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In the earlier part of this year, the Archdiocese of Detroit visited St. Jane Frances de Chantal to do an audit of the physical plant—namely, the Church, the office building, the rectory, the garage, the parking lot, and the roofs. I am happy to say that we did very well. Of course, you know as well as I that we do a great deal of preventive

maintenance, and it does pay off in the long run. You may recall the sealing of the cracks in the parking lot that was done over the last two years.

I am a big advocate of preventive maintenance. If you address an issue early enough, things will cost less to maintain and will last longer. I would like to thank the Parish Council and the Leadership Committee for all the work they do for the parish. They are great stewards of parish finances and take care of the parish plant. I would also like to give special thanks to the maintenance staff for doing a stellar job in keeping the Church and the office building neat and clean. You very rarely see them, but one look at the Church, social hall, or restrooms, and you know the maintenance staff was there. Thank you for the great job that you do.

I would also like to thank the parish staff of St. Jane Frances de Chantal for the wonderful job they do for the people of the parish. They go above and beyond the call of duty when it comes to handling activities, events, and day-to-day business. They also are good stewards with regard to parish finances. It is wonderful to share the ministry of Christ with the people of St. Jane Frances de Chantal and with our staff. Many visitors have told me how welcomed they feel when they visit the office or the Church. I am blessed to be a part of such a wonderful and hardworking staff and a great parish community. It is obvious that the people of St. Jane Frances de Chantal have a great deal of love and devotion for our parish.

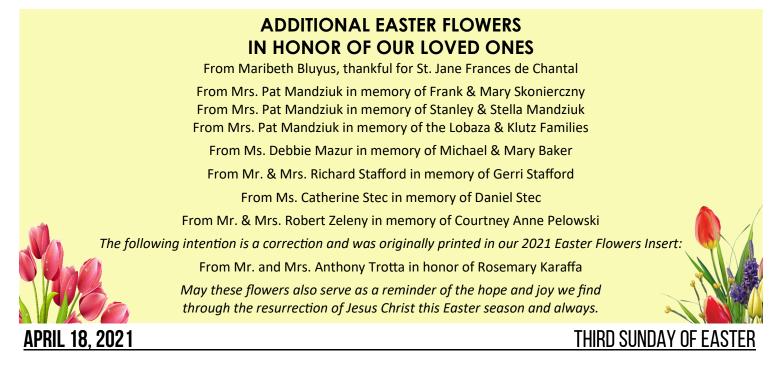
I wish to thank you all. Through your generosity, we are able to address issues when they arise and put on events and activities that foster community and fellowship. As you have heard me say so often, it is God's work we are about, and not our own. Again, I thank you for all that you do for the people of St. Jane Frances de Chantal and those who visit us. Together we will build, make known, and manifest the Kingdom of God.

Bon mot: "Gratitude is not only the memory but the homage of the heart rendered to God for his goodness."

-Nathaniel Parker Willis

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony Sulkowski



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Masses	
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday & Thu	rsday 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, April 19, 2021 9:00am Panera

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

5:30pm Confession 6:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

8:00am Mass 9:30am Needlecrafters

Thursday, April 22, 2021 8:00am Mass 9:00am Swiffers Team #2

Friday, April 23, 2021 Parish Office Closed

Saturday, April 24, 2021 4:00pm Mass 4:45pm Divine Mercy Prayers

Sunday, April 25, 2021 9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass



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This week, on April 22, 2021, we celebrate Earth Day. As Catholics, we have a particular responsibility to care for all of God's creation:

"We show our respect for the Creator by our

stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan; it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored" (USCCB).

Care for our Common Home is the seventh theme of Catholic Social Teaching. In 2015, Pope Francis wrote *Laudato si': On Care for Our Common Home* to address all people on how we are to care for the planet in order to preserve it for the common good.

"The title is taken from the first line of the encyclical, 'Laudato si', mi Signore,' or 'Praise be to you, my Lord.' In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life, and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. The encyclical is divided into six chapters which together provide a thorough analysis of human life and its three intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbor, and with the earth" (USCCB).

This Earth Day would be a good time to review the contents of *Laudato si'*, to pray for God's creation, and to take action to both reduce our individual actions that contribute to environmental concerns and to seek to understand how we can affect change in our local community. For more information on *Laudato si'*, go online to: usccb.org/offices/general-secretariat/laudato-si-care -our-common-home.

A PRAYER FOR CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

Adapted from Laudato si' by Pope Francis.

Father of all, Creator and ruler of the universe, You entrusted your world to us as a gift. Help us to care for it and all people, that we may live in right relationship with You, with ourselves, with one another, and with creation. Christ our Lord, both divine and human, You lived among us and died for our sins. Help us to imitate your love for the human family by recognizing that we are all connected to our siblings around the world, to those in poverty, impacted by environmental devastation, and to future generations. Holy Spirit, giver of wisdom and love, You breathe life in us and guide us.

Help us to live according to your vision, stirring to action the hearts of all individuals and families, communities of faith, and civil and political leaders.

Triune God, help us to hear the cry of those in poverty, and the cry of the earth, so that we may together care for our common home.

Amen.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our neophyte (someone who just entered the Church)!

This past Holy Saturday, we welcomed Andrew Stauffer, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a deeply moving experience to witness him enter into the Catholic Church through the sacraments!

As we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's celebration was different than it has been in the past. However, everyone involved made sure to practice careful social distancing and wear masks. We thank the Lord for guiding us in a wonderful celebration!

We wish to thank each of you who provided cards of welcome. They were very much appreciated and truly served to welcome and congratulate our neophyte!

We ask that you continue to pray for God to send us more seekers! We can start the RCIA process at any time. If you know of anyone interested in learning more about the process of sacramental preparation, please direct them to Laurie Hall; she can be contacted at **LHall@sjfparish.org** or by calling 586-977-8080, ext. 104.



LECTOR SCHEDULE				
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday	Sunday
Apr. 20, 2021	Apr. 21, 2021	Apr. 22, 2021	Apr. 24, 2021	Apr. 25, 2021
<i>7:00pm</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>4:00pm</i>	<i>9:00am</i>
Craig Smith	Judy Taylor	Cindy Guzi	Keith Morris	Denise Dara
				<i>11:30am</i> Sarah Friedmann

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021

Sunday

3rd Sunday of Easter Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

Monday Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 7b & 8a, 17 & 21ab Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Acts 8:1b-8

Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

Friday St. George, Martyr St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc-2 Jn 6:52-59

Saturday *St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr* Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

4th Sunday of Easter Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

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Envelopes Returned:	246
Amount Offered:	\$13,672.00
Loose Offering:	\$1,661.00
Online Giving Contributors:	113
Contributions:	\$4,427.00
Total Offerings:	\$19,760.00
2020 Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Actual Offertory:	\$19,760.00
Difference:	+\$7,974.00

OFFERTORY INFORMATION APRIL 11, 2021

Registered Families:	1,386
Envelopes Returned:	204
Amount Offered:	\$8,160.00
Loose Offering:	\$516.00
Online Giving Contributors:	101
Contributions:	\$3,777.00
Total Offerings:	\$12,453.00
2020 Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Actual Offertory:	\$12,453.00
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If you have any questions, contact Jody at JGazo@sjfparish.org or call 586-977-8080, Ext. 112.

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Janina Jacobs *Director of Music* JJacobs@sjfparish.org

Holy Week 2021 is now behind us, but its lessons remain. Every year, we hear different versions of the Gospel recounting of the Passion of Christ—but isn't it interesting how each interpretation varies

among the Gospel writers? What is important to one person isn't what piques the attention of someone else.

When you listen to a story, the recounting of an experience, or a homily in Church, much of what you hear or retain is tempered by your own life experiences—and also how much you are paying attention. Sometimes what is said grabs your focus and is processed—and then what is spoken right after is lost, simply because you are distracted by forming an instant opinion to what you just heard. But that's okay—it happens.

As a Church music director of many decades, I've been privy to hearing numerous homilies, and I do try to heed what is said. During the three weekend Masses at St. Jane Frances de Chantal, I listen to each of Fr. Tony's homilies, and I often take away different "nuggets" of what he says. This past weekend, Father's homily really hit home, as he emphasized what Jesus "could have said, but didn't" when he first appeared to the Apostles in the upper room. Pondering that first appearance after Jesus' death and Resurrection, He spoke words of comfort—"Peace be with you"—instead of assigning blame.

I thought about how I might have dwelled upon my past behavior if I had been an apostle. Upon seeing Jesus, would I have been ecstatic at seeing Him? Or would my first thought be an embarrassing one—"Oh my God, He is risen, and am I ever in trouble for doing so many wrong things when He needed me most!" As a follower of Christ, would I too have run scared as Peter did, and denied Jesus not once, but three times after telling Him I loved Him? Would I have fallen asleep or stood by and let the Roman soldiers take Him in the Garden of Gethsemane without objection? Would I have traveled the Via Dolorosa to watch the tortured Jesus continue His path of suffering? Would I have stood at the foot of the Cross and watched Jesus die, even in fear of being deemed "one of them?"

The thing is, all of this can be applied to our lives now and how we identify with being Catholic and following Jesus. I understand we live in strange times, but do we stand up for someone who is in trouble and being ridiculed or treated unfairly? Do we help those in need? Sometimes doing that is difficult, and we may be apprehensive of the repercussions. However, there are things we can do which are not threatening, and indeed are more beneficial.

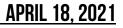
When we are tempted to chastise someone for something, we shouldn't do it we should be kind. When we are tired, not feeling well, or are in a bad mood and tempted to get short or snarly with someone, we shouldn't do it—we should be kind. If someone does something wrong, we shouldn't yell or snap at them—we should be kind. Because guess what? At some point, we'll be the ones deserving admonishment. Think of how appreciative we'll be when someone could have called us out, but didn't.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

March Knight of the Month: Bob Bielinski March Family of the Month: Sam & Sharron Randazzo

Congratulations!







Ben Klassen Youth Ministry Coordinator & Director of Faith Formation BKlassen@sjfparish.org Ext. 108

Has anyone else had a fantastic teacher? Someone who helped them see that there was more to the everyday grind than what we thought? I have had a few great mentors and teachers who

have guided me—and sometimes pulled me kicking and screaming—toward a better future for myself. Of course, there are my parents and family, but for me, one of my schoolteachers sticks out in my mind. I was used to educators glancing in the general direction of students, and only when the bell rang did they get up and engage with the student body. Sure, there was the occasional, "Hey you," in the hallway, but those seemed to be more politeness and a simple social norm than real engagement; they did, after all, have around 150-ish students come through their classes every day.

A love of reading was instilled in me at an early age, so when I find an interesting read, I am a voracious reader. We happened to be reading the book *The Outsiders*, and instead of reading the assignment, chapters one and two, I was closer to the end of the book. My teacher noticed this, and here, in my mind, is where this relationship began—sharing stories that each of us enjoyed, trading books, and having relatively intelligent discussions. Of course, being the teenager that I was, I moved right on through school and the other opportunities that came my way, but I will always remember this teacher and the lessons they imparted, not just by their words, but by their actions and genuine interest in another human being, regardless of social stature.

Jesus' Apostles were not (for the most part) learned men. Most had taken on the trades of their fathers, and were out in the world plying those skills for their families. Then Jesus came and changed their lives, redirecting them toward something completely different than they were used to. They stuck with Him and were excited to be with Him. Then He died a torturous, gruesome death, and they were afraid. They were following a great leader, and He was now gone, literally torn from their grasp about three days beforehand. Two of these disciples fled the city and were on the road early after the Sabbath. That is where we encounter our Gospel story this week: on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). Jesus, like the teacher I mentioned earlier, walks with His disciples. Granted, they do not have a clue as to whom they are with, but Jesus was not someone to just pop up, impart a simplistic lesson, and go away quickly. Yes, there are occasions where, in the brevity of the readings, it appears that He does just this, but when we look at the broader scope, Jesus often sits among the people. He teaches and listens. Hours are spent with His disciplescoworkers in God's vineyard. This takes time, but it is for our benefit that He does this! He does it so well that two of His Apostles (Peter and John in Acts 3) use the example that He set for them to do the same with another social outcast: a beggar at the gates of the temple. This is where the teaching of the first reading comes from.

We are each called to pass on our lessons of faith to neophytes of our faith. Young, old, it makes no difference. We pass our knowledge forward so that a new generation can take our place and walk the "road to Emmaus" with more people. I look forward to seeing everyone out there on the road!

APRIL IS DEFEAT DIABETES MONTH

Check the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Parish Office for more information from our Health Ministry.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

With Deepest Sympathy

The community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal extends support and prayers to the family and friends of:

Mike Saban Beloved husband of the late Eleanore. Loving father of Michele, Kathy, and Linda.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard
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Kyle Wiegand, Army

PRAYER LIST

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Names added to the Prayer List remain for a period of four weeks. Please call the Parish Office to request additional prayers. Thank you!

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MASS INTENTIONS

	oril 19, 2021 No Mass
Tuesday, Ap 7:00pm	bril 20, 2021 Dec. Nancy Peterson (Judy Taylor) Dec. Harold Martin (25 th Anniv.) (John & Diane Martin)
Wednesday	, April 21, 2021
8:00am	Dec. Teresa & Agostina Gasperoni (Rosa Maiani)
Thursday, A	pril 22, 2021
8:00am	For the Parishioners
Friday, Apri	I 23, 2021 No Mass
Saturday, A	pril 24, 2021
4:00pm	Dec. Gabe Durante (Durante Family) Dec. Gerald Williams (Williams Family) Dec. Pauline Gronowski (Gronowski Family) Dec. Joseph & Maria Gronowski (Gronowski Family) Dec. Herbert Bremerkamp (Family) Dec. Robert Scally (Family)
Sunday, Ap	ril 25, 2021
9:00am	For the Parishioners Dec. Michael Tarter (Judy Taylor) Dec. Enrico Flaviani (Judy Taylor) Dec. Ronald Kaczorowski (Michael & Janet Sepanik)

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

OUR MISSION

"Nourished by God's Word & the Eucharist, we strive to be a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Would you like to join the St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish family? Become a parishioner! You may register anytime in the Parish Office or online at **sjfparish.org/joinus**. We would love to have you!

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RECONCILIATION Available Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

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