



St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Catholic Community

STERLING HEIGHTS  
MICHIGAN

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 2018



Fr. Tony Sulkowski  
Pastor  
Ext. 102

### FR. T'S TIDBITS: 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

*"This is the month, and this the happy morn, Wherein the Son of Heaven's eternal King, Of Wedded Maid and Virgin Mother born, Our great redemption from above did bring; For so the holy sages once did sing, That He our deadly forfeit should release, And with His Father work us a perpetual peace."* John Milton wrote this reflection about the feast of Christmas.

As you are aware the Fourth week of Advent is a short one. As we bring Advent to a close I would like to share with you one experience that I enjoyed very much at St. Jane Frances de Chantal. The event was the Coffeehouse Christmas party that was held here. We had a full house in the Social hall that evening. With dancing and eating and socializing it was an awesome night.

I met some very nice people that evening and fun was had by all. The evening was a great success and I wish to thank all those people who made it possible for the young adults to have an enjoyable evening.

I wish to extend to all of you and especially those people who come home for Christmas a blessed Christmas and all the best in the New Year. Christmas is about coming home and recalling those traditions that are memorable to us and sharing a meal with family and friends alike.

As we heard in the Gospel for the second Sunday of Advent, John says, "One more powerful than I is to come, so much so that I am not fit to untie his sandal straps." This Christmas, as in Christmas past, Christ is born again into the world to be the Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of All.

May the Peace of Christ be with you this Christmas season and in the coming year. It is in Christ that we are strengthened and encouraged to bring glad tiding to those we meet along our journey of faith. On behalf of the staff of St. Jane Frances de Chantal I extend to you and your family and friends a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May we lift up in prayer all those people who are most in need of God's attention this Christmas season.

**Bon mot: It is all about Jesus!**

Carpe Diem,  
Fr. Tony



Inspiration for Living Your Faith

*Fourth Week of Advent: Love*

**We are all called upon to bear witness to and to proclaim the message that 'God is love,' that God is not distant from us or insensible to our human affairs. He is close to us, He is always by our side, He walks with us to share our joys and our pains, our hope and our strife. He loves us so much, to the point of making Himself man; He came into the world not to guide us but so that the world might be saved through Jesus." - POPE FRANCIS -**



### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm | 6:00pm

Midnight Mass (11:30pm Musical Prelude)

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00am | 11:30am

### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL MASS

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00pm

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Weekend Masses</b>	
Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	9:00am & 11:30am
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday, Thursday	8:00am
<b>Holy Day Masses</b>	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**

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**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 24**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
4:00pm Mass  
6:00pm Mass  
11:59pm Mass

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
9:00am Mass  
11:30am Mass

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26**

NO MASS  
Office Closed

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27**

NO MASS  
Office Closed

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28**

NO MASS  
Office Closed

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29**

4:00pm Mass  
5:00pm Divine Mercy Prayers

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30**

9:00am Mass  
10:00am K of C Family Rosary  
11:30am Mass

**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](http://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 4 of Advent is LOVE. Here is a quote from Pope Francis that sums up the theme of this week:

“We are all called upon to bear witness to and to proclaim the message that ‘God is love,’ that God is not distant from us or insensible to our human affairs. He is close to us, He is always by our side, He walks with us to share our joys and our pains, our hope and our strife. He loves us so much, to the point of making Himself man; He came into the world not to guide us but so that the world might be saved through Jesus.”

Our time of Advent waiting is over. Christmas is just two days away. The God who promised to be among us has come and continues to be with us, now and always, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. May your Christmas celebrations be reflective of the grace of Jesus, full of hope, peace, joy and love!

## Christmas Schedule

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — CHRISTMAS EVE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 <sup>TH</sup> & CHRISTMAS DAY: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 <sup>TH</sup>					
	12/24 @ 4:00pm	12/24 @ 6:00pm	12/24 @ Midnight	12/25 @ 9:00am	12/25 @ 11:30am
<b>PRESIDER</b>	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
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The Fourth Sunday of Advent is always very special to me, musically. Mary is told some very surprising - and frightening – news, that she will bear God’s son. While that might be joyous information in some circles, in those times an unmarried woman could be stoned to death for that ‘infraction’. Imagine her fear! But without Jesus, we’d have no Christian faith, and without Mary, we’d have no Jesus. So, we must pay very special attention to Jesus’ mom.....and that’s why you’ll hear music honoring Mary this weekend. If I have a voice, two of my most favorite songs to perform are ‘Mary, Did You Know?’ and also Amy Grant’s ‘Breath of Heaven’, those lyrics, especially haunting. I can hear Mary’s lament:

*“I have traveled many moonless nights, cold and weary with a babe inside...and I wonder what I've done? Holy Father you have come, and chosen me now, to carry your son; I am waiting in a silent prayer, I am frightened by the load I bear....In a world as cold as stone, must I walk this path alone?.....Be with me now. Breath of heaven, hold me together, be forever near me...Breath of heaven, lighten my darkness, pour over me your holiness, for you are holy....Breath of heaven / Do you wonder as you watch my face, if a wiser one should have had my place? But I offer all I am, for the mercy of Your plan; Help me be strong, help me be.....Help me!”*

**And remember: Christmas is...**

- A season of sparkle – allow your inner light to shine;
- Give from the heart – small gifts with thought are the best to receive;
- Get in touch with your inner peace – find the silent night in your heart;
- Spend time with children and share in their delight of the season;
- Make time for special family traditions which give a sense of belonging (sing carols!!);
- If you or someone close to you is in pain, remember you are not alone. God is with you;
- Take time for yourself and ease your stress with a massage or health treatment. Breathe!
- Not a deadline to meet; it is a path toward the light, from chaos to peace, and toward unity of all people; enjoy the Advent journey to Christmas.

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## CHRISTMAS IS IN IN 2 DAYS! ARE YOU READY?

For many Christmas visitors, a barrier for coming to church is not knowing anyone or not knowing what to do. When we exercise unusually gracious hospitality, we are communicating to them that they are welcomed. Even with a great message, it would take an extraordinary amount of courage and perseverance to become part of a community if one doesn't feel welcomed. If we all commit to hospitality to our Christmas visitors, we will be preparing the soil so that the message of the Gospel can more easily be received by everyone!

Christmas is a time to "show-off" our parish and to see ourselves as parish ambassadors at the Christmas liturgies. What can you do? Here are some examples:

- ◆ Be ready to greet others at Christmas Mass.
- ◆ Invite people (your friends, family) to Christmas Mass.
- ◆ Leave closer parking spaces for guests.
- ◆ Sit in the middle of the pew, leaving the coveted end seats for late-comers and guests.
- ◆ Smile at guests when their phone rings or when their baby cries. DON'T EMBARRASS GUESTS!
- ◆ Greet visitors with "I'm so glad you are joining us!" "Thanks for coming!"
- ◆ Ask them "Do you have any intentions for which I can pray?"
- ◆ Welcome people around you to our parish.
- ◆ Invite people to explore the Welcome Center for ways to connect with the parish .
- ◆ Guide non-Catholics (or visitors) to where the Order of Mass can be found in the hymnal.
- ◆ Sing loud!
- ◆ SMILE!!

Let us share the Joy of the Christmas Season with everyone we meet. Remembering the Kerygma:

God loves you so much. Even though we have sinned, he sent his son to atone for your sins to make heaven possible for you. He is inviting everyone to accept his gift of salvation. Share this love and joy with everyone around you....Help to make this Christmas the most welcoming yet!

Blessings,



## HOPE DEMENTIA WORKSHOP SERIES

Have you been touched by Alzheimer's? Perhaps a parent, spouse, family member or friend...On January 5th, we will be hosting a session on the topic of Dementia.

### Understanding Dementia Related Behavior

Often communication becomes more difficult as dementia progresses. This session will help you understand common behaviors related to most dementias. You'll learn how to interpret certain behaviors to try to understand what your loved one needs and why they are doing what they're doing when they can no longer express themselves in words. You will go home with many practical tips for making your life as a caregiver much easier and the life of your loved one much better.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2019**

**9:00AM - 11:30AM**

**St. Jane Frances de Chantal  
Fr. Page Activity Center**



The Archdiocese of Detroit is excited to announce **UNLEASH THE GOSPEL** on social media where we'll share stories, inspiration and encouragement as we work together to Unleash the Gospel in bold and creative ways. Follow @UTGDetroit on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to grow daily as a joyful missionary disciple.

Early next year, the AOD will launch a new website & magazine centered around our mission to Unleash the Gospel. Digital and print content will help you encounter God, grow as His disciple and inspire you to give witness to the power of God's mercy.

## 9 HABITS OF HIGHLY RESILIENT COUPLES

### Are you following these tips in your marriage?

A solid and stable couple relationship does not develop overnight. In fact, this is the great paradox of married life: the more we weather storms and successfully live through difficult challenges, the stronger our relationship will become. In other words, problems met successfully can bring us closer, rather than separate us from our spouse.

This does not mean that in the midst of the trial, when we're going through a bad spell, we will not feel like the relationship is destabilized, and that we will not feel like running off and calling it quits. It does mean that we always have the ability to overcome these ups and downs, both personally and as a couple. We can learn to be resilient.

But what exactly makes highly resilient couples be that way? Here are some characteristics.

- They know how to laugh at life. Their motto is to laugh at life before life laughs at them. Although they might feel that things could not get any worse, they take a lighthearted approach to their problems and do not allow themselves to be shipwrecked. In fact, these are the couples whom you will almost always see happy and with a smile on their faces. It's not just a matter of temperament; it has to do with having correct perspective.
- They do not play the blame game. They are very clear that if one of them has a problem, they both have a problem, because they are "one flesh." They do not focus as much on who was mostly responsible for the situation, as on their shared commitment to find and implement a solution, on what they could have done differently, and on what lessons they learned.
- They have empathy and sympathy. They strive to be united in feelings and actions, each doing their part. They allow themselves to feel sad and respect each other's need for space without taking things too personally. Each one assumes responsibility for what he or she is feeling. However, so great is the love that unites them, and they are so connected emotionally, that they openly support each other.
- They seek support. These couples know full well that, in general, they will not be able to make it on their own. They are humble enough to seek professional help, as often as they may need it.
- They speak freely. These are couples in which neither is afraid to bare their soul to the other. They know how to express to each other their feelings, fears, and worries, etc., without fear of being rejected or judged. While one expresses himself, the other receives with compassion every shared word, tear, or gesture.
- They are committed to seeking and finding solutions. These are couples who are not prone to giving in to a cycle of victimhood or to ignoring problems, but rather seek to solve them and move ahead—but always together, because they do not see things as "your problem" or "my problem," but "our problem."
- They are each other's priority. It's true: When facing problems, the last thing we feel like doing is reminding our spouse how much we love them. But it is precisely at those moments when we must strive the most to remind our spouse of our love. This is exactly what highly resilient couples do: even if and when they "do not feel it," they do not stop expressing their love through small messages and symbolic gestures loaded with love and acceptance.
- They have a very positive attitude. They know that everything eventually comes to an end, and that "this too shall pass." They are very clear in believing that what is "wrong" or "bad" is the problem, not the other person. They live with hope for a better tomorrow, and they work today to achieve it.
- In the face of any problem, they kneel before God. They understand very well that "a cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart." (*Ecclesiastes 4:12*)

These are some of the key elements that differentiate strong couples from weak ones, giving them their capacity to recover after a difficult situation and to know how to smile through adversity.

Article by Luz Ivonne Ream who is a Certified Coach for life, marital, and spiritual guidance, and Grief Recovery Specialist in the Spanish division of The Alexander House in San Antonio, TX. Article used with permission by Together for Life Online by Ave Maria Press.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5<sup>TH</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.



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**ABOUT THE GOSPEL:**

Elizabeth said to Mary, "Blessed are you among women.... How does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" The Hail Mary contains some of these words. Elizabeth and the baby in her womb (John the Baptist) were the first to recognize Jesus as the Lord.

**IN CHURCH:**

We remember that it is because Mary said, "Yes!" to God, that Jesus came into the world. Find a statue or an image of Mary in Church. Say a Hail Mary, and think of how you can say, "Yes!" to God.

**QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

- ◆ In what ways can you imitate Mary and help bring Jesus to others?
- ◆ Who, in your life, acts most like Jesus? Do you share your important decisions with them? Should you?
- ◆ When you have good news to share, who do you rush to tell?
- ◆ Why does Mary visit Elizabeth?

**FAMILY PRAYER:**

Jesus, teach us to love your mother, Mary, like you.

**QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF NEXT WEEK:**

**IN PREPARATION FOR MASS:**

- ◆ Are you ready for Christmas? Are you ready, in your heart, for Jesus' coming?
- ◆ Have you had an important stranger visit your house? What was it like? How did you treat them?

*When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
 the infant leaped in her womb,  
 and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
 cried out in a loud voice...*

**Luke 1:41-42a**

What does "Love" mean to you? There are many different aspects of "love" wrapped, packed, mixed and smashed together in a little four letter word! I "love" my friends; You "love" your parents; He "loves" his children; She "loves" her boyfriend; They "love" their parents; We are called to "Love" all of humanity. In the reading above, John *leapt* in his mother's womb when his mother heard the greeting of Mary.

Read into any of the above statements whatever you will, but it cannot be denied that all of these feelings of love are a slight bit different, but because of our linguistic (language and speech) limitations, all of these ideas are wrapped up in a single word. Each different, each expressed the same. God transcends (He goes beyond) our limitations of speech, language, knowledge and understanding. God is the perfection of the notion that we call Love.

As a human being, I know that I tend to throw around words to get a point across, and I often forget the real *power* that is contained in even a simple word like Love. "Oh yeah, see you later mom, dad. Love ya..." But how often do I take a minute and think about what I am saying? Such an easy thing to do, and I'm not saying to stop using the words. We each need to begin thinking more about what we are saying and who we are saying them to. Our words have the power of being Jesus to someone else. Our words have the power to lift someone up and/or tear them down. Even an off-the-cuff statement can be seriously impactful in someone's life.

As we go about the last day and a half of the Advent Season, how are each of us impacting those around us? Are we being good stewards for God? Are we sharing the gifts given to us with those around us? A simple smile, a word hello, getting something off of the top shelf for someone who cannot reach it, or picking something off of a lower shelf for someone with a bad back. These are things that do not take "too much" effort on our part, but can mean the world to someone who doesn't experience this simple kind of kindness regularly. There is also one more thing to this though, something very important.

If "I" do these things because "I" can, it becomes very easy to see myself as the hero and "I" become the important one. When I do this because God made me to be His hands and feet in the world, God becomes central in all of "my" efforts. "My" efforts, "Your" efforts, "Their" efforts become joined to God and become His works for each of us. We all have a part to play in this thing called Love!

When we see each other over the next couple of days (the Christmas Season is getting closer) let's treat each other with a simple respect. Let's welcome our guests to our parish home with open arms and an easy, understanding and compassionate heart. Let's sit in the middle of the aisle instead of on the end seat and make our guests crawl over us. We need to offer our seat to someone who needs it more than "I". If guests are talking and unaware of things in our church, stow the glowering and frowns, instead offer a smile and an explanation of where to find the songs, prayers and readings.

When we shine the Love of God through our actions as well as our words, the world begins to change. When we take the next step and remember to credit God, both in private prayer as well as in public expression, the change becomes monumental and moves faster than we could ever imagine.

Offer the rest of your preparation for Christmas, this most stressful time, to God in Love for Him. Be Christ to someone you may have simply looked over just yesterday. Thank God for your gifts and thank Him for His Love that gives us just what we need!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Is taking a break next week (December 30<sup>th</sup>), but we will be back to share the Good News in a special way with our young Disciples the following week— January 6<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30am Mass! We'll see you then!



**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 3<sup>rd</sup>. Call (248) 514-1747 or email [mrspattig@yahoo.com](mailto:mrspattig@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 31<sup>st</sup>** - Tour: DIA from A-Z (must sign up in the Parish Office by January 22<sup>nd</sup>)

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](mailto:LSmith@sjfparish.org) with any questions.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

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

- Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

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

The menu will once again include 2pc & 3 pc 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@sjfparish.org](mailto:Lsmith@sjfparish.org) or 586-977-8080, ext. 113.

**AVOID SCAMS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

**Please be aware that any emails from staff at St. Jane Frances will always come from an @sjfparish.org email address.**

If you receive any communication from what appears to be a staff member of St. Jane Frances or Fr. Tony asking for help or money, please disregard or call the Parish Office to verify the request.



**EUCHRE NIGHT: SUPER BOWL PARTY!**

Join us on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>** 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 7<sup>th</sup>!**

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](mailto:Lsmithsjfparish@gmail.com).

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**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 23, 2018**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**MONDAY**

Morning Mass: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;  
 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79  
 Vigil Mass: 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

**TUESDAY**

**Christmas**

Night Mass: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3,  
 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
 Dawn Mass: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;  
 Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
 Day Mass: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;  
 Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

**WEDNESDAY**

**Feast of Saint Stephen, the First Martyr**

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab,  
 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

**THURSDAY**

**Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;  
 Jn 20:1a and 2-8

**FRIDAY**

**Feast of The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

**SATURDAY**

**Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

**SUNDAY**

**Feast of The Holy Family**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;  
 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10;  
 Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;  
 Lk 2:41-52

**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 24:**

**4:00pm** Dec. Leo Makarewicz (Loving Family)  
 Dec. Daniel Zwada (Brothers)  
 Liv. Ava Kleinberg  
 (Melissa & Patrick Pordon)  
 Dec. Natalina Sarti (Doro Sarti)

**6:00pm** Dec. Mbrs. Brown & Hayden Families  
 (Charlene Brown)  
 Dec. Gary Gleich (Family)  
 Dec. Carol Bardelline (Loving Husband)  
 Dec. Jillann Tockstein (Family)

**Midnight**

Dec. Lisa Vrabel  
 (Mom, Dad, Jennifer, Laura, Bob)  
 Dec. Craig Ankawi (Mom & Dad)  
 Dec. Will & Shirley Fasczewski  
 (Graziano Family)  
 Dec. Antonio Randazzo  
 (Sam & Sharron)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25:**

**9:00am** Dec. Ken Serbenski (Wife & Family)  
 Dec. Joseph & Wanda Sztaba  
 (Son, Dennis)  
 Dec. Mbrs. Of the Florek Family  
 (Jerry & Sylvia Soldetek)  
 Liv. Robert Novak (Mom)

**11:30am** Dec. Marsha Olson (Family)  
 Dec. Tom Taylor (Judy Taylor)  
 Dec. Karen Taylor (Judy Taylor)  
 Dec. Wilfredo Maralit  
 (Wife Mellie & Children Zig & Erica)

**DECEMBER 26 - 28: NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29:**

**4:00pm** For the Parishioners  
 Dec. Fr. Ron Milligan (Judy Taylor)  
 Liv. Eveleen Forkin (Friends)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30:**

**9:00am** Dec. Tom Taylor (Tom & Phyllis Harris)  
 Dec. Stanley Gotinsky  
 (Jim & Sandy Weakland)  
 All Souls in Purgatory (Vicky Bui)  
 Dec. Jessica Chyrek (Friend)

**11:30am** Dec. Jack Campo (Caradonna Family)  
 Dec. Maria & Damiano Campo  
 (Caradonna Family)  
 Dec. Vincent & Bridget Caradonna  
 (Caradonna Family)  
 Dec. Natalina Sarti  
 (Paul & Georgia Osak)

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE—DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup> + DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

(Please see scheduling app for updates.)

	12/29 @ 4:00pm	12/30 @ 9:00am	12/30 @ 11:30am	12/31 @ 5:00pm
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
<b>Sacristan(s)</b>	Lori & Joe Nida	Selma & Paul Marzec	Dan & Darlene Rys	Lisa Skoczylas
<b>Lector 1</b>	Phil Mina	Keith Morris	Bob Skwara	Annette Mobley
<b>Lector 2</b>	Felix Erfe	Chris Darner	Bill Burr	Ronald Mobley
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Maddie Kleinberg	TBA	Amanda Dufoor	Lucas Jeffrey
	TBA	Teresa Mezzapelle	Nancy Dufoor	Elsa Jeffrey
<b>Ushers</b>	Team 1	Assigned	Team 2	Team 3

**WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE**

There are no weekday Masses the week of Christmas. See page 3 for the Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Liturgical Schedule.



**PARISH SUPPORT**

**December 16, 2019**

Registered Families:	1409
Envelopes Returned:	336
Amount Offered:	\$6,710.15
Loose Offering:	\$919.89
<b>Online Giving</b>	
Contributors:	79
Contributions:	\$2,917.11
<b>Total Offerings</b>	<b>\$10,677.40</b>

<b>BUDGETED OFFERATORY:</b>	<b>\$12,044.00</b>
<b>ACUTAL OFFERATORY:</b>	<b>\$10,547.04</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE:</b>	<b>\$1,496.86</b>

Because of this year's Christmas schedule, we understand that the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent collection and Christmas collection are just two days apart. Please note that your donations for both the weekend of December 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> 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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to sign-up for Online Giving. Email Jody Gazo at [jgazosjparish@gmail.com](mailto:jgazosjparish@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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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Lillian Arendall</i>       | <i>Elizabeth Kaptur</i>   | <i>Matthew Pawlik</i>           |
| <i>Tim Broders</i>            | <i>John Karalunas</i>     | <i>Judy Peterson</i>            |
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| <i>Sandy Castelli</i>         | <i>James Klassen</i>      | <i>Anita Pitlock</i>            |
| <i>Jack Caradonna</i>         | <i>Susan Kowalski</i>     | <i>Amy Zachwieja Raggio</i>     |
| <i>Lorenza Caradonna</i>      | <i>Frances Kraft</i>      | <i>Marlene Rokicki</i>          |
| <i>Bernie Colasanti, Jr</i>   | <i>Walter Kronner</i>     | <i>Olivia Rokicki</i>           |
| <i>MaryAnn DeDonatis</i>      | <i>James Kwapis</i>       | <i>Junito Sacdalan</i>          |
| <i>Lorraine Dory</i>          | <i>Fr. Gerry LeBoeuf</i>  | <i>Ray Samarziya</i>            |
| <i>Ronald Dreslinksi, Sr.</i> | <i>Dorothy Lentz</i>      | <i>Lori Chmielewski Sanders</i> |
| <i>Rita Duffey</i>            | <i>Thomas Lentz</i>       | <i>Stephen Schriedel</i>        |
| <i>Kevin Duffoor</i>          | <i>Sandra Lewis</i>       | <i>Arnold Semrau</i>            |
| <i>Jim Duncan</i>             | <i>Samuel Llewellyn</i>   | <i>Brian Smith</i>              |
| <i>Jean Duynslager</i>        | <i>Daniel Lynch</i>       | <i>Pat Sowa</i>                 |
| <i>Shirley Essad</i>          | <i>Sr. Eileen Lynch</i>   | <i>Lois Theisen</i>             |
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| <i>Danny Frezza</i>           | <i>Walter Majka</i>       | <i>Richard Volpe</i>            |
| <i>Marie Gagnon</i>           | <i>Lucy Maloziec</i>      | <i>Helen Walczak</i>            |
| <i>Richard Gerst</i>          | <i>Addison Mathews</i>    | <i>Merrie Watchowski</i>        |
| <i>Charles Grade</i>          | <i>Jeffrey Maxwell</i>    | <i>Roy Weickel</i>              |
| <i>Barbara Franklin</i>       | <i>Bernice McIlwain</i>   | <i>Kevin Wilcox</i>             |
| <i>Dennis Franklin</i>        | <i>Jean McDonald</i>      | <i>Don G. Wisniewski</i>        |
| <i>James Friedmann</i>        | <i>Barbara Mezzapelle</i> | <i>Toni Woodring</i>            |
| <i>Greg Gibson</i>            | <i>Dick Mitchell</i>      | <i>Edward Young</i>             |
| <i>Cindy Graham</i>           | <i>Karen Mosher</i>       | <i>Carol Zachwieja</i>          |
| <i>Pauline Gronowski</i>      | <i>William Navalta</i>    | <i>Marsha Zanardelli</i>        |
| <i>Phyllis Harris</i>         | <i>Norma O'Connor</i>     | <i>Nicole Zapinski</i>          |
| <i>Scott Harris</i>           | <i>Kathleen Pawlik</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>Carmen LaForest, Navy</i>            |
| <i>Chris Burley, Navy</i>               | <i>Matthew McDowell, Air Force</i>      |
| <i>Shaun Chaplin, Air Force</i>         | <i>Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force</i> |
| <i>Amir Ciplakovic, Marines</i>         | <i>Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy</i>              |
| <i>Charles Cosnowski, AirForce</i>      | <i>Scot D. Skoczylas, Navy</i>          |
| <i>Melanie De Le Ree, Air Force</i>     | <i>Allison Stewart, Army</i>            |
| <i>Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines</i>   | <i>Anthony Trotta, Navy</i>             |
| <i>Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard</i> |   |
| <i>Stephen LaBarge, Army</i>            |   |

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