



St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Catholic Community

STERLING HEIGHTS
MICHIGAN

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT/GAUDETE SUNDAY

DECEMBER 16, 2018



Fr. Tony Sulkowski
Pastor
Ext. 102

FR. T'S TIDBITS: 3RD WEEK OF ADVENT

Last week my family on the Sulkowski side had their annual Wigila gathering. Each year a different family member hosts the event. This year I and my sister and brothers were the hosts. Sixty-five members of the Sulkowski family gathered to share a meal, breaking the opiatek, and wishing each other the best in the New Year. As always we shared stories of the past and remembered those who have gone home to the Lord.

It is important to celebrate those traditions that have been passed on to us from one generation to the next. Each of us can trace our roots back to the old world; many of our relatives came through Ellis Island and settled in the new world to build a life for their family. Many who came may have brought only a suitcase with them, however, they always brought the customs and traditions of their homeland.

In this Third week of Advent may we take the time to share the customs and traditions of our own heritage with those of the younger generation so that they too can carry out the traditions of our forebearers and appreciate the customs and traditions that make every family unique. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas may we welcome all those who will come to St. Jane Frances de Chantal this Christmas Eve and Christmas day, those visitors who come home to celebrate with family and friends during this Christmas season.

One of the traditions or customs that make St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish unique is our welcoming spirit. Many visitors have told me over and over again how friendly and welcoming the people of St. Jane Frances are. Let us extend that same spirit of welcome to those who come and worship with us this Christmas and New Year season.

I hope these last remaining days of Advent will find you prepared to celebrate the great Feast of Christmas.

(A few friendly reminders: The Cold and Flu season is upon us. If you are ill, please refrain from drinking from the cup at Mass. Also, remember that the total Christmas collection stays in the parish - we thank you for your generosity!)

Have a great week.

Bon mot: Take the leap and the net will follow.

Carpe Diem,
Fr. Tony



Inspiration for Living Your Faith

Third Week of Advent: Joy

“The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew.”

POPE FRANCIS

Living in a culture that makes a fortune on selling happiness, it is important to distinguish between what the world deems happy and what Christians call joy. Joy is not simply a feeling, but a state of our soul. It is an understanding that in Christ we have the greatest of riches, the promise of new life, the hope of eternal life. It comes from gratitude that in Christ we are set free from sin and sorrow, from emptiness and loneliness - that no matter our suffering now, something greater awaits us.

Pope Francis has been known to say that a grumpy Christian is no Christian at all. If our joy is in Christ, do our lives look different in the muck and the mess, or are we irritable and chasing after fleeting happiness like the rest of the world?

Gratitude can often be the beginning of joy. This week, take an opportunity to reflect with gratitude on all that Jesus has done and given us. So many are struggling in grief and sadness during this season. Share this grateful joy with another who is in need of a pick-me-up this holiday.



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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**
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- Parish Nurse Ministry**
Doreen Corby 586-977-8080
- Seniors**
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- Soup Kitchen**
Steven Gadzinski 586-731-4091
- St. Vincent de Paul**
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- Ushers-Ministers of Hospitality**
Charles Benvenuti 586-977-6606

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 17

8:30am Packing of Christmas Baskets

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30am SVDP Christmas Basket Pick-Up
5:30pm Confessions
6:00pm Rosary
6:00pm Confirmation Prep
7:00pm Mass w/Anointing

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00am Mass
9:30am Needle Crafters
1:15pm Swiffers, Team 4
6:00pm Needle Crafters
7:00pm Lectio Divina
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00am Mass
5:30pm K-6 Faith Formation

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

4:00pm Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am Mass
11:30am Mass w/ CLW
6:00pm High School Youth Ministry

2019 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE! Pick yours up in the Parish Office or Gathering Space today!

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

Our focus in week three of Advent is JOY. Here is a quote from Pope Francis that sums up the theme of this week:

"The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept His offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew."

It can be challenging to keep the joy of the Gospel when challenges surround us. Knowing that Jesus is with us always, let us strive to overcome challenges with joy, looking always for the good.

One great source of joy during this season at St. Jane Frances has been the renewal of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and the three seekers who have joined us through the Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance on December 2nd. You will see us each week at the 9:00am Mass. As they were preparing for the Rite of Welcoming, I asked them, "what do you ask of God and his Church?" Their answers were powerful and very easily could have been given by any of us.

"I want to know God better, getting stronger in my walk with Him. And I want to surround myself with a community that supports my growth with Him."

"Asking God to provide guidance in life, strength through difficult times and a purpose. Asking from our church to be a supportive community and to pray for me to have a deeper connection with God."

"I would like God to help me endure the challenges that life has brought upon me. I believe that the Catholic faith will aid me in my quest to get to heaven."

We learn and grow as a parish as we accompany others in their faith journey. Please continue to pray for Melanie, Jean, and Kaylyn as they journey toward the Easter sacraments.

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@sjfparish.org.

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 EVE MASSES

Monday, December 24th

4:00pm

6:00pm

Midnight Mass (11:30pm Musical Prelude)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Tuesday, December 25th

9:00am

11:30am

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS

Monday, December 31st

5:00pm

**DEBBIE MAZUR**

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In a recent homily by Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, he stated "serving the Gospel is sharing the Gospel" ...he used the analogy of a Hershey bar...With the Hershey bar, the more you give away, the less you have; but with the Gospel, the more you share the more you give witness.

In this spirit of Advent, are you sharing the Gospel? Are you being a witness? Where are you willing to share the Gospel? With your family, friends, the person in the line at the store? How do you share the Gospel? It can be as simple as a "God Bless You," or "Have a Blessed Day" or so much more...

Each year I write my Christmas letter (yeah I'm one of "those")...it started off as a way to update friends and family that I didn't see often, and now has become an expectation! I actually get Christmas cards, that say "looking forward to your letter!"...it's an expectation, it's a sharing of my life. Is it easy? Not always, and often I think why did I ever start doing this and I procrastinate and struggle with writing the letter, but when I get started, it tends to flow easily. This year, the letter will be themed "God's Blessings"....a simple way to share God's Gospel, how God has been present in my life; how he has shown his love to me and my family. How is God present in your life? How will you share his love with others?

Another way of sharing the gospel is the "Kerygma". According to Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron in *Unleash the Gospel*, "*The 'Kerygma' is the New Testament word for the simple, radical, countercultural and joyful message of the Gospel—that initial ardent proclamation by which a person is one day overwhelmed and brought to the decision to entrust himself to Jesus Christ by faith.*"

THE KERYGMA EXPLAINED:

God loves you personally and has a plan for your life.

- ◆ God created us out of love—we are a free creation of his goodness. The original plan was perfect happiness with Him.

Sin separates you from God.

- ◆ Man said no to this plan. He rebelled against God by being deceived by the Evil One. When sin entered the world, it separated humanity from God. Redemption was necessary in order to make eternal life with God possible.

Jesus died on the cross to atone for your sins. This makes heaven possible for you.

- ◆ However, God did not leave us in sin, and He responded to our infidelity with His fidelity. Christmas is God sending His Son to offer His life for our sins and to rob sin and death of its power. Jesus is the answer to sin and all of its effects.

Jesus is inviting you to accept His gift of salvation.

- ◆ Through Baptism, we share in His victory over sin. We share in His identity (because He took on our flesh and was not ashamed to be called our brother). He gives us the power to live as His disciples; to be free!

Do you want to accept that gift and follow Him as a disciple?

- ◆ Being Jesus' disciple changes our identity. We are claimed by God and are then co-heirs with Christ of eternal, perfect, almost-incomprehensible joy in heaven.

In reflecting on the Kerygma, we need to remind ourselves and share with others of the life-changing call of Jesus. How have you encountered Christ and how has it changed you? Why do you follow Christ? Have you accepted His gift of salvation? Do you follow Him as a disciple? What does this mean in your life? Can you share with others? As we approach Christmas, Advent gives us the time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and the greatest gift of all. Take the time to reflect and open yourself to His love...

Blessings,

Debbie



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5TH SUNDAY FAMILY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them as they pray the rosary on Sunday, **December 30, 2018** for Vocations after the 9:00am Mass. We will have extra rosaries available if you need one. Whether you pray the rosary all the time or have never experienced this devotional prayer, please feel free to join them! The Knights of Columbus host this any month there is a 5th Sunday.

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



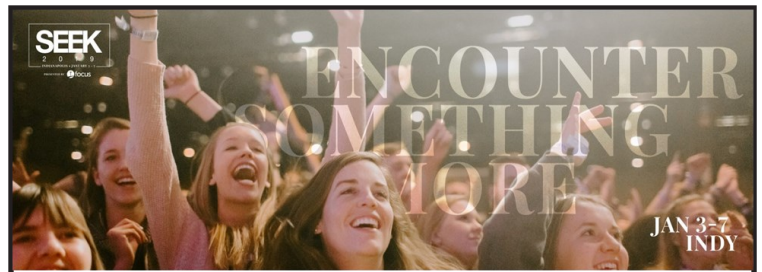
INTRODUCING THE OPEN DOOR POLICY PODCAST

Open Door Policy is hosted by Fr. Steve Pullis, the Archdiocese of Detroit's Director of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Schools and St. Augustine & St. Monica parishioner Danielle Center.

Season 1 of Open Door Policy features six episodes in which Fr. Steve and Danielle interview fellow joyful missionary disciples from around the archdiocese to learn more about their work as they strive to unleash the Gospel in southeast Michigan. Guests share their personal testimonies, their stories of encountering Jesus Christ and their decisions to follow Him. In addition, they also talk about the Unleash the Gospel pastoral letter itself.

The name of the podcast, Open Door Policy, is a tribute to Blessed Solanus Casey, God's doorkeeper, and reflects God's call for the Archdiocese to be mission-focused and to go out and share the Gospel – the most radical, beautiful and life-changing message of all time.

You can download the Open Door Policy on Apple Podcast (<https://apple.co/2TuNsBz>) Spotify (<https://spoti.fi/2ziVpRT>), or Google Podcasts (<http://bit.ly/2ziUYHf>).



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

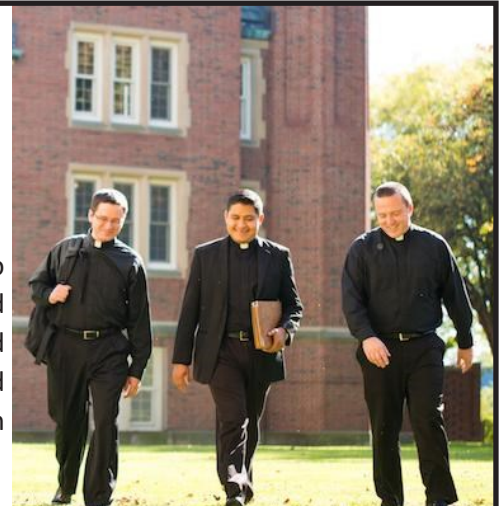
HOW: Find out more and register at <https://seek2019.com/> and when it asks "Are you attending with a registered Ambassador Group?" Click Yes and select "Archdiocese of Detroit"

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

SAVE-THE-DATE: CULTIVATING THE CALL REGIONAL VOCATIONS GATHERING

January 17, 2019 5:30PM – 8:30PM
National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak

Cultivating the Call is a night of prayer, testimony, and inspiration for those who work closest with our future vocations. Gather with others to receive the tools and inspiration needed to cultivate the call to the priesthood, religious and consecrated life. The night will include a light meal, praise and worship, and testimonies from seminarians, priests, religious, and others. For more information and for free registration, visit detroitpriest.com/programs/cultivating-the-call/





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*Family
 Corner*

ABOUT THE GOSPEL:

John the Baptist told people how to live holy lives. The people had a real desire to change for the better; they wanted to hear truth. They wondered if John was the Messiah, but he told them about someone who would be coming soon (Jesus) who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

IN CHURCH:

Look around the church for images of the Holy Spirit (e.g., fire, wind, dove).

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

- ◆ How can the Holy Spirit help you on your faith journey?
- ◆ Who are the kind and gentle teachers in your life? How have you taught Jesus' love to your friends and neighbors?
- ◆ How many "extra" things do each of us have, maybe toys, clothes? What can we do with these extra's that we do not use?
- ◆ How are you getting ready for Jesus this week?

FAMILY PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, you move us and help us change. Teach us to follow Jesus in all things.

**QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF NEXT WEEK,
 IN PREPARATION FOR MASS:**

- ◆ What is it like when your favorite relative or friend visits you?
- ◆ Have you helped prepare for visitors? What visitor are we getting ready for at Christmastime?

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

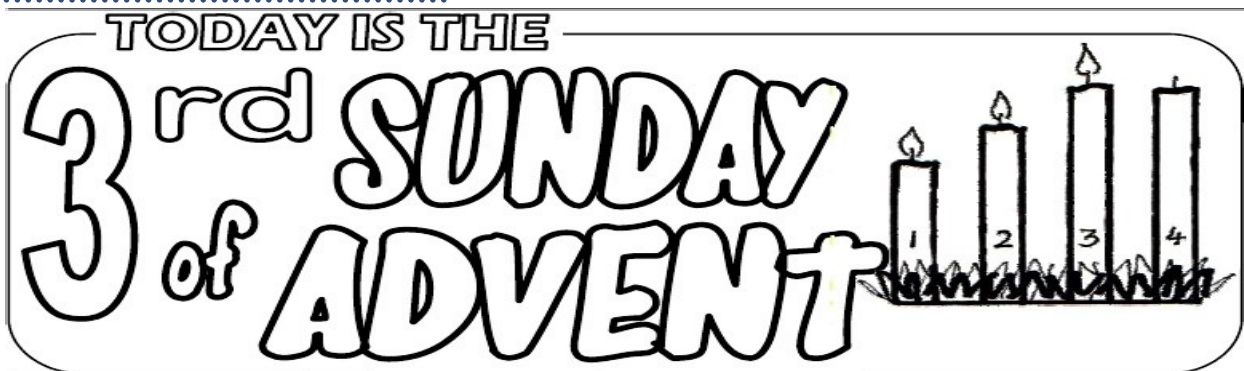
The chorus to the Christmas Carol, *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, really embodies what this week in the Liturgical year could/should be. We know that historically, the man Jesus was born on Earth around 2,000 years or so ago. He told and taught many things, performed healings, converted non-believers to the ways of God, and kept the focus on God. Each act, each miracle, leading not to Himself but to God the Father.

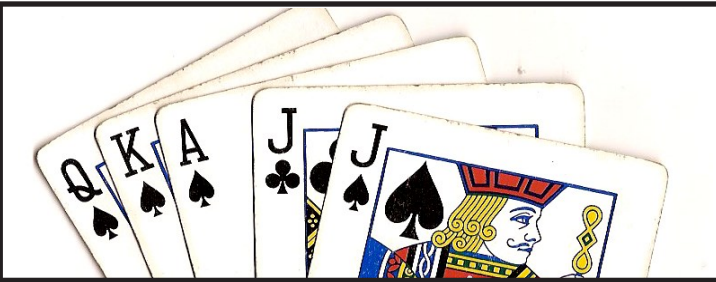
In the time before widespread electricity, once the sun went down, humanity relied on firelight, candlelight and oil lamps burning to be able to see. Even when I am camping (heaven forbid if I forget my lantern or flashlight) I am so accustomed to having a quick, portable source of light, that these really long nights really affect me (and all of us) quite differently. We have a knowledge of science, and "how things work", so we know what happens during this time of year and how nature reacts by shedding leaves and sending plants into dormancy. Now imagine that you lived without this scientific knowledge, you lived without electricity. As the year became colder and the nights got longer, we can just begin to imagine a sense of helplessness (if not hopelessness) as the world appeared to die away.

What does this have to do with rejoicing? In our current understanding of science, we know that during this week, we will experience the Winter Solstice, the longest night of the year, and slowly the length of daylight will increase, as we make the annual journey around the sun and make it to the point where the Earth is being contacted by sunlight equally (once again) in the northern and southern hemispheres. The people of old, would rejoice because the Earth was coming alive once again. The Hebrews of old were told to rejoice because the Lord had promised them a way out of slavery, and God keeps His promises.

We rejoice, because even though each of us separate ourselves from the perfection that is God, He promised to send His only Son. Jesus came to save us all once (and for ALL) from sin. Taking all of our misdeeds and washing them from us. Jesus promised to send an Advocate to us to help us, and He sent the Holy Spirit, the third part of the Trinity to continually assist and guide us. The Spirit, the Breath of God, to give us gifts that we receive first in Baptism, and sealed again with them in the Sacrament of Confirmation. God keeps His promises.

We Rejoice in the fact that God loves us, God is with us, and God has shown us mercy, and will gather the many together once again. All we have to do is believe, ask forgiveness, and live for Him. Show **Joy** this season, show the world the **Joy** that you have within you, because you know God and His Promises. Be **Joy** to those in the world who have yet to meet Jesus; be Jesus to them, for them. Show them how to tell the story of Jesus, of God. Help them, to be able to show and be the **Joy** of Jesus, this season. It is not on the Archbishop alone, nor Fr. Tony, or his staff, but upon each and every one of us to shine our strengths, to fill in (not complain about) the areas that others are weaker in, and to be community to, with and for one another. When "I" rejoice, it is small, but when we all rejoice, the **Joy** of God goes everywhere! Happy Rejoicing!





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 Lsmithsjparish@gmail.com.



BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2019 FISH FRY SEASON!

- Friday, March 8th
- Friday, March 15th
- Friday, March 22nd
- Friday, March 29th
- Friday, April 5th
- Friday, April 12th

4:00pm - 7:00pm (Dine In & Carry Out)
Look for more info in future bulletins!

The menu will once again include 2 piece & 3 piece fish dinners as well as a la carte items. Each Fish Fry supports a different ministry in our parish. More details will be in future bulletins and on the parish website. If you are interested in volunteering at a Fish Fry, please contact Linda Smith at: Lsmith@sjparish.org or 586-977-8080, ext. 113.



**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 **May 6-20, 2019**. This life-

changing experience walking in Jesus' footsteps includes daily Mass & Rosary, biblical readings on site, time for prayer & spiritual guidance, & 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. Orientation Meeting is February 3rd. Call (248) 514-1747 or email mrsppattig@yahoo.com for more information.



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@sjparish.org with any questions.



With Deepest Sympathy

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

Ronald Dreslinks, Sr.

Beloved husband of Margaret. Dear father of Ron Dreslinks, Jr., Kathleen (Derek) Karczewski, and Laurie (Kile) Kucher. Treasured grandfather of five.

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

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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



St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Knights of Columbus
 Council 13340

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

NOVEMBER KNIGHT OF THE MONTH
Ronald Woywood

NOVEMBER FAMILY OF THE MONTH
Chris & Pam Starling

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 2018

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

MONDAY
 Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

TUESDAY
 Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

WEDNESDAY
 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

THURSDAY
 Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

FRIDAY
Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

SATURDAY
 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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 17: NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18:
7:00pm Dec. Enrico Varani (Judy Taylor)
 All Souls in Purgatory (Vicky Bui)
 Dec. Guisepe Tedesco (Daughter & Family)
 Dec. Victor Chorus (Mary Chorus)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19:
8:00am All Souls in Purgatory (Vicky Bui)
 For Vocations
 Dec. Luisa Verzosa (Rolanda Fernandez)
 Dec. Baby Liu (Aunt Dorothy)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20:
8:00am Dec. Helen Jarboe (Family)
 All Souls in Purgatory (Vicky Bui)
 Liv. Kim & Jeff Randolph & Family (Marv & Camilla)
 Special Intention (Grandparents)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21: NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22:
4:00pm Dec. Snady Kotulis (Sister, Judy)
 Dec. Grace Beaufait (Robert & Frances Kraft)
 Dec. Eugene & Frances Berthiaume (Joyce)
 Dec. Richard Schriedel (Daughter)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23:
9:00am Liv. Uloma Nwogo (Mom & Dad)
 Liv. Erica Nwogo (Mom & Dad)
 Dec. Mbrs. of the Maiuri Family (Family)
 Dec. Juana Fuentes (Kim & Nate, Frank & Katie)

11:30am For the Parishioners
 Dec. Ray Mandziuk (Pat Mandziuk)
 Dec. Frank & Mary Skonieczny (Pat Mandziuk)
 Dec. Natalina Sarti (Doro Sarti)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — DEC. 22ND & 23RD (Please see scheduling app for updates.)

	4:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Sacristan(s)	Tim & Karen Pawlik	Karen Mills	Brian Finn
Lector 1	Bill Burr	Geri Miles	Jan Machusak
Lector 2	Phil Mina	Denise Dara	John Czarski
Altar Servers	Amanda Dufoor	Jasmine Abuel	Nina Benno
	Nancy Dufoor	Teresa Mezzapelle	Julia Ortman
Ushers	Team 1	Assigned	Team 2

WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18
 Mary Anne Barczak

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19
 Annette Mobley

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
 John Martin

PARISH SUPPORT

December 9, 2018

Registered Families:	1417
Envelopes Returned:	334
Amount Offered:	\$8,300.00
Loose Offering:	\$1,175.00
Online Giving	72
Contributors:	\$2,612.00
Contributions:	
Total Offerings	\$12,087.00

BUDGETED OFFERATORY:	\$12,044.00
ACUTAL OFFERATORY:	\$12,087.00
DIFFERENCE:	\$42.00

Because of this year's Christmas schedule, we understand that the 4th Sunday of Advent collection and Christmas collection are just two days apart. Please note that your donations for both the weekend of December 22nd-23rd and Christmas Day are essential to our meeting our budget goals so we can continue to serve you and our community in the name of Christ. **Plus, the entirety of your Christmas donation stays here at the parish.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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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>Lillian Arendall</i> | <i>Elizabeth Kaptur</i> | <i>Adam Phillips</i> |
| <i>Tim Broders</i> | <i>John Karalunas</i> | <i>Anita Pitlock</i> |
| <i>James Brown</i> | <i>Richard Kaufmann</i> | <i>Amy Zachwieja Raggio</i> |
| <i>Sam Castelli</i> | <i>Fionnan Kelly</i> | <i>Marlene Rokicki</i> |
| <i>Sandy Castelli</i> | <i>James Klassen</i> | <i>Olivia Rokicki</i> |
| <i>Jack Caradonna</i> | <i>Susan Kowalski</i> | <i>Junito Sacdalan</i> |
| <i>Lorenza Caradonna</i> | <i>Frances Kraft</i> | <i>Ray Samarziya</i> |
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| <i>Bernie Colasanti, Jr</i> | <i>Fr. Gerry LeBoeuf</i> | <i>Stephen Schriedel</i> |
| <i>MaryAnn DeDonatis</i> | <i>Dorothy Lentz</i> | <i>Arnold Semrau</i> |
| <i>Lorraine Dory</i> | <i>Thomas Lentz</i> | <i>Brian Smith</i> |
| <i>Rita Duffey</i> | <i>Sandra Lewis</i> | <i>Pat Sowa</i> |
| <i>Kevin Dufoor</i> | <i>Samuel Llewellyn</i> | <i>Lois Theisen</i> |
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| <i>Jean Duynslager</i> | <i>Sr. Eileen Lynch</i> | <i>Daniel Van Acker</i> |
| <i>Shirley Essad</i> | <i>Lynn Macieczni</i> | <i>Richard Volpe</i> |
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| <i>Dennis Franklin</i> | <i>Barbara Mezzapelle</i> | <i>Toni Woodring</i> |
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| <i>Greg Gibson</i> | <i>William Navalta</i> | <i>Carol Zachwieja</i> |
| <i>Cindy Graham</i> | <i>Norma O'Connor</i> | <i>Marsha Zanardelli</i> |
| <i>Pauline Gronowski</i> | <i>Kathleen Pawlik</i> | <i>Nicole Zapinski</i> |
| <i>Phyllis Harris</i> | <i>Matthew Pawlik</i> | |
| <i>Scott Harris</i> | <i>Judy Peterson</i> | |

ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

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

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| <i>Robert Bain, Army</i> | <i>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>Allison Stewart, Army</i> |
| <i>Zack Hoover, Air Force</i> | <i>Anthony Trotta, Navy</i> |
| <i>Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard</i> | |

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