

Fr. Tony Sulkowski
Pastor
Ext. 102

FR. T'S TIDBITS:

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 along with my sister and brothers were the hosts. Sixty-five members of the Sulkowski family gathered to share a meal, break oplatek, and wish 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 only brought 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 fore bearers and appreciate the customs and traditions that make every family unique.

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

I would like to welcome and introduce to you the newest member of the St. Jane Frances de Chantal staff and family. Mrs. Laurie Hall is our new Pastoral Associate. We are blessed to have her here with us and I know that you will welcome her as you welcomed me a few weeks ago. Have a great week!

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

Carpe Diem,
Fr. Tony Sulkowski

Christmas Schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

PRIVATE CONFESSIONS:
Tuesday, December 19th from 5:30pm - 8:30pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASSES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23rd:
Masses at 5:00pm & 7:00pm
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th: Mass at 9:00am

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th:
Masses at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, & Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th:
Masses at 9:00am & 11:30am

We are so grateful each of you are part of our St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish family. Your kindness, faith, and care for your neighbors continue to make our parish a thriving community centered in the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Because of this year's Christmas schedule, we understand that the 4th Sunday of Advent collection and Christmas collection are mere hours apart. Please note, though, that your donations for both the weekend of December 23rd -24th 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!

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

MINISTRIES

- Knights of Columbus #13340**
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- Parish Nurse Ministry**
Doreen Corby 586-977-8080
- Seniors**
Don Rogowski 586-977-8080
- Soup Kitchen**
Steven Gadzinski 586-731-4091
- St. Vincent de Paul**
Tom Harris 586-977-8080
- Ushers-Ministers of Hospitality**
Brian Brennan 586-264-1087

SACRAMENTS

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM

Do you have a child you would like to have baptized? We would be delighted to talk to you about your options! Please call the Parish Office (586-977-8080) 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. Marriage guidelines are available at the Parish Office and must be read before your appointment. Participation in pre-marriage preparation will be arranged.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office at 586-977-8080. Also available once a month during the Tuesday evening Mass.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? The preparation is a shared program with St. Ephrem, conducted at St. Ephrem. Those taking part in RCIA from St. Jane Frances will receive the faith formation at St. Ephrem's but celebrate associated rites at St. Jane Frances de Chantal. Please make initial contact with our pastor, Fr. Tony Sulkowski, before contacting St. Ephrem Parish.

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 contact the Parish Office at 586-977-8080.

This Week in Our Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

- 3:00pm Lectio Divina
- 6:00pm Faith Formation Classes (K-6)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

- 4:30pm Faith Formation Classes (K-6)
- 5:30pm Private Confessions through 8:30pm
- 7:00pm No Mass due to Confessions
- 6:00pm Rosary
- 6:30pm Jr. High/Confirmation Prep

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 8:00am Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 5:00pm 4th Sunday of Advent Mass with Baptisms
- 7:00pm 4th Sunday of Advent Mass (in place of Sunday 11:30am Mass)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 9:00am 4th Sunday of Advent Mass
- 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
- 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass
- Midnight Christmas Mass

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!



Visit the parish website to stay up to date on what is happening, to sign up to be on our e-newsletter list, & to view the bulletin in full color!

sjfp parish.org



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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"Nourished by God's Word and the Eucharist, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



Laurie Hall
Pastoral Associate
Ext. 104

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Today we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent – a day of rejoicing as we have arrived at the midpoint of Advent. It is also the end of my second week at St. Jane Frances where I have found much to reflect on, rejoice in, pray about and, in everything, give thanks! Just a few examples:

I stopped in at the Coffee House Christmas Party and Dinner Dance – Oh my, the joy that was present in that room! The Knights of Columbus sponsored this event for 350 special needs adults in the Tri-County area. The music was pumping, the guests were dancing, and the food was fantastic. It was an uplifting and joyful event that truly shows the kindness and generosity of this community. What a beautiful way to celebrate the coming of Jesus!

I attended the 9:00am Mass for the first time and truly felt the Spirit working in the people and in the wonderful Choir! Their beautiful voices lifted up in prayer brought me to a deeper appreciation for the beauty of the liturgy. Thank you for sharing your talent!

I had the opportunity to join in with the Giving Tree gift wrapping team on Sunday afternoon. I am thankful for the generosity of our parishioners in giving the gifts and for the lively group that did the wrapping. May God bless the givers and the recipients.

On Monday I joined the Intercessory Prayer team as they spent an hour in prayer over the needs of the Church, our community, the requests placed in our Intercessory Prayer Box, the sick, those who serve in the military, for vocations, for our newly baptized and for events going on in our parish. I am thankful for the generosity of this group in caring for the needs of others. The group is always looking for more people to pray, so I invite you to consider joining in the New Year.

St. Paul’s message to the Thessalonians (and us) is one we can strive to live by. At this midpoint of Advent, I pray you too are experiencing joy, strengthening your relationship with Jesus through prayer, and thanking God for the challenges and the blessings.

Laurie Hall

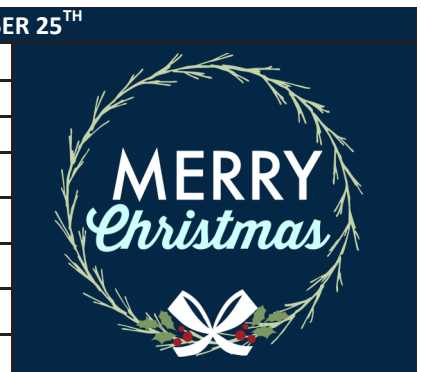
Christmas Schedule

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — CHRISTMAS EVE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

	4:00pm	6:00pm	Midnight
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Sacristan(s)	Tim & Karen Pawlik	Lori & Joe Nida	David & Lynn Burley
Lector 1	Craig Smith	Bill Burr	Eileen Clase
Lector 2	Linda Smith	Jolynn Friedmann	John Martin
Altar Servers	Teresa Mezzapelle	Maggie Friedmann	Tim Wainz
	Elizabeth Galadik	Sarah Friedmann	Mary Burley
Ushers		Julia Ortmann	Kathaleen Burley
	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — CHRISTMAS DAY: MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

	9:00am	11:30am
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Sacristan(s)	MaryAnn Webb	Dan & Darlene Rys
Lector 1	Kathy Pawlik	Barb Milczynski
Lector 2	John Martin	Felix Erfe
Altar Servers	Amanda Dufoor	Isabella Schilling
	Nancy Dufoor	Maddie Kleinberg
Ushers	Assigned	Team 2





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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 hours of your time on **Sunday, December 17th**, 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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them as they pray the rosary on Sunday, **December 31, 2017** 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.

HOPE DEMENTIA WORKSHOP SERIES

Have you been touched by Alzheimer's? Perhaps a parent, spouse, family member or friend...On January 6th, we will be hosting another session on the topic of Dementia.

Brain Health and Preventing Dementia

Even though there has been only minimal success with drug therapy for dementia, there has been much success with other forms of treatment when an early diagnosis of symptoms occurs. Scientists are looking at the brain in a different way and finding that lifestyle may have much more of an effect than ever thought before. High stress, low activity and poor diet may be one of the main reasons that so many people are developing unhealthy brains. This session will summarize the recommendations of these leading neurologists that are taking a "treat the source" approach rather than the "magic pill" approach. Learn about healthy eating, nutritional supplements and lifestyle changes that you can make to help improve and protect your brain.

January 6, 2018
from 9:00am -11:00am
at St. Jane Frances de Chantal
In the Fr. Page Activity Center

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.





PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

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

January 12, 2018 5:30pm – 8:30pm
St. Frances Cabrini, Allen Park

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, religious, and others.

For more information, visit detroitpriest.com.

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

January 19-21, 2018

WHO: Men, High School Senior to 55 years old

WHAT: Discernment Weekends are a unique opportunity for anyone feeling a call to the priesthood. You will spend four days living at the seminary which provides you with a first-hand opportunity to see what it's like from the inside. This weekend provides you with many great tools for proper discernment.

WHERE: Sacred Heart Major Seminary

For more information or to register visit detroitpriest.com

THANK YOU,
Needle Crafters!



Our Needle Crafters just completed their November projects by donating through their talents:

- ◆ 67 Hats
- ◆ 18 Scarves
- ◆ 16 Hat/scarf sets!

These items were included in our giving tree donations and will be shared with the following agencies:

- ◆ Mary's Children Family Center of Michigan
- ◆ St. Aloysius Detroit Neighborhood Services "Street Ministry"
- ◆ St. Vincent de Paul families in our parish boundaries
- ◆ Turning Point Shelter

The Needle Crafters meet weekly on Wednesdays in the mornings from 9:30am-11:30am and in the evenings from 6:00pm-8:15pm to share their time, talent and gifts. We thank them for their generosity!

If you would like to be involved in their next project, please feel free to join them!



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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: We are still accepting reservations for a Winter Retreat at Spring Hill Camps in Evert, MI. If you have never been there, it is a blast - a 750ft tall tubing hill, swimming, broomball tournament, live band, a fabulous speaker, and the list goes on. February 23rd-25th is the weekend to go. Contact Ben at the e-mail above if you would like to join us!



ABOUT THE GOSPEL

John the Baptist not only prepares for Christ's arrival, but also gives his testimony. We too are called to tell our stories of Jesus coming into our lives. We are asked to be other "voices in the desert," proclaiming Jesus to the world.

IN CHURCH:

Make the Sign of the Cross with holy water as you enter and leave the church. Visit the baptismal font.

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

- ◆ Who are the people, whose words and actions have taught you about Jesus?
- ◆ Whose voices today, help to renew and revive you?
- ◆ As a Christian in the world today, who are you? To what do you witness?

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, show us how to teach others about you. Help us to be voices of faith.

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

- ◆ What is hardest and best about waiting for Christmas in your family?
- ◆ What impossible things does God make possible for you?
- ◆ What do you do each Christmas that celebrates the meaning of the feast for you?

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

We enter into our third week of Advent. The winter solstice draws nearer, and soon, very soon, our days will begin to lengthen, and our nights will get shorter. This third week of Advent reminds me of that commercial on TV with the camel, wandering through the office saying, "Mike, Mike, Mike. Guess what day it is... HUMP DAY!" Sometimes this week is almost like that "hump day" of our preparation time. We are just about half way to the season of celebrating the birth of Christ, this year a little closer than others. We are called rejoice!

Traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday, this imperative verb essentially means, "Hey, all of you, rejoice!" We've moved our way through a week of Hope, a week of Peace and now enter into this week to Rejoice! Rejoice in the "Good News", *evangelion* (Grk), the "Gospel"; that soon we celebrate the life of the Anointed One (The Christ) who saves us from the captivity of sin. Gone is the eternal death or separation from God. Through the infant child, we recognize our own new birth into the potential Eternal Life. That birth transforms into the revealed knowledge that we have been blessed through the sacrifice of the man Jesus, the only begotten Son of God. It is God's merciful embrace and envelopment of us, despite our wrongdoings. All we have to do is acknowledge this.

In our acknowledgement, we are called to assent wholly to this belief and act upon it. We are called to repent, seek forgiveness, atone for our wrongdoings and live a life better than we have in the past. We fight the constant struggle against the world that wants us to live for ourselves and do what is best for "me". When we strive for what is best for each other, we love the moments of our neighbors' success. We work together, live for one another, and rejoice in all things.

As we get over this "half-way" point in our preparation, we should begin to think, "Am I where I should be? Am I prepared, or at least where I need to be in my preparations, to welcome Jesus into my life? Where can I make a "straighter" path so that I can help my neighbor without too much difficulty?"

Rejoice! The birthday of Jesus is almost here! December 25th marks the beginning of the 12 day celebration of Christmas. Are you ready in your home and your heart? Is there room for Jesus in our celebration, or are we tied too much to the way that the world wants us to act?

Rejoice! "God with us" shall come to us, O "one who wrestles with God".

When we truly look at the words, do those words begin to take on a new meaning? Can we now allow God to take hold in our lives, or will we wrestle with Him, thinking that we know better?

Rejoice! The Christ Child is almost here! Are we prepared? See you on Christmas!

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL TEENS

Join us for the Martin Luther King Jr. - Day of Service on January 13th, 2018.

Let us know by **December 20th** if you will join us so that we can get our numbers in to the organizers of the event.

Stop by www.sjfparish.org/Youth-Ministry where you can see a large version of the flyer and get a permission form to join us at the event.

In the past we have lead events at St. Pat's Senior Center and at Gleaners Food Bank. Join us to see where we serve this year!



WHEN:

Saturday, January 27th
From 6:30pm until about 11:00pm.

WHERE: In the Fr. Page Activity Center

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

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

HOW:

Sign-up in the Parish Office. The cost is \$10 per player to cover the cost of dinner, snacks, dessert, beverages & prizes. The deadline to register is Monday, January 22nd.

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

We hope to see you there!



Do not neglect to show *hospitality to strangers*, for by doing that some have *entertained angels* without knowing it.
Hebrews 13:2

Do you enjoy serving others? Consider joining the Hospitality Team at St. Jane Frances de Chantal! We are looking for volunteers to help with tasks such as:

- Setting up for events;
- Cleaning after events;
- Preparing veggie/fruit/cheese trays for refreshments;
- Brewing and filling coffee pots/carafes;
- Making guests feel welcome.

Contact Jody by calling 586-977-8080 ext. 112 or email jgazosjparish@gmail.com if you would like to help!

STAY CONNECTED!

Stay updated on parish news, Holy Day Mass updates, funeral announcements, and more by signing up for our Parish News Blast through the website. Visit the "About" tab at sjparish.org to sign up!



Fr Tony Sulkowski and
St Jane Frances de Chantal
Invite you on Pilgrimage



Rome - Florence - Assisi
October 1-10, 2018

\$3,590/person (double occupancy)



Email jamie@nobiletravel.com | Phone (313) 799-0419

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ◆ International round trip airfare: Detroit > Rome
- ◆ Papal Audience
- ◆ 4 Star Hotels
- ◆ Continental breakfast daily, 6 dinners (with wine) , and 6 lunches (including a Tuscan farmhouse luncheon)
- ◆ English speaking, Catholic guide
- ◆ Luxury Motor Coach
- ◆ Entrance to all museums and activities per itinerary
- ◆ Mass each day with Fr. Tony in beautiful churches

ITINERARY

Monday, October 1	Depart for Rome
Tuesday, October 2	Rome Panoramic City Tour
Wednesday, October 3	Rome (Papal Audience & Basilica)
Thursday, October 4	Florence
Friday, October 5	San Gimignano & Siena
Saturday, October 6	Assisi & Orvieto
Sunday, October 7	Imperial Rome & Papal Basilicas
Monday, October 8	Baroque Rome
Tuesday, October 9	Castel Gandolfo & Montecassino
Wednesday, October 10	Return Home

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00am All Souls (Maria Vacaj)
Dec. Lena Pepaj (Son)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00am All Souls (Maria Vacaj)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:00pm Dec. Grace Beaufait
(Robert & Frances Kraft)
Dec. Carol Bardelline, 2nd Anniversary
(Jim, Stephen & Jonathan)
Dec. Ray Mandziuk
(Dennis & Joann Lichocki)
Dec. Nancy Nida Little
(Paul & Georgia Osak)

7:00pm For the Parishioners

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:00am Dec. Matthew Swita (Roxann Klee)
Dec. Ann Goergen
(John & Kathy Clark)
Dec. Grace Ochenski
(Tom & Phyllis Harris)
Liv. Valentin Vacaj (Mom)

4:00pm Liv. Tom Taylor (Eileen Pease)

6:00pm Dec. Members of the Brown & Hayden Families (Charlene Brown)
Dec. Nancy Nida Little
(Craig & Linda Smith)

Midnight Dec. Lisa Vrabel
(Mom, Dad, & Jennifer)
Dec. Tony Randazzo
(Sam & Sharron)
Dec. Craig Ankawi
(Mom & Dad)
Dec. Ray Mandziuk
(Tom & Rita Kraniak)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2017

SUNDAY

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14;
Lk 1:57-66

SUNDAY

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,
27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts
13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Our Cluster Partner
ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC CHURCH
38900 Dodge Park | Sterling Heights
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

TRAVELING CHALICE:

**A PROGRAM OF PRAYER FOR
PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS**

Parishioners are asked to take the chalice home and display it in a place of honor. We ask them to pray each night for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This week our parish gratefully acknowledges the

Cecchini Family

for hosting our Traveling Chalice.

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

LECTIO DIVINA: READING WITH THE HEART



Pope Francis writes: "The best incentive for sharing the Gospel comes from contemplating it with love, lingering over its pages and reading it with the heart. If we approach it in this way, its beauty will amaze and constantly excite us!"

Please join us for the final week of Advent, either at the Monday afternoon session from 3:00pm - 4:00pm or the Wednesday evening session from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. We will gather to ponder the Gospel for the 4th Sunday of Advent, learning what it means to read it with our hearts as we travel this Advent journey together. Please join us.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — DECEMBER 23rd & 24th

	5:00pm	7:00pm	9:00am
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Sacristan(s)	Tim & Karen Pawlik	Brian Finn	Karen Mills
Lector 1	Craig Smith	Kathy Pawlik	John Martin
Lector 2	Linda Smith	Eileen Clase	John Czarski
Altar Servers	Isabella Schilling	Maddie Kleinberg	Samantha Belz
	Taryn Pawl	Maggie Friedmann	Amanda Belz
	Matt Pawl	Sarah Friedmann	
Ushers	Team 3	Team 1	Assigned

WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

There will be no weekday Masses between Christmas and the New Year. Have a wonderful Christmas break and we will see you in 2018!

PARISH SUPPORT
December 10th, 2017

Budgeted Weekly Obligation:	
\$12,237.00	
Actual Average Weekly Collection:	
\$12,169.00	
Registered Families:	1445
Envelopes Returned:	352
Amount Offered:	\$7,464.99
Loose Offering:	\$648.00
Online Giving	
Contributors:	75
Contributions:	\$2,334.00
Total Offerings	\$10,446.99

ONLINE GIVING

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

www.sjfp parish.org

to sign-up for Online Giving. Please email Jody Gazo at jgazosjfp parish@gmail.com or call 586-977-8080, ext. 112 with any questions. Thank you!

TOGETHER LET US PRAY...
 Please pray for those who are in special need of our prayers.

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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>Zack Hoover, Air Force</i> | <i>Allison Stewart, Army</i> |
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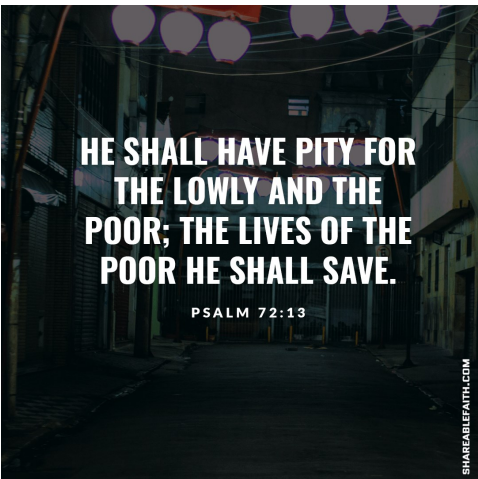
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The Catholic Community of **St. Jane Frances de Chantal** welcomes the following child who was Baptized by Fr. Anthony Sulkowski on December 10th, 2017



Matthew Esse Golonka, Jr.

Parents: Matthew Golonka
 Andrea Golonka
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