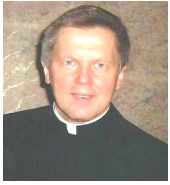


*What Child is this
who lay to rest
on Mary's lap
is sleeping?*

Lyricist: William Chatterton Dix





Fr. Jerry Slowinski
ext. 102
Pastor

One of my favorite things about Christmas is the lights. Christmas lights. My enjoyment of Christmas lights is that it serves as an antidote for what we face around this time of year. It gets dark so early here in Michigan as we draw closer to the holidays. Sunset is less than 6 minutes after 5:00pm in late December. Winter in these parts can be a gloomy and desolate time. That is why it is so enjoyable to drive down streets that are bathed in Christmas lights. The glow of Christmas lights transforms a dark night into something warm and magical. It is no coincidence that we celebrate Christmas just a few days after the winter solstice – the shortest day of the year in terms of daylight. In fact, the darker the night, the more radiant is the light which shines through the darkness.

The prophet Isaiah wrote that “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:2). When the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, St. John writes that He is the “True light coming into the world. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it” (John 1:5). In Chapter 8 of John’s Gospel Jesus tells all who will listen that “I AM the light of the world” (John 8:12). Jesus. Light. Dispelling Darkness. Making things bright. Brighter than Christmas tree lights. A light so bright it destroys the shadows and darkness of even sin, despair and death.

What we celebrate on Christmas is that into the darkness, angels appeared over Bethlehem. The Son of God shows humanity, His face from a manger. Into the darkness, God places a star to guide the magi. Into that darkness Jesus walks head on. To heal, to reconcile, to lift up the poor, the marginalized, the destitute, the overlooked and those who were reviled and loathed. Even the darkness of Good Friday could not extinguish the Light which came into the world on Christmas.

Christ enters into our own darkness as well – whatever that darkness may be. Despair. Doubt. Unbelief. Sin in you. Sin around you. A family falling apart. Death stealing your loved one. Into all of this the light of Christ shines through. The Lord offers to us what we long for the most. Peace. Light. Forgiveness. Strength. Consolation. Hope. No shadows. No darkness. Jesus is the light of the world. His birth rescues us from every type of darkness imaginable.

It is my fervent desire that you are able to experience the gifts that the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords offers you, not just at Christmas, but throughout the year. On behalf of the entire staff of St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish, we are grateful for your presence here by joining us in worship and prayer; by giving “Glory to God in the Highest.” You are always welcome in this church, this parish, this community of faith. We invite you to experience the Light of Christ, which nothing can douse or snuff out. It is that Light which brings us comfort so that we never have to fear the darkness. It is that Light of Christ that we are called to share with others.

**MERRY AND BLESSED
CHRISTMAS!**

St. Jane Frances de Chantal welcomes registered Parishioners to participate in Music Ministry. Most participants are asked to have completed their sacraments through confirmation. Children's choir participants must have completed their first communion. Opportunities for singers and instrumentalists are plentiful. The Parish Choir, Instruments In Praise, and Children's choir all need your help. Call or see Andy Langlands, 586-977-8080 ext 103.

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 15th and ending February 19th from 11:00am – 1:00pm.

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 the parish office.



St. Jane Frances de Chantal Soup Kitchen Ministry

Steve Gadzinski, Coordinator
Bob Pawlik, Co-Coordinator

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Bob: Phone - (586) 231-1575
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Website: sjfparish.org

2017 Soup Kitchen Schedule

St. Patrick's Senior Center
Feb. 25, May 20, Aug. 5, Oct. 21

St. Leo's Soup Kitchen
Apr. 22, Jun. 24, Sept. 23, Nov. 23




HEAVENLY DELIGHTS

Join us on Sunday, January 8th, after the 9:00am Mass for coffee, bagels, donuts, juice, and tea! This is a great time to build camaraderie and to form new friendships! There is no cost, but a free will offering is accepted. Hope you can join us!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus, Council #13340 invites you to breakfast on Sunday, January 15th, from 10:00am until 11:00am.





Cost: Free Will Offering

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS

Everyone is invited on the last Saturday of each month following the 5:00pm Mass in the Chapel, which is next to the Church. Our next gathering will be Saturday, December 31st.

ROSARY

 Please join us on Tuesdays at 6:00pm to pray a Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help and the Rosary. This prayer helps us use the Hail Mary to focus on the life of Jesus. Please enter at the Parish Office (Door 2) and then join us in the Church. Also, the Knights of Columbus host a rosary after the 9:00am Mass the 5th Sunday of the month. Join us Sunday, January 29th.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

The Parish Health Ministry offers complimentary blood pressure screenings on certain weekends throughout the year. The next weekend is **January 21st & 22nd**. Come see a parish nurse before or after 5:00pm Mass on Saturday. Sunday you can come from 8:30am-11:30am.

YOUNG ADULTS

To keep up with young adult happenings, join our Facebook group: **St. JAG** or email stjag2010@yahoo.com to join our email list!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Join young adults (ages 18-35) for food, fellowship, fantastic speakers, and faith!

*Sunday, January 8th from 6:30pm-8:30pm at Traffic Jam and Snug in Detroit. Fr. Patrick Gonyeau will speak about Encountering Christ Anew. Contact Chris with questions at Gawel.Christopher@aod.org

*Thursday, January 19th from 6:30pm-9:00pm at Mr. B's Food & Spirit in Rochester. Bishop Byrnes will be speaking about the new Evangelization. Contact Kim with questions at agapepav@gmail.com or (248) 906-8571.

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

Save the Date! The statewide Michigan Catholic Young Adult Conference is March 31st and April 1st at St. John Neumann in Canton! More details will be coming soon.

**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 gatherings in January to socialize and work on projects (your own or ours)! Some of our projects include blankets for those in the hospital, prayer shawls, and gloves and scarves for the homeless.


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

Wednesday, January 4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th
from 9:30am until 11:30am
or
from 6:00pm until 8:15pm

If you have any questions, please contact Tara at tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.

**RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE**

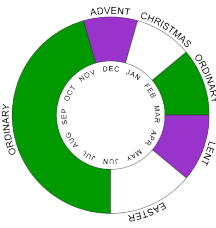
**Sunday, January 22nd
8:00am-2:00pm**



St. Jane Frances hosts the Red Cross Blood Drives at least four times a year. Our next blood drive is January 22nd. You can sign up in the Gathering Space after Mass or register online:

- Visit www.redcrossblood.org
- Click the "Donating Blood" tab.
- Click the *Start Here* button.
- Enter our Sponsor Code: *stjane* and then click "Find a Drive."
- Once you see our blood drive, click to pick your time and follow the prompts.

Thank you for helping to support those in need!



The Liturgical Year

The Liturgical Year begins each year on the first Sunday of Advent and ends on the Saturday that follows the Feast of Christ the King (the last Sunday before Advent begins). It is divided up into five different seasons. As we move through the seasons you will notice changes in the tone and celebration of the liturgies.

Advent...Every Advent, we celebrate Jesus' coming as an infant long ago, His ongoing presence with us now, and His return in glory in the future. Advent, [lasting four weeks] is also a season of repentance. We know as Christian disciples in the 21st century, during each Advent God calls us anew to figure out how to live in relation to a world that frequently wants little or nothing to do with the birth of Jesus. Ours is the mission to prepare the Lord's way.

Christmas...Christmas in the liturgical year is more than a day. (This year we have 16 days to celebrate Christmas.) In the Christmas Masses celebrating the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, we hear of Jesus born for all of us. In Him the grace of God appears. He is the Word made flesh. We are called to respond in worship, in joy, and in love for God and one another.

Lent and Holy Week...Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lenten discipleship is about returning, about making our way back to the Lord. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us on this journey. Just as Jesus' disciples were not free from sin, neither are we. We need the Lord to remind us of His everlasting mercy, of His covenant with us, of His forgiveness. The forty days of Lent give us the opportunity to accept God's forgiveness, to humble ourselves, to renew our commitment to living the commandments, to have God transfigure us.

The Sacred Triduum and Easter...Our journey of discipleship has led us here to the Sacred Triduum, the "Three Days" which celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' Life, Passion, Death, and Resurrection. These days are the center of the liturgical year and the celebration of the events of these days make them present today. The liturgy of these days in one feast, with the Easter Vigil as the climax of the entire liturgical year.

Jesus is raised from the dead. Repent. Be baptized for the forgiveness of sins. Receive the Holy Spirit. This is the message of Peter and John as we follow the story of the Church after the Resurrection of Christ. The seven weeks of Easter Time give us an opportunity to reflect on this message as we internalize what it means to be Easter disciples at this time in the Church's history.

Ordinary Time: Winter, Summer, Fall. Ordinary Time offers us an opportunity to step back and reflect on the meaning of our faith as a whole. This time period allows us to ponder the mystery of faith in its entirety every time we gather to celebrate Mass. "Follow me." "Come after me." These are Jesus' invitations to the first disciples. They are also His invitations to us. In the Seasons of Ordinary Time, the meaning of discipleship centers on our willingness to journey with Jesus. We ought to let the question of how we are to live as disciples here and now resonate with us as we discern daily how to follow Christ in the interim before He comes again in glory.

ONLINE GIVING

If you have never used the convenience of Online Giving, why not make your life simpler and give it a try. Go to the parish website at www.sjffparish.org click on the Welcome to Online Giving box and follow the instructions for setting up your donation(s). It is easy and allows you:

- A direct debit from your checking/savings account or credit/debit card.
- The convenience of recurring or one-time donations.
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Online Giving is easy, secure and eliminates always having to remember your weekly envelopes. Go online and give Online Giving a try. If you have any questions, contact Jody Gazo at 586-977-8080 or email her at gjazosjffparish@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 31st

5:00pm For the Parishioners
Dec. Jerry Ficek
(Kris)
Dec. Edward Smak
(Kris)
Dec. Susan Brady
(Mark & Lori)

Sunday, January 1st

9:00am First Sunday Memorial
Association Members
For the Parishioners
Dec. Marsha Olson
(Family)
Dec. Mr. & Mrs. William Zwada
(Sons)
11:30am Dec. Roman Salvador, Sr.
(Felix & Rosario)
Dec. Roman Salvador, Jr.
(Felix & Rosario)
Dec. Manuel L. Salvador
(Felix & Rosario)
Dec. Ivana Gasperoni
(Sarti Family)

NO MASSES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH TO
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

Readings

Week of December 25, 2016

Sunday The Nativity of the Lord

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13;
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7
Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;
Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

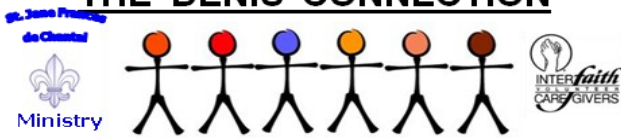
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

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We want to thank all of our advertisers 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.

THE DENIS CONNECTION



Volunteers, in partnership with Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, help keep the parishioners connected to the St. Jane Frances de Chantal Community who are homebound or on our prayer list. The Denis Connection volunteers:

- Mail cards to the parishioners on the prayer list
- Make telephone “visits” and “friendly visits”
- Visit nursing homes at the request of parishioner/family member
- Provide a helping hand for our parishioners
- Provide transportation for a parishioner to church or errands

If you are interested in volunteering or are in need of some assistance, please contact Debbie in the parish office at 586-977-8080 ext. 113. Your help can really make a difference for someone.

Coffeehouse for the Disabled

We are in need of helpers on Wednesday, February 15th, from 6:00pm-8:30pm when the Coffeehouse for the Disabled is scheduled. We need help with serving dinner, dancing the night away, and clean-up! So if you can cha-cha slide or if you can't...then we still need you! This counts for service hours! Just show up, but wear closed-toed shoes and a baseball cap in case you go into the kitchen! Ask for Jacqueline and she'll let you know what to do!



Youth Ministry at St. Jane Frances

For all High School students (Grade 9 - Grade 12) we hold weekly, Sunday evening gatherings for you and your friends. We gather for fun, fellowship, and discussions on topics that affect YOU on a daily basis. Come try it out and share what you think! We meet mostly every week from 6:00pm-8:30pm, on Sunday evenings. Bring a friend or two, park in the circle drive and enter thru door #4.

Watch future bulletins for Youth Ministry events such as:

- RAINBOW XXXV de Chantal Awards
- Timothy Awards
- Volunteering for Vacation Bible School
- Youth Leadership & Evangelization Training
- Volunteering for MCREST

Stay updated on all of our events for High School and Middle/Jr. High School through our parish website: <http://www.sjfp parish.org/youth ministry>

GRADUATION PICTURES

If you will be a high school or college graduate this year (winter or spring commencement), please turn in a picture for our parish graduation insert this spring! Please include your name (as you want it to appear in the bulletin), school, degree, and contact information. The pictures will be returned (if requested) after the bulletin insert is distributed this spring. If you would prefer to email the picture, please send it to bklassen.sjfp parish@gmail.com along with the information above.



GOT AN IDEA?

Do you have a idea that you think would benefit St. Jane Frances? We'd love to hear it! Just fill out a *Got An Idea* form. You can find them on the parish website or in the parish office.

Once you submit your idea, it will go to the proper commission or committee to see if we can utilize that idea right now. Then we would ask you to help lead in making your idea a success! Some ideas are not always possible, but we're happy to let you know why and brainstorm together what could be possible. Thanks!

Please join us as our hosts,



The Knights of Columbus, Prepare and serve a fabulous Spaghetti

Dinner Saturday, February 11th, 6:00pm

\$9 each for adults, \$5 each for children 12 and under

The proceeds from this community-building event benefit enable the Knights of Columbus to continue the good works of the Knights through the charities they support. Tickets will be available for purchase in late January.



ATTENTION ALL SENIORS

Are you 55 or older (and wiser)? Do you enjoy conversation, community, a shared meal, or playing cards? Then join our SENIORS Group!



SENIORS (55 and older) typically meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month (excluding January and February) from 10:00am until 2:00pm. All meetings include morning refreshments at 9:45am and also a lunch served at noon!

THE NEXT MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15th

Entertainment options include:

- Progressive Pinochle for \$1.25
- Bingo with Playing Cards—5 cards for \$1 and \$2 prize awarded per game.
- Card and Dice Games of your choice.



Come meet, make, and visit with friends!

Membership is \$5.00 for the year. A \$4.00 donation is collected at the door every meeting to fund refreshments and lunch.

COFFEE & CATHOLICISM— COMING SOON!

We are in the process of planning for Coffee and Catholicism this winter. This is an opportunity to gather for a relaxed presentation on different historical topics of our faith—such as purgatory, the Reformation, or the Vatican Councils. Check future bulletins for more details or contact Tara at tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.

Check the parish website for more details!

Sign up NOW for immediate text messages to be in the loop of what is going on at the parish.

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If you want to be updated on specific groups in the parish, you need to join their remind group as well. Texting instructions are below. Otherwise, email using this format:

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Middle School Faith Formation - @sjfmsff

Mom's Ministry - @sjfmoms

Parish Leadership — @sjfleaders

Young Adults - @stjag

For the most update information on all events, please visit sjfparish.org

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JOIN OUR PARISH EMAIL LIST

Did you know that St. Jane Frances parish has a new parish notification email distribution service. It's free and it is administrated from the parish offices. It is used to keep you informed of Funerals, Special Events, Time Changes, Emergency Notifications (cancelled meetings or classes due to weather), etc. It is also used to invite and remind you of upcoming events. In many cases you will be the first to know. [If you previously received email notifications, there is no need to re-sign up unless your information has changed.]

Please visit www.sjfparish.org to sign up. Click on HOME, then on drop-down menu click on Sign-up for e-blasts.

Note: If you have moved or your contact information has changed, please visit the website and complete the short form to let us know so our records can be kept up-to-date. Thank you!

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan

(formerly Catholic Social Services of Macomb, Oakland, etc.)

has established a toll free number to connect people to the services they provide:

1-855-88-CCSEM

Behavioral Health, Counseling, Senior Services, Project Hope, Adult Day Care, and so much more

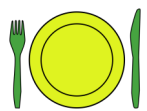
Providing Help, Giving Hope

Pass It On

LENTEN FISH FRYS

Friday, March 3th,
Friday, March 10th,
Friday, March 17th,
Friday, March 24th,
Friday, March 31st

4:00pm-7:00pm
(Dine in and Carry-Out)



We will have a 2 piece and 3 piece fish dinner available as well as items a la carte. 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 the Fish Fry, please contact Tara at: tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 107.

SAVE THE DATE

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th
9:00am
Contact Tara to sign-up
or the parish office!



SAVE THE DATES

Vacation Bible School
June 26th-30th
9:00am-12:00pm

Car Show
Friday, June 16th
4:00pm-8:00pm

NEW EVANGELIZATION

We have many efforts for evangelization in place here at St. Jane Frances. You may be asking what is the New Evangelization? Here is an excerpt from Archbishop Vigneron's Pentecost Vigil homily that explains it. "Our prayer is that God will awaken the hearts of Catholics, 1) to encounter Christ anew. To meet Him freshly again...to fall in love with Him again; 2) to give ourselves completely into His hands again. To awaken the hearts of Catholics to grow daily as disciples. To make discipleship the first and all-encompassing aim in all that we do; and 3) to awaken the hearts of Catholics to witness to the power of His mercy, at home, at work, at school, wherever we are, so that others may know how good God is and receive from God, our Father, the grace He extends to them."

**Intercessory Prayer Team**

As part of the New Evangelization, we have put together an Intercessory Prayer Team. This group prays for the needs of our parish, our Church, our country, in addition to praying for our local and personal needs. We have installed a prayer intention box by our tabernacle in the church. You can write your prayer requests on a slip and put it in the box. The prayer team will lift your intention up in prayer. You can also call the parish office to let us know of your intention. We hope to become a very visible part of the New Evangelization in revitalizing our own prayer and the effects that prayer can have!!

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation—
December 31, 2016, — Vigil Mass at 5:00pm
January 1, 2017 — 9:00am & 11:30am**

This feast, closely connected to the feast of Christmas, is the most important and oldest of the major feasts of Mary. It is based on the source of her privileges: her motherhood, Jesus Christ, God's Son "born of a woman", (Galatians 4.4) came to deliver us from sin and make us children of God. He is also Mary's Son, and she, His mother, helps bring His blessings to the world. She is "truly the Mother of God and of the Redeemer...not merely passively engaged by God, but freely cooperating in the work of our salvation through faith and obedience". (LG 53,56).

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Everyone has a vocation by virtue of their baptism. Some are called to marriage, some to the single life, and others to the religious life (priest, deacon, religious sister, or religious brother). These vocations are ways we grow closer to God and best use our gifts to serve Him. Please pray for all those discerning their vocations as well as those living out their calls!

Feast of St. Blase

We will observe the feast of St. Blase (February 3rd) the weekend before. The Blessing of Throats will take place after all Masses January 28th & 29th.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions can be made in the parish office during regular business hours. This is a way to lift someone in prayer, not just on your own, but as a whole parish community. Intentions can be for the deceased as well as in honor of someone. Birthdays, wedding anniversaries, special intentions, and anniversaries of special sacraments (Baptism, First Communions, Confirmations, etc.) can all be reasons to have a Mass intention. We have up to four intentions per Mass. Please visit the Parish Office to make your intentions.

Low-Gluten Hosts available

For our parishioners who have Celiacs Disease, we 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 at 586-977-8080, ext. 104 or by email at maureen-blair.stjane@gmail.com

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEB-SITE
AT sifparish.org**

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017

We provide you this short summary of the Lenten Season and the Triduum so you can mark your calendars and make plans accordingly. Please join us for our prayers and celebrations!

Ash Wednesday - 8:00am Mass, 12:15pm & 8:00pm Liturgies of the Word
Ashes will be distributed at each service. (No self-imposition of Ashes)

Stations of the Cross - prayed each Friday of Lent at 6:30pm

Palm Sunday Blessing and Distribution of Palms at each Mass, April 8th & 9th

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper - April 13th, 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration - April 13th, 8:00pm-11:00pm followed by Evening Prayer

Personal Reflection on the Stations of the Cross - Good Friday, Noon - 3:00pm

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion - April 14th, 7:00pm

Easter Decorating of Church - April 14th, 8:30pm

Blessing of Baskets - Saturday, April 15th; Noon

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 15th, 8:30pm

Easter Sunday Masses - April 16th, 9:00am & 11:30am

Communal Reconciliation Service - March 20th, 7:00pm @ St. Ephrem

Private Confessions

(held in Reconciliation Room in the Chapel at St. Jane Frances):
Every Tuesday, 6:00pm - 7:00 pm;
and Good Friday, Noon - 3:00pm



**Traveling Chalice
A Program of Prayer
For 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. If you would like to participate in The Traveling Chalice Program, please contact Ray at 586-979-7879.

BAPTISM PREP

Are you expecting or have you recently welcomed a new child into your family? Contact Fr. Jerry at 586-977-8080, to talk about their baptism and to sign-up.


PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed on December 26th thru December 30th. Please check the parish website for hours during the Christmas season.



ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC CHURCH
Our Cluster Partner Parish
38900 Dodge Park, Sterling Heights
 Phone: 586-264-1230 Fax: 586-264-2757
Pastor: Fr. Craig Giera Deacon: Edwin McLeod
Weekend Masses: Saturday — 4:30pm and Sunday — 9:00am, 11:00am
Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday — 9:00am

Children's Liturgy of the Word
 All children, Preschool through 2nd Grade, are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11:30am Mass on Sundays (Sept. - May). The children gather near the altar following the opening of Mass and are led to the chapel or another room, where adults lead them in the proclamation of the Word, discussion, and activities relating to the Scripture Readings for the day. The children get to experience God's Word in language they can understand and share it in creative ways. The next gathering is Sunday, January 8th, at the 11:30am Mass.



MOMS GROUP
 The MOMS Group is for moms at the parish. Check the bulletin and parish website for upcoming events! Please contact Tara at tfinn_sjf@yahoo.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 107 for more details!

Do you know someone....
who might be interested in joining the Catholic Church?
 Do you know someone who:
 • is not baptized?
 • is baptized in another religion?
 • has been baptized Catholic but never received any other sacraments or any formal religious education?
 Do you think they might like to become a full member of the Catholic Church?
 If yes, please contact Fr. Jerry at the Parish Office. He would discuss with them the process called RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This rite is designed to meet the needs of adults, or children at or about the age of 7 and older. They might just be waiting for an invitation from a friend or family member...perhaps that someone is you.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

The Spirit of Christmas

The crowds asked John, "What should we do?" John told them, "If you have two coats, give one to someone who doesn't have any. If you have food, share it with someone else." Luke 3:10-11 (CEV)
 Words are taken from Luke 3:7-11 (NLT).



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 A G T R F Q W R R O H G A X F
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baptism	give	poor	share	tree
crowds	good	produce	shirts	turned
food	hungry	prove	sins	two
fruit	live	repent	snakes	warned

Christmas present? in the thick black boxes spell the puzzle answer. One has been done for you.

- MUSIC
- GAMES
- BOOKS
- CANDY
- STEREO
- VIDEOS
- JEWELRY
- COMPUTER
- BLUE JEANS

Christmas

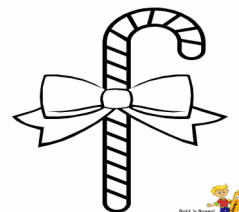
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COLOR IN THE CANDY CANES!



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	
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Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 8:30pm
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Friday: Closed

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Saturday: 2:30pm - 6:30pm
Sunday: 10:00am - 1:30pm

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."

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY CONTACTS

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Parish Nurse Ministry	
Doreen Corby	586-977-8080
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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
Visits to the Homebound for Communion/ Anointing	
Contact Parish Office:	586-977-8080



Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

It's been some time, now, since I wrote to those of you in the family of St. Jane Frances, who may remember me, and may wonder how I am doing.

I am still seeing a retinal specialist about every six weeks now, to control the Macular Degeneration in my left eye. Each time I see him, he injects my eye with a chemical that stops the bleeding in the veins affecting the central vision in my left eye. I still retain peripheral vision in my right eye. I have a full range of vision.

Thus, far, these injections and all of your prayers have been effective. I still retain sufficient vision to say my daily prayers, drive to the store for necessary groceries and maintain a relatively self-sufficient life for my sister and me. For this, I am grateful to God and to you for your continued prayers.

Other than that, with God's continued oversight and support I'm in reasonably good health at this stage of my life.

I extend to all of you my two favorite blessings from scripture:

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph. 1:2)

"The Lord bless you and keep you!

The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

Remembering you in my prayers always,

Fr. Page

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

From Fr. Jerry and the Staff at St. Jane Frances de Chantal

TOGETHER LET US PRAY...

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

Maureen Blair
Judith Brisson
James Brown
Sam Castelli
Sandy Castelli
Vicki Chranowski
Bernie Colasanti, Jr.
Anna DiDonato
Kevin Dufour
Pam Evezia
Shirley Fasczewski
James Friedmann
Charles Grade
Cindy Graham

Scott Harris
Henry Helton
Mary Ann Joly
James Klassen
Joan Knapp
Walter Kronner
Jeffrey Leonardi
George Lutfy
Addison Mathews
Charlotte Miles
Karen Mills
William Navalta
Norma O'Connor
Kathleen Pawlik

Matthew Pawlik
Helen Perliskey
Dominic Pietro
Tara Pietro
Anita Pitlock
Frank Polizzi
Amy Zachwieja Raggio
Marlene Rokicki
Olivia Rokicki
Daniel Van Acker
Mel Werner
Kevin Wilcox
Don G. Wisniewski
Toni Woodring

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:

Robert Bain
Richard Brown
Christopher Burley
Amir Ciplakovic
Eric Dillard
Lisa Drake
Joshua Hebert

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

Danielle Marie Minichello
Eric Olson
Scot Skoczylas
Sean Slattery
Allison Stewart
Anthony Trotta
Carl Winowiecki