



# Epiphany of the Lord

Lord, every nation  
on earth will adore you.

Responsorial Psalm

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**ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL PARISH**  
Sterling Heights, Michigan 48310 **January 3, 2016**



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Recently, new trailers for the next Star Trek movie hit the movie screens in anticipation of the release of this film in July of this year. The movie, titled, *Star Trek Beyond* is scheduled to be released to coincide with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the debut of Star Trek which premiered on NBC in 1966. This weekend, however, the Catholic Church celebrates an original Star Trek that took place over 2000 years ago, well before the Star Trek TV and movie franchise ever came into existence. This is because this weekend we

celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, that event where three wise men go searching for the new-born-Christ-child relying only on the guidance of a star.

There is really very little we know about these three men. We hear that the Magi came from the east bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Tradition, not the Bible, tells us that their names were Gaspar, Balthazar and Melchior. Folklore holds that they came from Persia (present day Iran) and were members of a priestly class of people with some degree of wealth.

So what is so important about this mysterious encounter between the Magi and the Christ-child? Why did the author of the Gospel of Matthew feel it was so important to go into such detail about the Magi?

To begin with, the visit of the Magi is described as an “epiphany”. The use of this particular word is significant. An “epiphany” is defined as “a moment of sudden revelation or insight”. That revelation or insight is grounded in the realization that Christ, the Messiah, who God’s Chosen People had been anticipating for centuries, had come into the world as savior for *all peoples*. The Christ-child, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, discloses that God’s intent is not just to save His Chosen People, but to save both Jew and Gentile alike. The broadening of salvation to the gentiles was a divine twist to the messianic expectations of Israel and this is certainly good news for all of us who are not of Jewish descent.

It is remarkable that the Magi would have spent weeks, perhaps even months, in their own personal star trek that led them to a foreign land. The faith of the Magi, to follow the gentle light of a mysterious star to humble surroundings in Bethlehem, to endure the hardship of ancient travel, to trust on a cloudy night when the light of the star was obscured, testifies to their total reliance on God these men must have had in their respective hearts and souls.

Contrast this to the reaction of King Herod who was deeply troubled, afraid and paranoid. Herod viewed the Christ-child as a threat to his own power, security and personal gratification. While the Magi were seeking the Christ-child to pay Him homage, Herod began plotting to find the Christ-child to murder Him. Herod’s sin serves to remind us that those in darkness do not seek out Christ. They do not rejoice in His coming.

There is a combination of both the Magi and Herod in each of us. We seek to follow Christ; to be the light of Christ to others. We also have tendencies to sin.

On this Feast of the Epiphany, we are reminded to actively seek out Christ and not to fall into the darkness of sin. The Magi offered to the Christ-child: 1) Gold – a gift fit for a king. 2) Frankincense (incense) – a reminder that our prayers rise to God like incense. And 3) Myrrh – this was used, in place of a crown, to anoint each new king of Israel and was also used to preserve the remains of a body touched by death. We each have been gifted by God and, on this Feast of the Epiphany, are reminded to use those gifts in a manner which will give *Glory to God in the Highest!*



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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & 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**  
Brian Barkkari 586-215-4669  
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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**  
If you have a child who is not yet baptized, but you would like them to be, we would be delighted to talk to you about your options. Please call the Parish Office (586-977-8080) to make any arrangements.

**Reconciliation**  
Tuesday from 6:00pm-7:00pm  
(or by appointment)

**Marriage**  
Arrangements must be made by contacting the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired date. 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. Speak with Fr. Jerry before Mass.

**Rite of Christian Initiation  
of Adults**  
This 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. Jerry Slowinski, before contacting St. Ephrem Parish.

**Parish 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**  
Contact Parish Office: 586-977-8080

*This Week in our Parish*

**Monday, January 4**  
6:00pm Faith Formation Classes, Grades K-6  
**Tuesday, January 5**  
4:30pm Faith Formation Classes, Grades K-6  
6:00pm Rosary  
6:00pm-7:00pm Confessions  
6:30pm Faith Formation Classes, Grades 7 & 8  
7:30pm Mass  
**Wednesday, January 6**  
8:00am Mass  
7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal  
**Thursday, January 7**  
8:00am Mass  
1:00pm Swiffers, Team 1  
**Friday, January 8**  
Parish Office Closed  
**Saturday, January 9**  
10:00am-9:00pm Grade 8 Confirmation Retreat,  
Blood Drive Sign-up  
5:00pm Mass  
**Sunday, January 10**  
Blood Drive Sign-up  
8:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal  
9:00am Mass w/Adult Choir  
10:00am-11:15am Heavenly Delights  
10:15am Young Adult Planning Mtg.  
11:00am-1:00pm Grief Support Session  
11:30am Mass w/Baptisms & Childrens Liturgy of the Word  
1:00pm Undecorate Church

**What Goes Up, Must Come Down**  
The Christmas Season ends with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which we will celebrate on January 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have some time on Sunday afternoon, January 10<sup>th</sup>, please join us as we remove the decorations of Christmas and prepare the church space for Winter Ordinary Time. We will begin after the 11:30am Mass. Many of the poinsettias will be available for "adoption"!

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

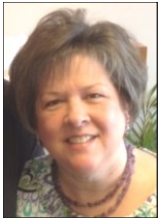
**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER AT ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL?**

You may register at the Parish Office at any-time after Mass on the weekend or during regular office hours. Please call 586-977-8080



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

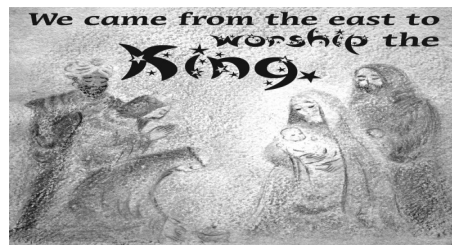
**Parish Mission Statement**  
"Nourished by God's Word and the Eucharist, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



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## A Prayer for the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Dear Jesus, as You led the Three Kings to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear before You. Mary, Our Mother, help us to know Your Son. Amen.

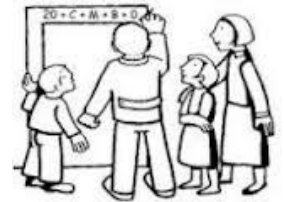
## Epiphany House Blessing

The blessing of the home is a popular Epiphany custom. Using chalk, many households mark their entrance door with the current year and with the inscription CMB, the initials of Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, the traditional names of the three wise men. The inscription also stands for the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means "Christ, bless this home."

Read the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-9) from your Bible.

Using chalk (have the chalk blessed if possible), write above the door way: 20 + C + M + B + 16

**Prayer:** Peace be to this house and all who live here. During these days of the Christmas season, we keep this feast of Epiphany. Through the guidance of a star, the coming of Jesus was made known to the Gentiles. We celebrate Christ made known to the Gentiles. We celebrate Christ made known to the Magi, to John in the River Jordan, and to the disciples at the wedding at Cana.



Today, Christ is made known to us! Today this home is a holy place! The Magi came from the east to Bethlehem to adore the Lord. "They went into the house, and when they saw the child with His mother, Mary, they knelt down and worshipped Him. They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and presented them to Him." (Matt 2:11)

We bow our heads and pray for God's blessing...

Lord our God, bless our home and all who live here. May we be filled with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, obedience to Your law, and thanksgiving to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Help us love and respect one another and make your presence known by the way we care for others. May this blessing remain upon this house and upon all who live here. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Wishing you all a very happy, blessed and prosperous New year.*

Adapted from homily of Fr. Eric Augenstein

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The story of the Magi appears only in the Gospel of Matthew. Scripture scholars say that the visit of the Magi does not describe a historical event, but a poetic kind of story that reveals the remarkable truth. That truth is this: Jesus, born a Jew in Israel, came to save all people of the earth. The Magi, who saw God's star and followed it, symbolizes all the Gentiles, or non Jewish people of the world.

The Magi are a model for us. They were good men who went in search of God, and when they found God, the course of their whole lives changed.

We too follow God's star, the inner stirrings in our hearts in search of Jesus. We travel through the epiphanies of all our days, Wherein He reveals Himself to us in the sacraments, in prayer, in good people, and in our minds and hearts. Like the Magi we are profoundly changed by these experiences of God.

We, the Body of Christ on earth, are called to celebrate the Epiphany everyday by showing forth God's love and presence.

On this feast, celebrate with your family God's love for all people everywhere by sharing a special dessert together.





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**CHILDREN'S  
 LITURGY OF THE WORD  
 Ages 3-Grade 2  
 Weekly during the 11:30am Mass**

Each week I will share a reflection on the Gospel and discussion questions. Please do this with your family.

- Step 1: Read the Gospel for the day**  
**Step 2: Discuss the "On the way Home From Mass" question in the car and "Living the Word"**  
**Step 3: After Mass, discuss the "On the way home from Mass" question.**

**ABOUT THE GOSPEL—Matthew 2:1-5, 7-12**

King Herod gives the magi good advice: "Go and search diligently for the child". Instead of looking for himself, he sends them. We, too, can wait passively for others—our priest, a friend who attends Bible study, a neighbor who goes on service trips— to bring us the "word" of Jesus. However, being a disciple flows from a personal encounter with Christ. We must seek Him diligently; once we have found Him, our desire to know Him better will cause us to continue our search.

**On the Way Home From Mass...**

Dear Parents,  
 Please use these questions to help your child (ren) better understand today's Gospel.

- 1) What gift do you think Jesus would like from you?
- 2) Are you able to give it to Him?

**LIVING THE WORD**

Look at a map. Find Bethlehem and Jerusalem to see where the magi traveled after they met with King Herod and his advisors. Look at the lands to the east and name of places where the magi may have begun their journey. Is the Gospel known in any of these lands today? Is it possible the magi were the first missionaries to those lands? Ask each family member to name where they found Jesus during the past week. Come up with places where you will look for Him this week.

**NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL—Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

**...On the Way To Mass**

**Step 1:** Read the gospel aloud, from the Bible, a smart phone, or tablet. Or find it at usccb.org.

**Step 2:** Discussion

- 1) Why are important people sometimes introduced by an announcer, who tells us something about them?

**FAITH FORMATION  
 CLASSES RESUME THIS  
 WEEK**

**Save the Date!**



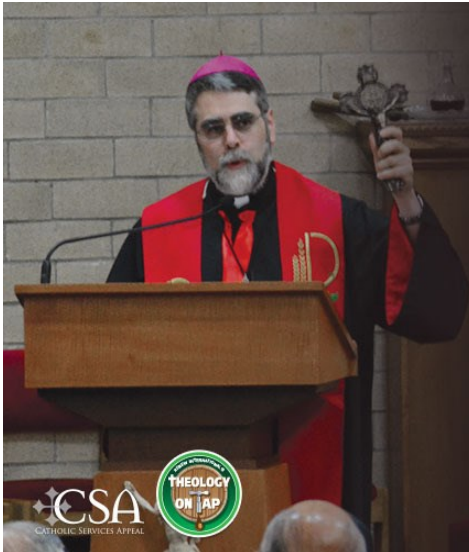
**Grade 8 Confirmation  
 Retreat**

**Vacation Bible School  
 June 20-24**

**Saturday, January 9, 2016  
 10:00am-9:30pm**

*If interested in volunteering in any capacity  
 this year, please pick up a form in the  
 Faith Formation Office.  
 Teams are being formed now, so let us know early.*

YOUNG ADULTS




# THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join young adults for food, fellowship, fantastic speakers, and faith.

**Friday Jan. 8  
6:30 - 8:30 PM**

**Topic:** Eastern Christians  
**Speaker:** Bishop Francis Kalabat

 **Traffic Jam & Snug  
511 W Canfield St  
Detroit, MI 48201**

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

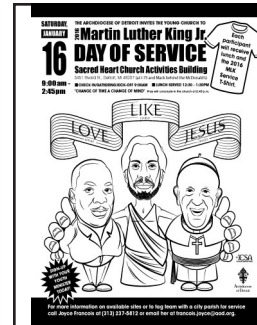
For more information, please contact Chris at [yacm@aod.org](mailto:yacm@aod.org) or 313-237-4647. You can also check out: [www.aod.org/yacm](http://www.aod.org/yacm)



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**ATTENTION ALL  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Like the Wise Men gave gifts to Jesus, give a gift to yourself...and come to our Youth Ministry Sunday Event January 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm.



**Martin Luther King Day of Service**  
Looking for an opportunity for Service?

Come join us as we join other churches from around the Archdiocese for this day of service in the City of Detroit.

For permission slips and more information, check the Bulletin Board or the parish website:

**HIGH SCHOOL:**  
<http://www.sjfparish.org/#!tgif-hs-ministry/c102n>

**JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL:**  
<http://www.sjfparish.org/#!segue-jr-high-ministry/c4g3>

**MICHIGAN CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE** AGES 18-35

**SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE**



The Archdiocese of Detroit and the Catholic dioceses of Michigan present

# Radical Mercy


**APRIL 1-2, 2016**

St. John Neumann  
44800 Warren Rd.  
Canton, MI 48187

**GUEST SPEAKER:  
JACK JEZREEL**

**YOUNG ADULT PLANNING MEETING NEXT SUNDAY**



Join us **NEXT** Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10:15am -11:15am while we plan for our winter/early spring activities! Feel free to attend the 9:00am Mass before our meeting or the 11:30am Mass after.


All young adults are welcome to join us. If you can RSVP in the parish office that you are coming, it will help us better prepare.

Contact Tara with any questions at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.

**STAY CONNECTED**

To keep up with young adult happenings, here are three ways to stay connected.

- 1.) Join our Facebook group: **St. JAG**
- 2.) Email [stjag2010@yahoo.com](mailto:stjag2010@yahoo.com) and we'll add you to our email list!
- 3.) Sign-up for our Remind Group, which is a 1-way text service. To sign-up, you can either text [@stjag](https://text.stjag.com) to **81010** or email [stjag@mail.remind.com](mailto:stjag@mail.remind.com).



**Mission Experience 2016**

We are currently exploring the possibility of a Mission Experience for this upcoming summer.

We would be joining with some other groups as we head to New York.

This experience would be for teens in this years eighth grade class through this years twelfth grade class.

If you would like to be included to receive more information as it becomes available, please e-mail:

[mission2016.sjfparish@gmail.com](mailto:mission2016.sjfparish@gmail.com)



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**Does your marriage need help?**

Retrouvaille (pronounced *retro-vi* with a long i) is a Christian Peer Ministry focused on reaching out to hurting couples longing for renewal and hope. Metro Detroit has multiple English and Spanish programs scheduled for 2015, each beginning with a weekend on the following dates: January 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> (English and Spanish opportunities) and March 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> (English). For more information or to register, please see our website: [helpourmarriage.com](http://helpourmarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230. Scholarships are available.

**Grief Ministry**

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Health Advocacy Ministry is pleased to announce that we will repeat our well received, peer led bereavement support group for 6 consecutive Sundays, beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup> and ending February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 11:00am – 1:00 pm.

The program is designed to offer support to men and women in our Christian community who may be suffering from a death of a loved one. It is for those who have a need to share their experience of heartache, and would like to walk alongside each other on the path to healing. Offering a safe haven to cry, to laugh, to mourn or to heal, we use a PowerPoint presentation and round table discussion on the 5 stages of grief and ways to cope using prayer and conversation.

Please consider sharing this information with families and friends you know who may be suffering from grief and may like to join us in this 6-week group support program.

For more information, please contact Barb at (586) 264-0845 or Cindy at (586) 634-4368.

**RETREAT FOR MEN  
AT ST. PAUL'S RETREAT CENTER  
JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**



Sign-up for our parish retreat in just a few weeks. The retreat theme this year is "Encounter the Mercy of God." With quiet surrounding, spacious groups, provocative talks, you'll return refreshed, perhaps with a whole new outlook. For more information or reservations, contact Ben Klassen at 586-977-8080, ext. 108 or [bklassen.sjfparish@gmail.com](mailto:bklassen.sjfparish@gmail.com) to make a reservation or call the retreat center at 313-535-9563. You can register online at [www.stpaulretreat.org](http://www.stpaulretreat.org) also.



**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**



**WHO:** If you are a parent, you are invited! If your kids are in the womb, or you are 72 (or older) , or anything in between...consider yourself invited!

**WHEN:** Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm

**WHERE:** 5-Star Lanes

**WHAT:** 2 games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and pop. The cost is \$11 per person.

**HOW:** Register by Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> via the parish website or in the parish office so we can get our count in.

**QUESTIONS:** Contact Tara at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.

**St. Vincent De Paul Thanks You**

Through the generosity of our faith community, we were able to fill 46 baskets with a Christmas meal! On Tuesday, December 22, 2015, in addition to the Giving Tree presents, the recipients were able to pick up a turkey and all the fixings to provide home cooked meals for their families. This is a living example of "Corporal Works of Mercy" - Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty. Let us continue to provide Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy throughout the New Year. God Bless you and your families and may you have a Happy and Blessed New Year.

**Come, Encounter Christ!**



Join others from the Archdiocese for three consecutive evenings of preaching, music, and Eucharistic Adoration.

For more information, check out [www.aod.org/being-catholic/evangelization/unleash-the-gospel/come-encounter-christ/](http://www.aod.org/being-catholic/evangelization/unleash-the-gospel/come-encounter-christ/)

Upcoming dates meet from 7:00pm-8:30pm at:

- January 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of La Sallette Parish, Berkley
- January 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas A'Becket, Canton



**AWAKEN MINISTRY**

Awaken is a ministry in the Archdiocese offering opportunities to grow closer to Jesus through praise & worship, dynamic reflection, and Eucharistic Adoration. The Special Friday Night Winter Series is at Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak at 12 Mile and Woodward. The gatherings are from 7:30pm-9:00pm. The next date is January 8<sup>th</sup>. You can get more details at:

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
8:00am-2:00pm**



We are taking Blood Drive Sign-ups starting the weekend of January 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> and again the weekend of January 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>.

**TO REGISTER ONLINE:**

- Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)
- Go to box down on left and middle of screen that says "Make a Donation" and click "Enter a Sponsor Code" which is stjane.
- Click "click here" to schedule an appointment to donate.
- First time users must then click the blue "create a profile" link to the right of the screen before logging into schedule a time. Complete all fields marked with an asterisk.



St Jane Frances

Christmas Giving Tree 2015

*“They saw the child with Mary His Mother...paid Him homage...and offered Him gifts.”*

The St. Jane Frances community's support of the Christmas Giving Tree this year most certainly paid homage to Christ through their generosity in gift-giving! With your help we were able to provide...

§ Over 260 gifts of clothing and toys to 65 children in need within our parish boundaries.

§ Over 200 hats, gloves and packages of socks to St Aloysius Neighborhood Services, assisting the homeless and elderly in Detroit

§ 30 gift cards to Mary's Children Family Center serving persons overcoming brain injuries.

§ 100 sweatshirts to St. Leo's for distribution to the homeless in Detroit.

§ 100 Meijer gift cards to St. Vincent De-Paul Archdiocesan Justice Initiative assisting recently paroled inmates and their families.

§ Nearly \$4,000 in cash donations to St. JaneFrances' St Vincent de Paul Society to support families in need within our parish boundaries in the coming year.

These organizations and our Giving Tree Volunteer Team thank all of you for your witness of faith in being the “light of Christ” to the “least among us” this Christmas and throughout the year!

**SAMMY UPDATE**

People have been asking how Sammy is doing; that is so thoughtful! He is still growing a ton and talking so much. I love seeing how his little mind comprehends and understands things. It's also been fun to see this Christmas season through his eyes. From decorations, songs, movies, and ornaments, he is loving all of it! I've included a picture of him so you can see how big he has gotten! Thank you again for all of your kindness and care of him and my whole family. You all rock! May you have a blessed Epiphany!  
~Tara



EVANGELIZATION

**COMING BACK**

Why return to the Catholic Church? Because it offers so much — a fuller relationship with Jesus and His Spirit, a place for celebration, a place of challenge toward growth, and a place to share our religious experiences.

Also, we are different and the Church that we left is different. We've grown, our needs have changed, our insights shifted. So, too, with the Catholic Church. The church is now more scriptural, more involved with serving the world, more attuned to today's problems, more on fire to share the faith of Jesus. Why not get re-acquainted?

**A SIMPLE WAY TO EVANGELIZE**

When we try to be good listeners, people often open up to us. When they talk to us about some problems or some painful situation in their lives, sometimes we just know it is the right moment to share with them our faith in Jesus Christ. We can offer to pray with them, right there. We can tell them about a time in our lives when we went through something similar, and we experienced God's help in a very beautiful way. We can invite them to come with us to Church. We don't argue; we don't pressure. We simply share what we have experienced.

If we are prayerful people, God will show us when and how to evangelize, and God will give us the courage to do it.

**FAMILY FUN — MOVIE NIGHT**  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> AFTER THE 5:00pm MASS**  
**AT ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL**  
**NO COST!**

RSVP via the Parish website ([sjparish.org](http://sjparish.org)) or in the parish office **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**.

Contact Tara with any questions call 586-977-8080, ext. 107 or at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com)

**~WORLD MARRIAGE DAY ~**

*A Day to Celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage*  
~Great gift idea for friends, family and even yourselves~

**When:** Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm  
**What & Where:** Dinner, Dancing & Inspirational Speakers at the San Marino Club in Troy  
**Cost:** \$55/couple by Jan. 30, after Jan. 30, \$65/couple  
**How:** Register online at [www.worldmarriageaday.org](http://www.worldmarriageaday.org)

**Our Cluster Partner**  
**ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**38900 Dodge Park, Sterling Heights**  
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**Administrator: Fr. Craig Giera**  
**Deacon: Edwin McLeod**

**Weekend Masses:**

Saturday — 4:30pm

Sunday — 9:00am & 11:00am

**Weekday Masses:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday — 9:00am

**Confessions**

Saturday — 12:15pm

**COMING SOON**

We will be offering a series of presentations on the Trinity, the Incarnation, and more! Check future bulletins for more details or contact Tara at tfinn\_sjf@yahoo.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.

**WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, January 5 @ 7:30pm**  
Mary Ann Barczak

**Wednesday, January 6 @ 8:00am**  
Judy Taylor

**Thursday, January 7 @ 8:00am**  
Tom Kraniak



**WITH CHRIST BESIDE ME**

If you are anxious, but love Christ, you can be assured that you will never be alone.

He lived the life of a refugee and knew what it meant to be lonely. He was imprisoned, faced pain, and peered into the darkness of an uncertain future. Because of this, He can be your companion as you face the uncertainties of life.

**Readings**

**Week of January 3, 2016**

**Sunday**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Monday**

1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday**

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8;

Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday**

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;

Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday**

1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday**

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;

Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday**

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5, and 6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;

Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10

or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30;

Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7;

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, January 4**

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

**Tuesday, January 5**

**7:30pm** Living — Vanessa Nguyen (Family)

**Wednesday, January 6**

**8:00am** Living — Valentin Vacaj (Mom)

Living — Nicoletta Vacaj (Mom)

Living — Chung Nguyen (Vanessa)

All Souls (Vanessa)

**Thursday, January 7**

**8:00am** Dec. Eugene Kwapis (Family)

Living — Nua Vacaj (Wife)

Living — Joseph Nguyen (Vanessa)

All Souls (Vanessa)

**Friday, January 8**

No Mass at St. Jane Frances

**Saturday, January 9**

**5:00pm** Dec. Lois Polkinghorne (Lisa Skoczylas)

Dec. Helen Roby (John Rainko)

Dec. Robert Fuller (Mike & Sue Emerson)

Living — Carol Bardelline (Husband)

**Sunday, January 10**

**9:00am** For the Parishioners Living — Padlin Vacaj (Mom)

**11:30am** Dec. Dorothy Rogers (Tom & Kathy Rogers)

**VICARIATE WEBSITE**

Did you know we are part of the Central Macomb Vicariate? Our vicariate has over 20 parishes in it that all offer events and happenings for all people in the vicariate...including you! Check out the vicariate website at : <http://cmvic.net/> to find out what is going on, learn what the Church teaches on different topics through articles and videos, and more! Would you like it delivered right to your inbox? Then please sign-up for their weekly email list. They send you upcoming events and other pertinent information once a month. You can sign-up for that at:

<http://cmvic.net/distribution-list>



**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — JANUARY 9TH & JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

	5:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Jerry	Fr. Jerry	Fr. Jerry
<b>Sacristan(s)</b>	Lori & Joe Nida	Dick & Nancy Volpe	Judy & Gary Bjornrud
<b>Lector 1</b>	Keith Morris	Julius D'Ambrosio	Marie Graziano
<b>Lector 2</b>	Bill Burr	George Lutfy	Felix Erfe
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Tim Wainz	Team Havern	Lucas Jeffre
	Matthew Crachiolo	Team Havern	Terasa Mezapelle
	Stephanie Crachiolo	Team Havern	Sarah Andrzejewski
<b>Ushers</b>	Team 3	Assigned	Team 1
<b>Music Leader</b>	Vanessa C.	Virginia D.	Marie K.

**Low-Gluten Hosts available**

For our parishioners who have Celiac Disease we now have procedures in place to help you celebrate the Eucharist with your parish family. For more information or to take part, please contact Maureen Blair, 586-977-8080 or by email [maureenblair.stjane@gmail.com](mailto:maureenblair.stjane@gmail.com)

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We want to thank Georgiana Fitzmaurice of Fitz & Sons Landscaping, Inc. for advertising in the St. Jane Frances de Chantal bulletin.

We ask our parishioners to please patronize the advertisers as they are the ones that help make our bulletin possible.



### REFLECTION ON THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Reflection:** Do you take your dreams seriously? Some of us try to figure out the strange things that we see in our dreams, and others just dismiss them. Imagine if the three Magi in today's Gospel chose to ignore their dream after presenting their necessary gifts to honor a king's birth. We are all given signs in our lives, but the signs aren't always as obvious as the neon signs in Las Vegas. Instead, your sign could come from a friend's advice, a situation you walk into, or something learned through prayer. God spoke to the Magi, and God speaks to us today. What made the Magi wise was that they chose to listen and trust in something deeper than common sense. You, too, have the ability to be wise for your age. The hardest part is to pay attention to both the little stuff going on around you and everything happening within. If you ask God for an answer and search diligently, then joy can come. The signs God sends your way are unique gifts created just for you!

**Action:** Go to iTunes and find the song "Rise Up in Splendor," (by Aaron Thompson). It is a great rendition of Isaiah 60. What better way to infuse scripture into your life than by song? The song repeats over and over the words "proclaiming the praises of the Lord." Some days it is easy to proclaim goodness, and sometimes it is all too easy to forget. With Christmas Day over, keep the newness of Christ's birth alive. Search diligently for the gifts that are still left for you to give.

**Journaling Questions:** \*In this New Year, how can you choose to better search for God's action in your life? \*How can you choose to proclaim the praises of the Lord this week in thoughts, words, and actions?

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### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA)

If you made a pledge, please honor it. Any amount under the goal that is not met will have to come out of the Church account.

### 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.sjfparish.org](http://www.sjfparish.org)

to sign-up for Online Giving. Contact Jody Gazo at [jgazosjfparish@gmail.com](mailto:jgazosjfparish@gmail.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 101 with any questions. Thank you!



### TOGETHER LET US PRAY...

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

Carol Bardelline  
Marge Bellus  
Maureen Blair  
William Boice  
James Brown  
Vicki Chrzanowski  
Julius D'Ambrosio  
Salvatore DeAngelo  
Anna DiDonato  
Dan Dilworth  
Kevin Dufour  
Pam Evanzia

Shirley Fasczewski  
Cindy Graham  
James Klassen  
Pat Kniola  
Alexia Kose  
Frances Kraft  
Gary Kubicki  
Ed Kuhle  
John LaRocca  
Jeffrey Leonardi  
Joann Lichocki  
Charlotte Miles

Kathleen Pawlik  
Matthew Pawlik  
Anita Pitlock  
Frank Polizzi  
Amy Zachwieja Raggio  
Marlene Rokicki  
Olivia Rokicki  
Richard Skowron  
Daniel Van Acker  
Mel Werner  
Don G. Wisniewski

Please

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

Richard Brown  
Christopher Burley  
Eric Dillard  
Lisa Drake  
Joshua Hebert  
Greg Hjelle

Zack Hoover  
Louis B. Kasper, III  
Paul Koss  
Curtis McCoy  
Matthew McDowell  
Donovan John Miller

Eric Olson  
Heather Ann Reo  
Scot Skoczylas  
Sean Slattery  
Allison Steward  
Carl Winowiecki

### STEWARDSHIP

### HEAVENLY DELIGHTS



After the 9:00am Mass next Sunday (January 10<sup>th</sup>) you are invited to Heavenly Delights in the Fr. Page Activity Center. Our Hospitality Team will be serving bagels, donuts, coffee, tea, and juice. There is no cost, but a free will offering is accepted. See you there! Contact Tara with any questions at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.



### CALLING ALL NEEDLE CRAFTERS!



Do you like to sew, knit, crochet, quilt, etc.? Whether you are new to the craft or a seasoned veteran, please join us at any of our 6 opportunities in January to get together to socialize and work on projects (your own or ours)!

No RSVP is necessary and there is no cost. You can come to one, some, or all of our gatherings! Please join us:

Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am until 11:30am

Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> & January 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-8:25pm

Contact Tara with any questions at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.

### NEEDLE CRAFTING SUPPLIES NEEDED

We are starting a ministry for those that do needle crafts! (See article above for more details.) Many of their projects will be going to different charities and ministries! Do you have supplies around your home or can you find great deals to donate? We are in need of:

- Large plastic bins/boxes to store the material in
- Yarn
- Fleece

You can drop your donations off in the parish office. Please contact Tara with any questions at [tfinn\\_sjf@yahoo.com](mailto:tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com) or 586-977-8080, ext. 107. Thank you in advance for your help!