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This time of year seems to be one for getting engaged and for planning upcoming marriages. Primarily, this article is for newly-engaged couples who are planning to be married here at St. Jane Frances de Chantal.

When contacting our parish about planning an upcoming wedding, please ask to speak to Fr. Tony. Our front desk staff does not help select available wedding dates. That is done by the couple and I. If you have a question pertaining to marriage, please ask me.

One of the first questions I ask a couple planning to be married at our parish is if either of the couple has been married before. This is an important question, because if either of the couple has been previously married, either in the Church or civilly, that marriage must first be annulled before they can enter into a new marriage. If either of the couple has been married before, a date for the new couple *cannot* be set until the prior marriage is annulled. The annulment process can take at least two years from start to completion.

The Church also asks for a recent baptismal certificate from the couple. The reason for this is twofold. Firstly, the baptismal certificate verifies that you have been baptized in the Catholic faith. Secondly, all your sacraments are recorded at the Church of Baptism and are noted on the back of the certificate. The notations on the back record the sacraments that the person has already received, namely Confirmation, Marriage, and Sacred Orders.

I prefer to meet couples who are planning to get married at our parish as soon as possible so that they know what is expected of them in the course of marriage preparation. I have found that the sooner the preparation begins, the easier the whole process of marriage becomes. I look forward to working with those who are planning their marriage.

"The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring: this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."

(CCC 1055)

I would like to thank those couples from St. Jane Frances de Chantal who are involved in the Covenant Couples Ministry. These couples are assigned a newly-engaged couple to assist and walk with as they prepare for their marriage and wedding day. You make my ministry a lot easier.

Bon mot: "God has placed no limits to the exercise of the intellect he has given us, on this side of the grave."

—Francis Bacon

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

2021 CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

2021 Christmas Flower donations are due by **today, November 21, 2021** in order to be included in the 2021 Christmas Flower Insert.

THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

The Parish Office will close at 1:00pm on Wednesday, November 24, 2021.

It will remain closed on **Thursday, November 25, 2021** (Thanksgiving Day). There will be no 8:00am Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

The Parish Office will reopen on **Saturday, November 27, 2021** at 3:00pm.

Our parish will celebrate Mass for Thanksgiving at **7:00pm on Tuesday, November 23, 2021.** The Thanksgiving collection taken up on that Tuesday supports the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

We wish you a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

NOVEMBER 21, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am & 11:30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am

Holy Day Masses As Announced

Confession

Tuesday 5:30pm

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday

9:00am-1:00pm & 4:30pm-8:00pm

Tuesday

2:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday

3:00pm-5:00pm

Sunday

10:00am-12:30pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, November 22, 2021

1:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team

Mtg. (via Zoom)

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

5:30pm Confession

6:00pm Rosary

7:00pm Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

8:00am Mass

9:30am Needlecrafters

Thursday, November 25, 2021

Parish Office closed. No Mass.

Friday, November 26, 2021

Parish Office closed.

Saturday, November 27, 2021

4:00pm Mass

4:45pm Divine Mercy Prayers

Sunday, November 28, 2021

9:00am Mass 10:00am RCIA

11:30am Mass



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As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving this week, I am aware of all that there is to be thankful for, including my celebrating four years of ministry with this wonderful

community of faith! Thank you to the parishioners of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, the wonderful staff, and Fr. Tony (congratulations on 35 years of ministry!).

While we continue to move through the "new normal" of this year, our parish family has navigated a changing landscape with the joy of the Gospel and great hope. It is a blessing to worship God with all of you.

Please join us on Tuesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm for a Thanksgiving Mass. Below is a prayer of gratitude you can pray as you gather to enjoy your Thanksgiving meal (adapted from the USCCB):

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes.

We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day.

We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE SEASON OF ADVENT IS NEARLY UPON US!

Advent begins with the Vigil Mass on Saturday, November 27th. Our parish offers several ways to prepare for and engage in this season:

Advent candle sets for home use are available in the Parish Office for a suggested donation of \$5/set.

"Little Blue Books" Advent edition are available in the Gathering Space to aid you in your Advent preparations. These little books offer a great way to prepare your heart for the Lord. Suggested donation is \$1/book.

Alternate Advent reflection book options are also available! Two new resources for daily Advent reflection can be found in the Gathering Space: Waiting in Wondrous Expectation by Sr. Janet Schaeffler, OP and Awaken to New Light by S. James Meyer. Both booklets provide a reflection for the day, a suggestion for an action or activity to practice your faith, and an Advent prayer for each day. There is a suggested donation of \$1 for each booklet.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass is at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 7th. There is also Mass at 8:00am on Wednesday, December 8th.

Advent Reconciliation service at our parish is at 6:00pm on Monday, December 13th in the main worship space.

Eucharistic Adoration is **from 1:00pm—6:30pm on Tuesday, December 14**th in the chapel. It will conclude with recitation of the Divine Praises at 6:30pm.

2021 GIVING TREE

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

(Mt 25:40)

We invite you to join our annual Advent Giving Tree project and share your blessings with those less fortunate, especially during these challenging times.

As many things are now, the Giving Tree will continue to be organized in a way to ensure the health and safety of all those involved.

We will not be able to collect toys, clothing, or other items. We ask that donations be made in the form of gift cards or cash. We will distribute donations to the organizations we support. The organizations will then obtain the items they need to provide a Christmas celebration for those they serve.

Gift cards are needed in **\$10**, **\$20**, and **\$30** amounts. You are welcome to donate as many gift cards as you wish. Gift cards are requested for **Kroger**, **Meijer**, **Walmart**, and **Target**, as well as prepaid **Visa cards or MasterCards**. **Cash** donations may be made in any amount (checks payable to St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish).

Please enclose your donation in an envelope and label it "Giving Tree."

Donations can be placed in the Advent Giving Tree donation box in the Gathering Space or brought to the Parish Office during office hours. The deadline for donations is **Sunday, December 12, 2021**.

We hope you will consider participating. Your spirit of generosity will make Christmas special for so many in need.

This year, we are hoping to support the following organizations. They support diverse needs both within our parish and beyond:

Children of families served by St. Vincent de Paul

Mary's Children Family Center for brain injury recovery

St. Aloysius/Franciscan Ministries "neighborhood ministry" to the homeless, working poor, and seniors in Detroit

St. Vincent de Paul archdiocesan ministry to prisoners and newly-released inmates

Turning Point shelter for domestic violence victims and survivors in Macomb county

McWARM warming center, a gathering place for the homeless in Macomb county

St. Leo's Soup Kitchen, serving the homeless in Detroit

The Good Eggs Foundation, meeting the basic needs of children and their families in the Detroit area.

For more information, visit **sifparish.org/givingtree** or call 586-977-8080.



SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF NOV. 21, 2021

Sunday

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

Monday

Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest & Martyr Dn 2:31-45 Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Memorial of St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr Dn 6:12-28 Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 Lk 21:20-28

Thanksgiving Day Sir 50:22-24 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 1 Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19

Friday

Dn 7:2-14 Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81 Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

Dn 7:15-27 Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87 Lk 21:34-36

Sunday

1st Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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Registered Families: 1,365
Envelopes Returned: 189
Amount Offered: \$6,988.00
Loose Offering: \$311.00

Online Giving Contributors: 100
Online Contributions: \$3,709.00

Total Offerings: \$11,208.00

2020 Budgeted Offertory: \$11,786.00 **Actual Offertory**: \$11,208.00

Difference: -\$578.00

Thank you to those who continue to donate; your contributions help us continue operations during the pandemic. To sign up for online giving, visit sifparish.org/onlinegiving.



ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL FAITH FORMATION MEET THE CATECHIST: PAM KLASSEN

Hi! I am Pam Klassen, or Mrs. Pam, as the students call me in class. I am a volunteer catechist here at St. Jane Frances de Chantal in the faith formation program. I have taught faith formation on and off since I was in high school.

My faith life started when I was baptized at St. Bartholomew Church shortly after my dad converted to Catholicism and was also baptized at St. Bart's. I was provided a Catholic education starting in elementary school at St. Mark in Warren for 1st through 8th grade, followed by high school at St. James in Ferndale.

My first experience as a catechist was in 11th and 12th grade at St. Mark, my home parish, where I taught and worked with special needs children in their homes and substituted for other catechists when needed. I joined



St. Jerome's young adult group, where I met my husband, Jim, while on a bowling league.

As a surprise to me on Easter Sunday 1970, just before our May 1st Wedding, Jim was baptized by Fr. Bob Blondell during Mass at St. Mark. I was positively shocked and thrilled at the same time! Our marriage gave us two beautiful children: Benjamin, born in 1974, and Andrea, born in 1977. We moved to Sterling Heights in 1977 and joined St Rene Goupil Parish, where I was a 4th grade catechist before I became the coordinator for the Pre/K faith formation program for 22 years. In 1984, due to a lack of Catholic Bible school programs, I was asked to spearhead a summer VBS program that we ran for 17 years with many wonderful volunteers.

My daughter Andrea and her terrific husband Scott have blessed us with triplets who are now almost 14 years old and will be confirmed at St. Therese of Lisieux in January 2022. I was asked by one of my grandsons to be his sponsor.

After losing my dear husband in 2019, I am consistently trying to focus on "who Jesus is" in my life, and I feel so blessed to touch the spiritual lives of so many of God's children. I really want to convey the blessings of making and taking time "to talk with God" as my students and I continue to learn and grow in our faith lives together. After so many years, I realize that this is my vocation!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE						
	Tuesday Nov. 23, 2021	Wednesday Nov. 24, 2021	Thursday Nov. 25, 2021	Saturday Nov. 27, 2021	Sunday Nov. 28, 2021	
	7:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass		4:00pm Mass	9:00am Mass	11:30am Mass
Sacristan	Brian Finn	John Martin	No Mass	Mary Wolf	Brian Brennan	Brian Finn
Lector	Craig Smith	Annette Mobley	No Mass	Linda Smith	Jan Machusak	Stephanie Jones

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This Thursday marks my favorite holiday: Thanksgiving, Turkey Day, the start of the Holiday Trifecta, with Christmas and New Year's Day completing the trio.

I'm not sure why it is so beloved—unless it's because it's the one holiday where no one expects anything from anyone: no gifts and no dressing up (because you have to leave room for "comfort" after the meal). You can be who you are, and the day celebrates exactly that: giving thanks for family, abundance, and joy in all we've been given through God's great bounty and graces. We are the luckiest and most fortunate people on earth to know a God who is so good.

Thanksgiving is a day we can take a breath and retreat from all the hassles of work, from worrying about COVID-19 and its repercussions, and from the outside world. Instead, we can focus on who says grace before we dig into Mom's great dressing recipe or Aunt Sis' fried apple pies—or even the ever-present egg nog Dad loves but no one else does!

It is a comfortable holiday. We know what is going to happen within our own traditions. Usually, Mom or Grandma sets the table with that once-a-year "good" china and stemware. The color-coordinated tablecloth and napkins are unfolded in all their glory—and maybe even outdoor vegetation makes its way inside to create a festive table and atmosphere.

We even eat the same foods every year, no? Woe be to the one who tries to introduce mashed cauliflower instead of real butter-drenched potatoes, or fig and quinoa casserole in place of the calorie-laden green bean version—or, dear no, bring low-cal anything to the dessert table.

Normally I fuss over hosting a dinner for a very few people—so few that an extra leaf isn't needed for the dinner table. But still, I fuss just the same. Maybe it's the reassurance of being able to prepare a great dinner for loved ones as I always have. As we get older, we worry that we'll lose the knack for cooking or that our recipes won't turn out the way they should. I can remember one Thanksgiving Day as a teenager when my then-boyfriend insisted I go to his mom's for dinner. My own Polish mom was a fabulous cook, and I hated to miss her feast, but reluctantly, I did. It was awful: the turkey was raw, the few side dishes had no flavor, and dessert was a boxed pumpkin pie. I felt as if I'd been cheated that year—but then I also thought about the unfortunate people who would have jumped at the chance to enjoy even that meal: those who have no home, or family, or friends. This is also a day when we need to pray for them.

Now that I think back to that episode, I realize something else. Each week we get to celebrate a sumptuous meal with the Lord. It is comfortable. It is traditional. It is filling—and fulfilling. We celebrate with friends and family. Or perhaps we invite people to join us who we don't know very well. Maybe we attend alone. If we sometimes stray away from God, we get a taste of something false—a meal we can't enjoy. When we do return to God, only then can we understand what we've missed and yearned for. If you know of anyone who has left the Church, please consider inviting them back home to the table of the Lord.

This year is going to be a little different for me. I'm heading south to enjoy Thanksgiving on the same day as my dear friend's son's 40th birthday. It's definitely time for a breather: I've only taken off one weekend since June 2020. I'll be back the first part of December refreshed and replenished!

May your own Thanksgiving be blessed and joyful!



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Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force

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PRAYER LIST

Sheri Chudnicki Steve Sadecki June Sadowski Tom Sadowski Bob Youngert

Names added to the Prayer List remain for four weeks. Please call the Parish Office to request prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 22, 2021 No Mass

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

7:00pm Dec. Joseph J. & Regina Kulwicki (Joseph K. Kulwicki)

Dec. Clarence & Esther Spellman (Joseph K. Kulwicki)

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

8:00am Dec. Laurie Morris (Maribeth Farkas)

Thursday, November 25, 2021 No Mass

Friday, November 26, 2021 No Mass

Saturday, November 27, 2021

4:00pm Dec. Members of the John Kwapis Family (Family)

Dec. Kay Chmielewski (Richard Chmielewski Family)
Dec. Joel VanDenbusshe (Richard & Cynthia Kaufmann)

Sunday, November 28, 2021

9:00am Dec. Edward Novak (Family)

Dec. James Kwapis (Family) Dec. Paul Fink (Judy Taylor)

Dec. Laurie Morris (Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Reyes)

Dec. Deborah Puzzuoli (The Haydens)

Dec. Aida Simon (Family)
Dec. Talib Ashkuri (Family)

Dec. Maureen Blair (4th Anniv.) (Diane & John Martin)

11:30am For the Parishioners

Dec. Jack Campo (Caradonna Family)

Dec. Maria & Damiano Campo (Caradonna Family)
Dec. Vincent & Bridget Caradonna (Caradonna Family)

Dec. Herbert Bremerkamp (Family)





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SACRAMENTS

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM

Do you have a child you would like to have baptized? Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Available Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Please contact our Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to begin preparations.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule one-time or regular visits.

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Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Contact Laurie Hall to begin the process. Welcome home!



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