



# St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 8, 2020



**FR. TONY SULKOWSKI**  
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Last week I learned that a teacher I had in grade school has died. Sr. John Williams O.P. was my sixth grade teacher at St. Augustine Parish School in Richmond. If we were to look back on our school days, we would all be able to think of one teacher who made an impact upon our life. Sr. John Williams O.P. was the person who, for me, made the process of learning an adventure and just plain fun.

She could tell us a story about a particular country or place in the world and draw us into the story to the point that we thought we were there. One of the gifts of teaching is to stimulate curiosity and the desire to learn. Sr. John Williams O.P. would often remind us that you can travel anywhere you wish without leaving your seat, if you only *read*. Reading has become one of my favorite pastimes.

You may recall that public service announcement from many years ago: “Reading is FUNdamental.” Reading is indeed fundamental to our life and to our vocation. In his book *Rediscover the Saints*, Matthew Kelly writes about twenty-five different saints who inspired change in the way people view life and their existence.

One particular saint in Matthew’s Kelly’s book is Saint Ralph. Saint Ralph was a Benedictine bishop in the ninth century known for his leadership and his love of learning. A love of learning is a quintessential life skill. The story of St. Ralph is not so much about him but how he inspired others to gain a curiosity for learning. Whether it is Saint Ralph or any saint of the Catholic Church, the stories written about them are there to encourage us, to inspire us, and to move us to do greater things with our lives.

May we encourage each other, and especially children, to develop a “beautiful curiosity”—a curiosity for the things around us, a curiosity for things yet to be discovered, and a curiosity for the many ways in which God reveals Himself to us. Too often I believe we live a life of should have, would have, could have but didn’t. To develop a “beautiful curiosity” allows us to see beyond the place we find ourselves at the present moment and experience life in a new light or vision.

**Bon mot: “Seize the moment of excited curiosity on any subject, to solve your doubt; for if you let it pass, the desire may never return, and you may remain in ignorance.” —William Wirt**

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

## CENUS 2020

Every ten years, a census is taken in every community in order to determine the number of individuals that live in that particular community. Those numbers will also determine the amount of monies that are allocated to that community. Information with regards to the Census will arrive in your mailbox April 1<sup>st</sup>. I would encourage you to complete the form. I would also encourage you to visit the City of Sterling Heights website to learn more about the importance of this Census.

Fr. Tony



**Pope Francis**  
@PONTIFEX



We pray, fast, and perform the works of mercy in this time of grace, so that the Lord might find our hearts ready and fill them with the victory of His love. [#Lent](#)

*Posted on February 27, 2020*

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

### NEW TO THE PARISH?

Would you like to join the St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish family? Become a Parishioner! You may register anytime during Parish Office hours. Please call 586-977-8080 if you have any questions.



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I hope you participated in our Mission 2020 last week. As we continue to grow in relationship with Jesus, here are some opportunities at St. Jane Frances de Chantal that can help:

- Eucharistic Adoration:** St. Jane’s will hold two Eucharistic Adoration afternoons during Lent: one on **Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** and one on **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, both from **1:00pm—6:30pm**. It is recommended for everyone to set aside an hour during Lent to spend in Adoration. If you are new to Eucharistic Adoration, you may wonder how you are to spend that hour with the Lord. You may bring your own prayer books, use the books provided in the chapel, read the Bible, pray the rosary, or just sit, relax, and enjoy the sweet peace that comes from being in the Presence of God. You may feel that you can't pray well. Don't let this discourage you. The mere fact that you took time out to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is in itself a prayer of great faith.

- Pivotal Players Series:** CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players showcases a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of western civilization. We begin with St. Francis of Assisi, the Reformer, who radically and literally lived as Jesus commanded to transform the Church.



Journey with Bishop Barron via DVD to explore the lasting influence of these Pivotal Players. Our parish journey **begins on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm**. Please register by calling 586-977-8080 or email me at LHall@sjfparish.org.

- Mass, Meal and a Movie:** On **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**, join us for 4:00pm Mass followed by a pizza/salad dinner and a viewing of the powerful movie about loss and forgiveness, *The Shack*. From the movie jacket: *“Based on the New York Times best-selling novel, The Shack takes us on a father’s transformative spiritual journey. After a family tragedy, Mack (Sam Worthington) spirals into a crisis of faith, and questions God’s existence and life’s purpose. Mack is unable to move on until he gets a mysterious invitation to an abandoned shack. There, God reveals Himself in the form of three strangers led by Papa (Octavia Spencer). Mack’s journey will transform audiences of all ages, in this movie that you will want to watch over and over.”*

We will include popcorn for the movie and discussion questions to deepen our understanding and provide for a fuller experience. If you can’t make it for Mass or the meal, feel free to join us for the movie at approximately 5:45 pm.

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk after Mass or in the Parish Offices. We will need a head count so we can be sure to have enough food and handouts. *All are welcome—bring a friend!*

## MASS 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

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### MONDAY, MARCH 9

- 1:30pm Intercessory Prayer Team
- 7:00pm Finance Council Meeting

### TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- 1:00pm Adoration
- 5:30pm Confessions
- 6:00pm FF Confirmation Prep.
- 6:00pm Rosary
- 6:00pm Diabetes Prevention Program
- 7:00pm Mass

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- 8:00am Mass
- 9:30am Needle Crafters
- 10:00am Stewardship Commission Mtg.
- 5:45pm Needle Crafters
- 7:00pm Choir
- 7:00pm Lectio Divina

### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- 8:00am Mass
- 10:30am Book Club
- 1:15pm Swiffers 3
- 6:15pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- 4:00pm Fish Fry
- 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- Catholic Relief Collection*
- 4:00pm Mass
- 4:45pm Mass, Meal, & a Movie  
(following 4:00pm Mass)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- Catholic Relief Collection*
- 9:00am Mass
- 9:45am RCIA
- 11:30am Mass
- 12:30pm Baptism
- 6:00pm HSYM Sun. Eve. Gathering

*For information on these and all other events, please visit sjfparish.org.*

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## WHAT'S A BASILICA?

This past weekend, Ste. Anne Parish, the oldest parish in Detroit, was designated as a minor basilica. This is a great honor, but what does it mean? According to the Second Vatican Council, a basilica is expected to “stand out as a center of active and pastoral liturgy” and “set an example for others” in

the dignified celebration of the sacraments and devotions. Basilicas are expected to be especially attentive to the active participation of the faithful in liturgical celebrations. There are four offices/duties that the basilica should aspire to:

**Liturgical education.** “In a minor basilica, the liturgical instruction of the faithful is to be promoted by establishing groups concerned with liturgical activity, by special courses of instruction [...] and by other programs of this kind.”

**Special seasons.** The whole liturgical calendar, especially the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter, is to be carried with special significance. “The word of God is to be diligently proclaimed either in homilies or in special sermons,” and “the active participation of the faithful is to be promoted both in the Eucharistic celebration and in the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours, especially at Morning and Evening Prayer,” in addition to other devotions.

**Singing the Mass.** “Since the celebration of the liturgy takes on a more noble form when it is carried out in song, care must be taken that gatherings of the Christian faithful be associated with the singing of the various parts of the Mass, especially those found in the Ordinary.” “In a basilica where the faithful from different nations or languages frequently come together, it is useful that they should know how to sing together in Latin the profession of faith and the Lord’s Prayer, using more simple melodies like those composed in Gregorian chant which is ‘proper to the Roman Liturgy.’”

**Special feasts.** “To make clear the particular bond of communion by which the minor basilica is united with the Roman cathedral of Peter, every year there must be celebrated with particular care: the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle (February 22<sup>nd</sup>); the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles (June 29<sup>th</sup>); and the anniversary of the Supreme Pontiff’s election or inauguration into the supreme ministry.”

*This article was adapted from an article first published in The Michigan Catholic newspaper in March 2015.*

## LENTEN FAMILY PRAYER CHALLENGE

Sign up for the Lenten Family Prayer Challenge where you get a daily prayer prompt to remind you to pray for your spouse, children, and/or parents. Since prayer is the life, breath, and heartbeat of a Christian home, it is one of the best ways to help your family thrive. We are encouraging everyone to say their prayer in the noon hour each day so that people all over the Archdiocese can unite their prayers for families! Sign up today at [52sundays.com/lenten-prayer-challenge](https://52sundays.com/lenten-prayer-challenge).

Questions? Visit the FAQ section of the website or email the Family Evangelization Team at [evangelization@aod.org](mailto:evangelization@aod.org).

# PILGRIMAGE TO EXPERIENCE THE HOLY LAND

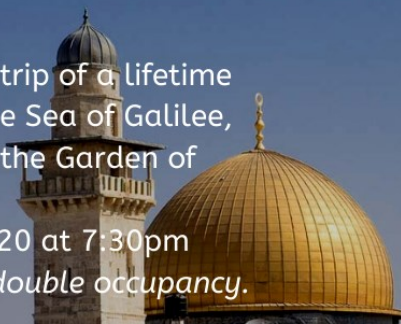
## JOIN FR. TONY SULKOWSKI

### APRIL 28–MAY 7, 2021

Join Fr. Tony as he leads you on the trip of a lifetime to the Holy Land! Visit Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, Mount Tabor, Nazareth, Bethlehem, the Garden of Gethsemane, and more!

**Info Meeting:** Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 7:30pm

**Pricing Starts at \$4,449 per person, double occupancy.**



## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise.

Learn more about the collection: [usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## WE NEED YARN!

Our Needlecrafters have been busy throughout the winter and are in need of some specific yarn to continue their projects! Please look through your closets and knitting bags, grab your coupons for craft stores, and drop off your donations in the office. We are in need of the following types of acrylic yarn:

- Soft baby yarn for baby blankets
- Bright colors, pastels and whites
- Colorful yarn for hats and scarves for the winter projects for the Giving Tree, homeless, and Detroit Rescue Mission.
- Soft yarn for Hospice blankets

We also need 100% cotton fabric for quilts! Thank you!

## LENTEN FASTING

- Fast from hurtful words; say kind words
- Fast from grudges and make peace
- Fast from selfishness; be compassionate to others
- Fast from bitterness and be filled with joy
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- Fast from anger; be filled with patience
- Fast from pessimism; be filled with hope
- Fast from worrying and trust in God
- Fast from complaining; be grateful for what you have
- Fast from peer pressure and do the right thing
- Fast from being negative and be filled with hope
- Fast from texting; instead call or talk in person
- Fast from words; be silent so you can listen to God

*Adapted from pietrafitness.com*

## DESSERTS FOR MARCH 13, 2020

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be selling desserts at the Friday Fish Frys. We need your help to make it a success! You can donate your desserts to the Parish Office on **Thursday before 8:00pm** the week of each Fish Fry! Our next Fish Fry is **March 13, 2020**. We look forward to your delicious donations!

Please be sure your treats have:

- *No Nuts or Peanut Butter*
- *Nothing that needs to be refrigerated*

# 2020 BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY & EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:30am - 11:30am

Fr. Page Activity Center & Parish Grounds

Join the fun and bring your little ones for breakfast with the Easter Bunny and an Easter Egg Hunt! (Egg hunt limited to ages 10 and under, but all are welcome for breakfast.)

Please sign up by **Monday, March 30, 2020** in the Parish Office.

*Due to limited space, this event is for registered Parishioners and their families only.*

**Want to volunteer?** Help is needed the day of the event. Sign up in the Parish Office!

**Questions?** Contact Linda at 586-977-8080 ext. 113 or [LSmith@sjfparish.org](mailto:LSmith@sjfparish.org).

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2020

**Sunday**—*Second Sunday of Lent*: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**Monday**—*Saint Frances of Rome, Religious*: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday**: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday**: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday**: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday**: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday**: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday**—*Third Sunday of Lent*: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



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### **ABOUT THE GOSPEL:**

Jesus travels up a mountain with Peter, James and John. Jesus transfigures and shines brightly. God speaks to the men and shares that Jesus is God's beloved son, and God is very proud of Jesus. Jesus reassures his friends that they should not be afraid.

*Family  
Corner*

### **IN CHURCH:**

Before Mass, challenge each family member to recognize one thing in the church, or a part of the liturgy, that has changed during Lent. If someone needs help, recommend that he or she pay attention to the Church's decorations, the priest's vestments, the Mass responses, or the music. After Mass, share what you each noticed.

### **QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

- ◆ How have you helped a new person feel welcome at church, in the neighborhood, at school or at work?
- ◆ What did Peter, James and John see on the mountaintop?
- ◆ What do the brightness of Jesus' face and the whiteness of His clothes show about Jesus?
- ◆ Have your friends ever seen a change in you and let you know? What made you 'change'?

### **FAMILY PRAYER:**

God, we know that Jesus is your beloved Son. Help us to listen to him. Amen.

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

- ◆ How do we use water every day?
- ◆ What helps you learn? How do you help others learn?
- ◆ Who do you speak up for? Why do you speak up for them?

### Remember in prayer...

all of those studying to receive Sacraments during this season: RCIA, First Communicants and Confirmation Candidates.

*"(H)e was transfigured before them;  
 his face shone like the sun  
 and his clothes became white as light.*

*Matthew 17:2*

God showed and told three of Jesus' disciples the nature of Jesus. We read a little later in this Gospel story that these disciples began to understand more about Jesus—but I wonder if they really understood that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus does many miracles, and shows all of the people gathered around many wonderful things, but I still think that they see Him as a prophet and only a prophet. A little later, we see the disciples (soon to be Apostles) understand more what Jesus is telling them, but I wonder if they really understand it all. Now, this is my opinion, especially at my reading of this Gospel right now. This could change next time I read it, and again later on. I never claim to be a Biblical Scholar, or much of anything else, besides a person who has an interest in learning.

This is the last that we will hear from this Gospel of Matthew until Palm Sunday. But it (to me, at least) is key in beginning to understand each of our own individual journeys in faith. We walk along the same "path" in our journeys, but we never really walk the same footsteps as one another. Each of our perspectives is different, some glaringly different, some only slightly different, but all different, nonetheless. Everything that we do and experience, every moment of every day, forms us into what we are. Those three disciples needed to see the Transfiguration of Jesus, that is why they were chosen, but also why they listened and came with Jesus.

This past week, we were awarded a great opportunity to hear a pair of speakers during our Parish Mission. Stories were shared, and the Holy Spirit was present each of the evenings that we gathered. Sunday's story of conversion was phenomenal, but the thing that really stuck with me came Monday evening, when the question was asked, "What does this faith [of ours] mean to you?"

I think this is KEY to how each of us live our lives. My faith life has waxed and waned over the years. I stopped going to church for a while, I have explored different traditions, but this faith, which was instilled in me from my parents, became my own, once I decided to get involved, and listen to that little voice inside (as well as a number of voices from outside) that I was fighting against. Very rarely do I hear the messages that I want to hear. Most often I hear messages that I NEED to hear. Often times, these messages come in the form of a young person asking questions, and while I try to formulate an answer in my head, I often fail and I have to rely on the Holy Spirit to give me that answer for them.

I am tested and tried daily. My mind wanders, but the Good News of Jesus' sacrifice for me helps transform me more and more into who it is that God sees. I am still a long way off, and my progression is slow, but I change each day. I would challenge anyone who reads this to take advantage of mission talks here and elsewhere. Go on retreat, join a book or Bible study, sit in prayer, and listen for God's whisper; you will get what you need!

## PRAYER LIST

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 Darnell McQueen Salvatore Randazzo  
 Patty Putrycus Chester Swierczynski

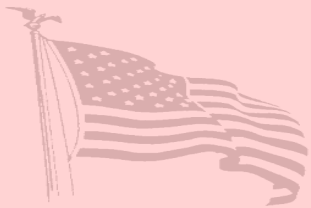
*From the Letter of James 5:13:  
 "Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise!"*

Names added to the Prayer List will remain on the list for a period of 4 weeks. If the illness or situation persists after that time and additional prayers are needed, please call the Parish Office. Thank you!

## ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army  
 Nicholas Brosowski, Army  
 Chris Burley, Navy  
 Shaun Chaplin, Air Force  
 Charles Cosnowski, Air Force  
 Winnie Darrow, Coast Guard  
 Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines  
 Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard  
 Elijah Kuefler, Navy  
 Carmen LaForest, Navy  
 Matthew McDowell, Air Force  
 Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force

Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy  
 Scot D. Skoczylas, Navy  
 Anthony Trotta, Navy  
 Kyle Wiegand, Army



## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, MARCH 9: NO MASS**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10:**

**7:00pm** Dec. Johnny Mapile (Wife & Children)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11:**

**8:00am** Dec. Diann Grobbel (Earl)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12:**

**8:00am** Liv. Paula (Mother)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13: NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14:**

**4:00pm** Dec. Ceola Trinity (Robert & Frances Kraft)

Dec. Gabriel Durante (Durante Family)

Dec. Pauline Gronowski (Gronowski Family)

Dec. Valerie Coughenour

(Mr. & Mrs. Duane Gavrilek)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15:**

**9:00am** For the Parishioners

Dec. Marlene E. Ross (Michael & Janet Sepanik)

**11:30am** Dec. Rose Medved (Family)

## 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.

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Questions? Email Jody Gazo at [jgazo@sjfparish.org](mailto:jgazo@sjfparish.org) or call 586-977-8080, ext. 112.

## WEEKDAY LECTOR SCHEDULE

	Tues. March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wed. March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs. March 12 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>7:00pm Mass</b>	<b>8:00am Mass</b>	<b>8:00am Mass</b>
<b>Lector</b>	Jan Machusak	Judy Taylor	Cindy Guzi

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

	Sat. March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sun. March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sun. March 15 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>4:00pm Mass</b>	<b>9:00am Mass</b>	<b>11:30am Mass</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
<b>Sacristan(s)</b>	Tim & Karen Pawlik	Selma & Paul Marzec	Lynn & David Burley
<b>Lector 1</b>	Chris Darner	Sarah Freidmann	Robert Skwara
<b>Lector 2</b>	Bill Burr	Denise Dara	John Czarski
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Maria McQueen	Jasmine Abuel	Nina Benno
	Madeline Kleinberg	Samantha Abuel	Adrianna Frezza
<b>Ushers</b>	Team 2	Assigned	Team 3

## INVESTIGATE THE MYSTERY OF ICONS

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
 9:00am—12:00pm

What is an icon? How is an icon written? What are the codes written within an icon? How do we pray with icons?

**Solve the mystery.**

*Presented by Diane Bucko.*

Register at the Parish Office or call 586-977-8080.

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**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 9:00am &amp; 11:00am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00am

**CONFESSIONS**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

8:30am

Saturday 12:15pm

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This Sunday, March 8th, is Daylight Savings Time. We will “spring forward” and lose an hour. Be sure to set your clocks!

Happy Lent! Now is the time to be humble before the Lord.

I just thought of an experience reminding us all of how too much pride can backfire. Throughout 47 years of performing music in area churches, you may think things usually go easily, but quite often, they don't.

I worked with Fr. John Nowlan, a proud Irishman, from 1975—1988 when he was Pastor at St. Rita's in Detroit. After he left, he'd call upon me to do music at funerals and weddings elsewhere. We were a team!

One time, probably 25 years ago, he called me for a funeral in Pontiac at an older church. We both arrived early to meet the Pastor and get the “lay of the land.” The Pastor was very gracious and showed us around, but was particularly proud of the organ and music setup. It had recently been modernized, and he was excited to point out that “this organ can play itself!” and that there was also an insert card that could mimic voices as if someone, or a choir, was singing. Father then laughed and said to me, “In fact, I'm not even sure why we need you!”

Fr. John scowled, as he wasn't a fan of all that techno-stuff, simply preferring live music and musicians. Anyway, the Pastor was eager to show us how this masterpiece worked, and he flipped the switch on the wall behind to turn it on. There was a *pop*, then nothing. His startled reply was “Well, *that* has never happened before!” Repeated attempts to restart the system failed. By then, the people were coming in. Fr. John stood stoically, arms folded, and finally asked, “Well... what happens now?” The Pastor turned to me and sheepishly said, “Uh, I guess that's where you come in.”

Fortunately, there was also an acoustic piano, and even though the whole sound system was down—microphones and all—we still had a lovely liturgy of resurrection. Fr. John passed away in 2012 but certainly he's still smiling about this adventure. What is that saying—“Pride goeth before a fall”?

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**LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS**

Lenten Fish Fry Fridays are back this year! Each Fish Fry will be hosted by a different ministry to raise funds for an activity or cause. In addition, the proceeds from our final Fish Fry will go toward the Parish's Special Project Fund.

Friday, March 13, 2020 *Youth Ministry/(S.E.G.U.E.)*Friday, March 20, 2020 *Ushers*Friday, March 27, 2020 *Christian Service, K of C, & Ushers*Friday, April 3, 2020 *Special Project Fund*

Dinner served from 4:00pm - 7:00pm.

Dine-in &amp; carry-out options available.

## CONNECT WITH US!

For information on events, ways to worship, or other Parish happenings, please call the Parish Office at **586-977-8080** or visit us online:

[sjfparish.org](http://sjfparish.org) | [@stjane francesparish](https://www.instagram.com/stjane francesparish) on Instagram | [@sjfparish](https://www.facebook.com/sjfparish) on Facebook

## EUCHRE NIGHT: PLAY BALL

Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 5:00pm until about 10:00pm  
Fr. Page Activity Center

Whether you are a pro or a beginner, join us for a fun night of Euchre! We'll be playing and having a fun evening together. The games will be played using rotating partners. Come dressed in your Detroit Tigers apparel.

Sign up in the Parish Office: **\$10.00 per player** covers the cost of snacks, dinner, dessert, beverages, and prizes. Please pay by Monday, March 23, 2020.

*No refunds for cancellations received after Monday, March 23, 2020.*

**Questions?** Contact Linda Smith at 586-977-8080 or [LSmith@sjfparish.org](mailto:LSmith@sjfparish.org).

## EVENTS OUTSIDE OF ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL (also on [sjfparish.org/Events](http://sjfparish.org/Events))

### HISTORY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE POWER OF ONE

March 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am, Academy of the Sacred Heart—Kenneth B. Morris, Jr., co-founder and president of Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives will speak on “History, Human Rights, and the Power of One” as part of the school’s Heart of the Matter speaker and film series. This event is free and open to the public, and recommended for ages 12 and up. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Visit [ahsmi.org/morris](http://ahsmi.org/morris) for full details.

### MAGIC CARPET THEATRE: DRAMA MINISTRY

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:45pm, St. Joseph, South Lyon—Magic Carpet Theatre offers dynamic performances through our Drama Ministry, which brings scripture to life in a refreshing, theatrical, and powerful way. Join us for Parable Project: Take Two.

### YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS DETROIT CHAPTER LENTEN RETREAT

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am, Corpus Christi Catholic Church—All 20—39 year old adults, single & married, may join us for an exciting Lenten retreat. Enjoy complimentary refreshments, guided reflection, discussion, confession, rosary, & Mass.

### A RELIGIOUS JEW'S JOURNEY INTO ISLAM & CHRISTIANITY

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm, Temple Beth El—Israeli author Yossi Klein Halevi shares the story of his spiritual journey and spending a year in Palestine. To RSVP, email [jritchie@tbeonline.org](mailto:jritchie@tbeonline.org).

### WIDOWED FRIENDS

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:30pm, Roger's Roost (33626 Schoenherr )—Widows & widowers are invited to lunch to celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Roger's Roost. Enjoy good food, fellowship & fun! Must RSVP to Marilyn at 248-543-1018 by March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

March 19<sup>th</sup>—22<sup>nd</sup>, Sacred Heart Major Seminary—Men (high school seniors—55 years old) may attend. Spend four days living at the Seminary to see what it's like from the inside. Pre-registration required: visit [detroitprest.com](http://detroitprest.com) to sign up.

### YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS DETROIT CHAPTER EVENING EVENT

March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm, University of Detroit Mercy—All 20—39 year old adults, single & married, may join us for an evening of networking with other young professionals, & complimentary food, followed by a very inspiring speaker, Dr. Garibaldi.



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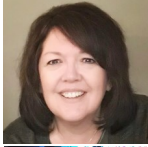
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**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

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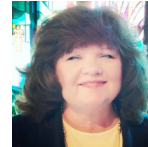
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**SACRAMENTS**

**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 start your preparations and make arrangements. Couples should stop by the office and fill out the Request for Celebration of Marriage form.  
 Fr. Tony will call the couple and answer any questions regarding marriage.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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

**MINISTRIES**

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