the day." I began using the term after I saw the movie *Dead Poets Society*. It is a reminder for us to see God's hand in our work, our play, and our interaction with each other. As we journey through this season of Advent, may we seize each day and each moment as a gift from God knowing that He loves us and cares for us.

May we also keep in our prayers the men and women who are serving in the military. May God protect them and their families, especially those women and men who will be away from their families this Christmas season.

Bon Mot: *With this hope, therefore, let our souls be bound to him who is faithful to his promises and righteous in his judgments. ---St. Clement I, Letter to the Corinthians, c 95.*

Carpe Diem,
Fr. Tony



Inspiration for Living Your Faith

Second Week of Advent: Peace

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. - St. Teresa of Calcutta -

If we are to believe what we see and hear in the news and on social media, divisions run deep in our nation and world. It is tempting to give in to this notion and begin to think we are too small to have any impact. The truth is quite the opposite. Pope Francis, in *The Joy of the Gospel*, gives us a few pointers on how we can be builders of peace in our communities:

- 1) **Remember that time is greater than space.** We are called to "to work slowly but surely, without being obsessed with immediate results."
- 2) **Work to build "communion amid disagreement."** When conflicts arise, do not walk away or become entrenched in them. Rather, work to find the common link that can create unity out of discord.
- 3) **Remember that "realities are more important than ideas."** Avoid trite rhetoric and slogans. Instead, dig into the reality of people's lives. Help to bridge the truths of the faith with the reality of people's lives. Don't be afraid to get messy.
- 4) **Remember that "the whole is greater than the part."** Work locally, but inform that work with a broader perspective. Our own experiences tell our story, but that is not the whole story. Be open to seeing and working toward the bigger picture.



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PARISH COMMUNITY**

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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**
Joe Nida 586-977-8080
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- St. Vincent de Paul**
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- 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, DECEMBER 10

1:30pm Intercessory Prayer Mtg.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 (NO MASS)

1:00pm Adoration
6:00pm Rosary
6:00pm Confirmation Prep
7:00pm Advent Reconciliation Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00am Mass
1:15pm Swiffers, Team 3
5:30pm K-6 Faith Formation
6:00pm K of C Meeting
6:00pm Grief Support through the Holidays

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 - Office closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

4:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am Mass
9:00am RCIA
11:00am Grief Support through the Holidays
11:30am Mass w/CLW
12:30pm Christmas Decorating
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.
Ext. 104

It's already the second week of Advent...I HOPE you spent some time the first week to reflect on Mary's "yes" and saw the possibilities instead of the challenges in your life. Our focus in week two of Advent is PEACE. Here is a quote from Pope Francis that sums up the theme of this week:

"Peace has a face and a heart: it is the face and the heart of Jesus, the Son of God, Who died on the cross and rose again to bring peace to every man and to all humanity. Jesus is 'our peace', as he tore down the wall of hate that separated men from each other."

When I think of peace, I think of humility. God humbled himself to come to earth as a tiny baby, powerless. We too must see ourselves and others as children of God, each one equal in the Father's eyes. It is in humility that peace finds its beginning. Let us remember this week that God loves each and every one of us and asks us to love one another, peacefully.

We hope you will take advantage of the opportunities to encounter Christ this Advent here at St. Jane Frances.

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.

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Janina Jacobs
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MUSICAL NOTES

You will certainly have noticed that I didn't sing a couple weeks ago at Mass. Mother Nature decided to sock me heartily with a sinus issue causing inflammation and then, laryngitis. It has been a long while since I've so totally lost my voice and I don't like it one bit. Try to communicate with no voice.....try to talk on the phone.....to sing....to put in your order at the drive-thru. You get "what, pardon me, what did you say....I cannot hear you" which makes it worse because you're ailing and now you have to repeat everything when you shouldn't be talking at all. I especially want to thank my choir members for having my back and for the impromptu cantoring of Bill Burr and Janet Seefried, who stepped up to help, without me even asking. I also want you all to know that the choir has been absolutely delightful to work with and everyone is very eager to give St. Jane Frances parish the best music possible. I don't think a more enthusiastic group exists. I'm also looking forward to creating an Angels and Inspiration Concert with our own musicians in 2019, including something special for Lent or Good Friday.

While I'm at it and discussing that amazing human instrument known as The Voice, please do take a moment and think about what a precious gift it is. You know the old saying 'you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone'? No one realizes it more than me, when I cannot speak nor sing. I frequently get calls to do Masses at many other churches and from people whose weddings or funerals or special Masses I've done throughout the years for their family members. On the rare occasion my voice is on hiatus, it breaks my heart to tell people that I simply cannot sing. The vocal mechanism can be very fragile and singers always have an innate fear of damaging it. That's why I try desperately to take care of my pipes....and you should too. Some tips:

DO: stay hydrated (8-10 glasses of water daily or drink tea), get proper rest, including vocal rest; wash your hands constantly to avoid germs and getting sick; keep your home's humidity balanced; use a microphone when possible if addressing large groups in a big space; speak or sing only in a comfortable range; relax your upper body to reduce physical tension; avoid stress; keep your jaw open and relaxed; watch out for GERD (acid reflux) by avoiding spicy and fatty foods, large meals, or overeating - especially 4 hours before going to bed or lying down.

DO NOT: yell, whisper or strain your voice; constantly clear your throat (sip water instead); talk or shout above high noise levels; smoke anything; expose your voice to dusty, polluted, smoky, or dry environments; have long phone conversations; ignore prolonged hoarseness of over 2 weeks (see an ENT); talk or sing when you have an upper respiratory infection, cold, or flu; consume anything that dries you out such as caffeine, alcohol, medications like antihistamines, decongestants, diuretics, or cold/allergy remedies; avoid menthol cough drops (surprise!!) and instead use lemon drops or other fruit flavored cough lozenges.



DEBBIE MAZUR
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Recently I attended a “Parish Day of Renewal” with our staff and 800 fellow parish leadership teams. One of the speakers, Archbishop Michael Byrnes” spoke about “Praying as Disciples.”

He was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of this disciples said to him “Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples” He said to them, “when you pray, say: Father, hallowed by your name,...Luke 11:1-2



Archbishop Byrnes used the analogy of the picture of Jon Jon playing under President Kennedy’s desk in the oval office...what a wonderful image of a child having access to his father. **Don’t we too have “access to our Father”? Isn’t he always available to us?**

How often we may pray for “things” (as the young child makes the list to Santa), but do we **seek the Holy Spirit in our prayers? Do we seek his guidance and for us to do his work?** God can do far beyond what we ask or think, we need to just put ourselves into our Father’s hands... “Thy will be done”

“Recognizing that we cannot give what we do not have, we continually seek to be refreshed in God’s presence and filled again and again with his love, so that it is his own love we are giving away.” Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron *Unleash the Gospel*

As we continue on our journey in Advent, let us find time to pray and let the Holy Spirit guide us to the Father and the Son. As we anticipate the birth of Jesus, let us take time to silence our wishes and open our hearts to his compassion and faith in Him...

Blessings,
 Debbie



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!

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
6:00PM—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.*



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

The Deeper Reflections series is specifically designed for couples using or curious about NFP. A monthly evening of support, prayer, discussion and reflection to Natural Family Planning.

**HOPE, PEACE, JOY, AND LOVE
December 18, 2018 | 7:00-9:00pm
Sacred Heart Major Seminary**

We find ourselves at the end of the calendar year and the beginning of the Liturgical year once again! During Advent we focus on the hope, peace, joy and love. NFP can bring all of this to our marriages and more. Let's reflect on the ways NFP has nurtured these gifts in our lives.

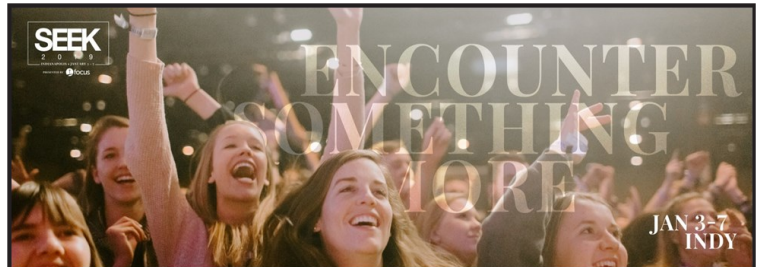
RSVP for session by emailing nfp@aod.org or by calling 313.237.4697



**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!*



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.



WHY: You want to be inspired to be the best Catholic you can be. You're seeking the truth about life, love, and discovering happiness. You want to meet thousands of other amazing Catholic young adults from around the nation. You're hoping to start the new year with God's power and love, and encounter something more.

WHAT: SEEK 2019 is a 5 day leadership conference hosted by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) that brings together thousands of young adults and over 40 inspiring Catholic speakers and entertainers as we gather to ask the big questions about life, love and how to discover true happiness.

WHO: This conference is for young adults and those who work with them, whether you're a college student, a professional, single, married, priest, religious, an active leader, or looking to be inspired. There are keynote speakers and then specific tracks of different breakout sessions for you depending on which group you are a part of. We would love for a group of young adults from the Archdiocese of Detroit and those who work with them to join us in attending this conference.

WHEN: January 3-7, 2019

WHERE: Indiana Convention Center, 100 S Capitol Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46225

HOW: Find out more and register at <https://seek2019.com/> and when it asks "Are you attending with a registered Ambassador Group?" Click Yes and select "Archdiocese of Detroit"

Questions? Contact Patrick Howard, AOD Young Adult & Campus Ministry Liaison at howard.patrick@aod.org or 313.237.4647



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!



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ABOUT THE GOSPEL:

John the Baptist told people Jesus was coming to save them. He shared the Good News of Jesus, and we should too. John gave hope to people. He was not afraid to talk about Jesus' coming and to encourage people to turn away from sin.

IN CHURCH:

Share the Sign of Peace or a smile with someone you don't know.

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

- ◆ In what new ways can you share Jesus with others?
- ◆ What are your favorite ways to get ready for Christmas? What do you need to change during this Advent?
- ◆ What low things do you need to raise up in your life? What things do you hold high do you need to lower a little to make room for Jesus?
- ◆ How are you the light of Peace to others around you?

FAMILY PRAYER:

Lord, help us to recognize what hurts your heart and have the courage to work to change it.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF NEXT WEEK

IN PREPARATION FOR MASS:

- ◆ What are you Joyful about?
- ◆ How can you show mercy this week?
- ◆ What is your family doing to get ready for Jesus this Christmas?

Peace be with You! What does this mean to you? Is it just something that is said to sate a desire to fit in at Mass, or do you mean it when you say it? What do you mean when you say it? According to Merriam-Webster.com, "Peace" is defined:

1. a state of tranquility or quiet
2. freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions
3. harmony in personal relations

Is this what you are thinking when you wish your neighbor, "Peace be with you."? Are you thinking this when the celebrant says, "Peace be with you!" and we respond, "And with your spirit!" How many people in daily life do we wish peace upon?

The words that we use can (and do) hold weight. When we wish people Peace, we should mean it. When we really think about it, and picture the other individual really being granted Peace, our simple act becomes a prayer in it's own right, and it can really make the difference in someone's life!

In the first reading from this week, we heard the prophet Baruch tell us to:

*"take off your robe of mourning and misery;
 put on the splendor of glory from God forever"*

This means all of those things that we say and do, that keep us separated from the perfection of God's Love. We can mourn, get angry, feel jealous, envy, etc. These are all natural feelings because of our human nature. However if we tend to "suffer" with these or allow these feelings to rule our lives and become "gods" of our lives in themselves, *that* is when these feelings become sinful. It is at this time that we are called to "take off those robes" and to "put on the splendor of glory from God". We can work at re-focusing ourselves towards God, when we understand that to truly accept Jesus (God) into our lives means that we will encounter everyone that accepts Him in that perfection of Heavenly existence.

When we see each other (everyone around us, whether they are Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Atheist, etc.) as true Children of God, it becomes a whole different ballgame, and we will begin to behave like Jesus. We will respect others, not "just because" we want to be respected, but because it is the right thing to do. When we really put on the splendor of glory from God, people will want to know what it is that we see, and what it is that makes us the way that we are. When we can truthfully say, that it is not "us" but God in each of us, we will begin to live our lives more fully.

When John the Baptist had the attention of the whole of Judea, and he had his own disciples (students) who were following and learning from him, the people were thinking of him as possibly being the Messiah. John will set them straight and present to them the Truth, Jesus the real Messiah. Have you heard the voice in the desert? Have you been down and heard God speaking to you? Have you listened for the whisper in the middle of the storm?

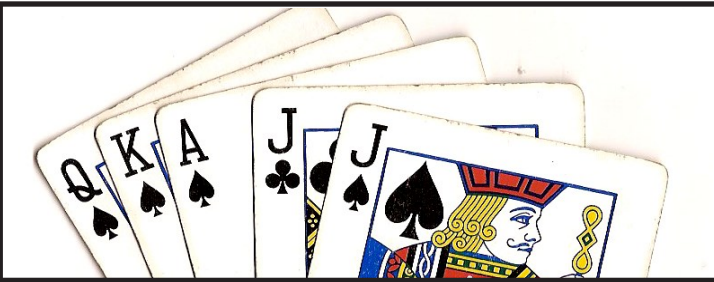
As I finish rambling this week, I pray that each and every one of us experience a chance to listen for and accept the Peace that only God can give us this Advent. May each of us hear that quiet whisper, meant just for us, and act upon it, so that we may pass some Peace of God onto our neighbors. Peace be with you!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (UPDATE)

Last week we began our Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11:30am Mass, with a few young Disciples eager to hear the Word of God. Pray for their ministers, and for the courageous young believers who make their way forward to process out.

If you know someone who is in Preschool through First Eucharist age, invite them to join us! Many thanks to Miss Angela for listening to the Holy Spirit's call to bring this vital ministry back for our young disciples!





EUCHRE NIGHT: SUPER BOWL PARTY!

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.

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Our Advent 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.

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!



The community of **ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL** expresses our support & prayers to the family of

Ronnie Ermert

Beloved father of Ronnie. Loving brother of Ken, Tim, and the late Carol. Dearest friend of Vicki.

Elvira Rastelli

Beloved wife of the late Luigi. Loving mother of Yvette (Larry) Pierce & the late Marisa (John) LaRocca. Proud grandmother of four.

Joan Benner

Beloved wife of the late Myron. Loving mother of David (Angie) Benner, Kristie (Ted) Williams and Shelley (Charlie) Benner. Dear grandmother of five.

James Kwapis

Beloved husband of Rosemarie. Loving father of Debra (James) Wehler, Greg (Jennifer), Linda (Greg) Leonberger & Karen (Dan) Berhning. Dearest grandfather of eight.

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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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 Phone: 586-264-1230 | Fax: 586-264-2757
 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



St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Knights of Columbus
 Council 13340

Wishes to recognize the contributions of the following Knights and families:

OCTOBER KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
Julius D'Ambrosio

OCTOBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH
James & Irma Duncan

This recognition is given in honor of your dedicated service to our council and parish community. Thank you!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 2018

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

MONDAY

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14;
 Lk 5:17-26

TUESDAY

Saint Damasus I, Pope

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13;
 Mt 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

THURSDAY

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11,
 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

FRIDAY

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
 Mt 11:16-19

SATURDAY

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
 Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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 10: NO MASS

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11:
 NO MASS - ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12:

8:00am Dec. Dolores Whitehouse (Judy Taylor)
 Dec. Tom Taylor (Bernie Mikowski)
 All Souls in Purgatory (Vicky Bui)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13:

8:00am Dec. Mike Scavo (Judy Taylor)
 All Souls in Purgatory (Vicky Bui)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14: NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15:

4:00pm Dec. Carol Trinity Miller (Robert & Frances Kraft)
 Dec. Josephine Roby (Appleton Family)
 Dec. Tom Taylor (Gjok Pepaj)
 Liv. Gjyste Pepaj (Gjok Pepaj)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16:

9:00am For the Parishioners
 Dec. Dennis Briston (Carolyn Briston)
 Dec. Tom Taylor (Gayle Beauregard)
 Dec. Juana Fuentes (Linda Franczyk)

11:30am Dec. Stella Lobaza, 5th Anniversary (Family)
 Dec. Frank Synk (Synk Family)
 Dec. Edward Papcun (Family)
 Liv. Gjyste Pepaj & Family (Gjok Pepaj)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — DECEMBER 15TH & 16TH

	4:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Sacristan(s)	Lisa Skoczylas	Selma & Paul Marzec	Lynn & Dave Burley
Lector 1	Lisa Erickson	Brian Brennan	Jan Machusak
Lector 2	Dale Erickson	John Martin	Robert Skwara
Altar Servers	Elizabeth Galadik	Jasmine Abuel	Julia Ortmann
	Tim Wainz	Samantha Abuel	Isabella Schilling
Ushers	Team 2	Assigned	Team 3

WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11
 NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12
 Judy Taylor

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13
 Barb Milczynski

PARISH SUPPORT

December 2, 2018

Registered Families:	1417
Envelopes Returned:	343
Amount Offered:	\$9,306.00
Loose Offering:	\$758.00
Online Giving	
Contributors:	81
Contributions:	\$3,372.00
Total Offerings	\$13,436.00

BUDGETED OFFERTORY:	\$12,044.00
ACUTAL OFFERTORY:	\$13,436.00
DIFFERENCE:	\$1,392.00

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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>Fionnan Kelly</i> | <i>Amy Zachwieja Raggio</i> |
| <i>Lorenza Caradonna</i> | <i>James Klassen</i> | <i>Marlene Rokicki</i> |
| <i>Vicki Chrzanowski</i> | <i>Susan Kowalski</i> | <i>Olivia Rokicki</i> |
| <i>Bernie Colasanti, Jr</i> | <i>Frances Kraft</i> | <i>Junito Sacdalan</i> |
| <i>MaryAnn DeDonatis</i> | <i>Walter Kronner</i> | <i>Ray Samarziya</i> |
| <i>Lorraine Dory</i> | <i>Fr. Gerry LeBoeuf</i> | <i>Lori Chmielewski Sanders</i> |
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| <i>Greg Gibson</i> | <i>Karen Mosher</i> | <i>Carol Zachwieja</i> |
| <i>Cindy Graham</i> | <i>William Navalta</i> | <i>Marsha Zanardelli</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, Air Force</i> | <i>Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy</i> |
| <i>Melanie De Le Ree, Air Force</i> | <i>Scott 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> |
| <i>Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard</i> | <i>Anthony Trotta, Navy</i> |



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