

# St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish

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### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 12, 2020



**Pastor** Ext. 102

FR. TONY SULKOWSKI On behalf of the community and staff of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, I would like to thank Debbie Mazur for her years of service to our parish. She will retire as of July 12, FrTony@sjfparish.org 2020. In her years of service as Christian Service Coordinator and Adult Formation Coordinator, she has shared her gifts and talents to keep life issues at the forefront of our mind, and to minister to the people of God.

We wish her well as she enters retirement and all her future endeavors. Thank you, Debbie, for all that you did to make St. Jane Frances de Chantal the parish that it is. All the best to you, and may God bless you.

Many people have asked about the Catholic Services Appeal. Due to COVID-19, the Appeal did not take place at the usual time. However, the Catholic Services Appeal will take place in mid-September. The process will be different this year: the Archdiocese of Detroit will handle the Appeal through direct mailings.

Throughout the month of August, everyone who has given to the CSA in the past will receive a letter directly from the Archdiocese of Detroit asking you to consider making a pledge to the Appeal. The Archdiocese will handle all the recording and bookkeeping for the Appeal.

You will hear more about this new process as we draw closer to the CSA kickoff. I ask that you be as generous as you possibly can be. The people of St. Jane Frances de Chantal have always been generous to the Appeal in the past. As I have mentioned in years past, we all benefit from the work of the Catholic Services Appeal, whether we are aware of it or not. You will hear more about the Appeal in the coming weeks.

During this time of COVID-19, I would like to thank everyone for their continued financial support of the parish. It enables us to continue the various ministries we offer to the people of St. Jane Frances de Chantal and the community of Sterling Heights. It also enables us to remain current on our bills. Thank you for your generosity and support. Have a great week and enjoy this summer weather.

Bon mot: "When a friend asks, there is no tomorrow." —George Herbert

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony

### 2021 MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions for 2021 are now available.

You may call the Parish Office to schedule your intention(s) and mail your monetary offering in, or stop by the Parish Office.

#### EMAIL SCAM ALERT

Please be advised that fraudulent emails are currently circulating. These emails may appear to be from Archbishop Vigneron, Fr. Tony, or another member of the clergy. These emails contain requests for money—usually, under the pretense of requesting a "quick and discreet favor."

St. Jane Frances de Chantal and the Archdiocese of Detroit will never contact you personally to request money or gift cards. If you have received an email that you doubt the legitimacy of, contact our parish directly at 586-977-8080.

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#### **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

 Tuesday
 2:00pm—8:00pm

 Saturday
 3:00pm—5:00pm

 Sunday
 10:00am—12:30pm

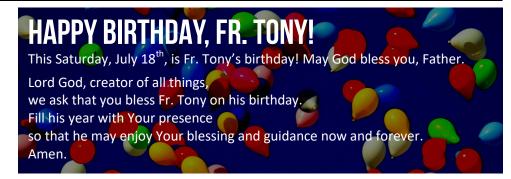
# ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

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#### **PRAYER LIST**

Ray Knapp Lucy Sieck
Susan Putrycus Hugo Turner
Magdalene Risko Daniel VanAcker
Lorraine Schaub

Names on the Prayer List will remain for four weeks. If the illness or situation persists after that time, and additional prayers are needed, please call the Parish Office. Thank you!



The following is an excerpt from an article on detroitcatholic.org. If you're interested in reading more like this, consider signing up for Parish News at **sjfparish.org**. Every Sunday, we release an email with resources & articles like this one.

# A YEAR ACCEPTABLE TO THE LORD: 48 PRIESTS CELEBRATE 2,395 COMBINED YEARS OF SERVICE

By Michael Stechschulte, courtesy of detroitcatholic.org.

Normally, the month of June is a celebration for priests celebrating milestone jubilees of their ordination in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

This year was no different.

What is different is that this year's 48 jubilarians weren't able to gather for a traditional Mass and in-person celebration—at least not yet—because of the ongoing pandemic.

In a letter written to this year's jubilarians, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron said these priests "have used the gifts with which the Lord Jesus endowed them for decades, and I am confident that God will reward them for their service."

The Archbishop said the annual celebratory Mass "is one of the more important times we gather as a presbyterate," and said he looks forward to gathering "sometime in the future, when this disturbing time is behind us."

"Our brothers are making a great sacrifice, since they cannot celebrate with a parish community and with their family and friends," the Archbishop said.

For their many decades of selfless sacrifice and counsel, for their celebration of countess sacraments on behalf of the faithful, and for their friendship to the people of God in the Archdiocese of Detroit, *Detroit Catholic* honors this year's priest jubilarians and thanks them for answering God's call.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal recognizes those priests celebrating this month, and gives special thanks to our pastor, Fr. Tony, who celebrates his birthday this Saturday. We thank all the priests in the Archdiocese, and indeed worldwide, for all that they do for the Church.

To be sent more articles like this one, sign up for Parish News at **sifparish.org**.







BEN KLASSEN Youth Ministry Coordinator & Director of Faith Formation BKlassen@sjfparish.org Ext. 108

As I read this weekend's readings, I am still in awe (even after all these years) at how spot on God's word is for each and every one of us! We live in an advanced, civilized society, yet it

seems the more advanced and civilized we become, the poorer our memories and manners become!

Jesus speaks in the Gospel of the seeds growing in shallow dirt, among thorns, and being overtaken by the elements. But the seeds growing in fertile ground grew deep roots and survived harsh conditions.

The long version of the Gospel reading speaks of why Jesus speaks in stories (parables) to the people that come to Him, who are, more often than not, the simpler people of the towns and villages. These people did not have the knowledge of Scriptures the way modern scholars did.

To paraphrase, He tells His disciples that to those with the knowledge of God's kingdom, more will be given—but to those who are without that knowledge, what they have will be taken away.

Now take the first reading this weekend, which speaks of the elements (in particular, water): the prophet Isaiah compares water (a life giving and affirming element) to the word that he speaks. These things (water and words) stay among us, watering and nourishing life within us. If we hear God's Word, and strive to understand and use it in our lives, we will overflow with the peace that it brings us.

Our job is a simple one—strive to know more than we currently do about God's Love and the gift of His Son, Jesus. Then we will realize, just as the Apostle Paul wrote to the Romans (chapter 8, verse 18),

"... the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us."

We are called to have strength in our patience so that we may be witness to the amazing Glory that God has waiting for us. I look forward to growing with everyone through these times as we await God's Promise!

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

Join us on **Wednesday evenings** from **6:00pm—8:00pm** in the circle drive here at the parish! We offer socially-distanced games and activities, as well as single-serve refreshments.

If you have questions about this event, feel free to visit **sjfparish.org/youthministry** or email Youth@sjfparish.org.

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Contributions: \$3,361.00

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# OFFERTORY INFORMATION JULY 5, 2020

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Online Giving Contributors: 115 Contributions: \$4,789.00

**Total Offerings**: \$12,947.00

**2020 Budgeted Offertory**: \$11,786.00 **Actual Offertory**: \$12,947.00 **Difference**: +\$1,161.00

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

If you have any questions, contact Jody at JGazo@sjfparish.org or 586-977-8080, ext 112.



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Faith makes us walk with Jesus on the roads of this world, in the certainty that the power of His Spirit will bend the forces of evil, subjecting them to the power of God's love.

Posted on July 6, 2020



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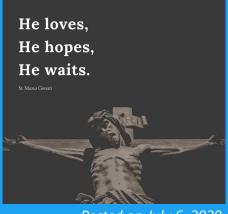


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**U.S. Catholic Bishops** @USCCB

"He loves, He hopes, He waits." St. Maria Goretti, pray for us.



Posted on July 6, 2020



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Communication has never been more important than it is right now. We're pressed to stay informed about new developments with the COVID-19 pandemic. That may keep us glued to

our television screens, our digital devices, and various news sources in order to know how to stay safe, how to keep others safe, and what is or isn't reopening.

This can be difficult. We know we need to keep informed, but too much information can simply be overwhelming. In times of stress, it can be helpful to look to God for guidance. Below is a prayer adapted from **xavier.edu** that can remind us to slow down, take a moment, and be calm.

Lord, please put Your peace in my heart.
I'm worried and anxious.
My mind races and obsesses.
I can't help thinking about my problems.
I feel like I'm sinking down in quicksand and can't get out.
Calm me, Lord.
Slow me down; put Your peace in my heart.
No matter what problem I have, Lord,

No matter what problem I have, Lord You are bigger; You are more powerful than it is. So I bring my problem to You. Please fill my heart with peace.

St. Jane Frances de Chantal is working hard to keep you informed of the latest developments at our parish. Whatever the news, be it parish-wide or Archdiocese-wide, we will make sure you are up-to-date.

The following are a variety ways to keep in touch with us:

**Our parish bulletin.** The bulletin is an important point of contact with our parishioners; with it, we have the capability to put our news in your hands, physically or digitally. The bulletin is available to pick up at all Masses and at the Parish Office. It's also viewable digitally at **sjfparish.org/bulletin**.

**Parish News** is the best source for immediate updates from our parish. With it, we deliver email announcements and updates the moment they become available. We also offer email reflections, prayers, and weekly updates. To sign up, visit **sjfparish.org**, scroll down to Quick Links, and click *Sign up for Parish News*. Parish News will deliver to any valid email address.

**Social media.** St. Jane Frances de Chantal has an active, avid social media presence. These are the best channels to engage with us in an informal way; we post Scripture, reflections, and parish opportunities that can be liked and shared with your friends! We're on Facebook and Twitter at @sjfparish, and on Instagram at @stjanefrancesparish.

**Our website, sjfparish.org**, is the capstone of all our communication channels. On our website, we have all editions of the bulletin available digitally. We also have easy links to sign up for Parish News, contact information for our staff, and links to our parish social media. Best of all, **sjfparish.org** can be accessed on any Internet-capable device!

We hope this variety of options helps you stay informed stress-free. If you have questions, I am available anytime at LJeffrey@sjfparish.org.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2020

**Sunday**, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

**Monday**, *Saint Henry*:

Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 10:34—11:1

**Tuesday**, *Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin*: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday, Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church:

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday**, Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday**, *Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest*: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, JULY 13: NO MASS** 

**TUESDAY, JULY 14** 

**7:00pm** Dec. Felix Erfe (Bob and Kay Chmielewski)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15** 

**8:00am** For the Parishioners

**THURSDAY, JULY 16** 

**8:00am** For the Parishioners

FRIDAY, JULY 17: NO MASS

**SATURDAY, JULY 18** 

**4:00pm** Fr. Tony Sulkowski

Dec. Shirley Putrycus (Putrycus Family)

Dec. Irene Mandziuk (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) (Pat Mandziuk)

Dec. Edward Roby (Appleton Family)

**SUNDAY, JULY 19** 

**9:00am** For the Parishioners

Dec. Elizabeth Jean Taylor (Debbie Mazur)

Dec. Jerry Soldatek (Sylvia Soldatek)

Dec. Joseph & Harriet Florek (Sylvia Soldatek)

Liv. Nua Vacaj (Wife Maria)

**11:30am** Dec. Jose Camitan (Family)

Dec. John & Ann Morell (Ron & Annette Mobley)

Dec. Harriet Wahoski (Rzeppa Family)
Dec. Marina Angco (Angco Family)

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#### **SACRAMENTS**

### Children's Baptism

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

#### Reconciliation

Available Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

#### Marriage

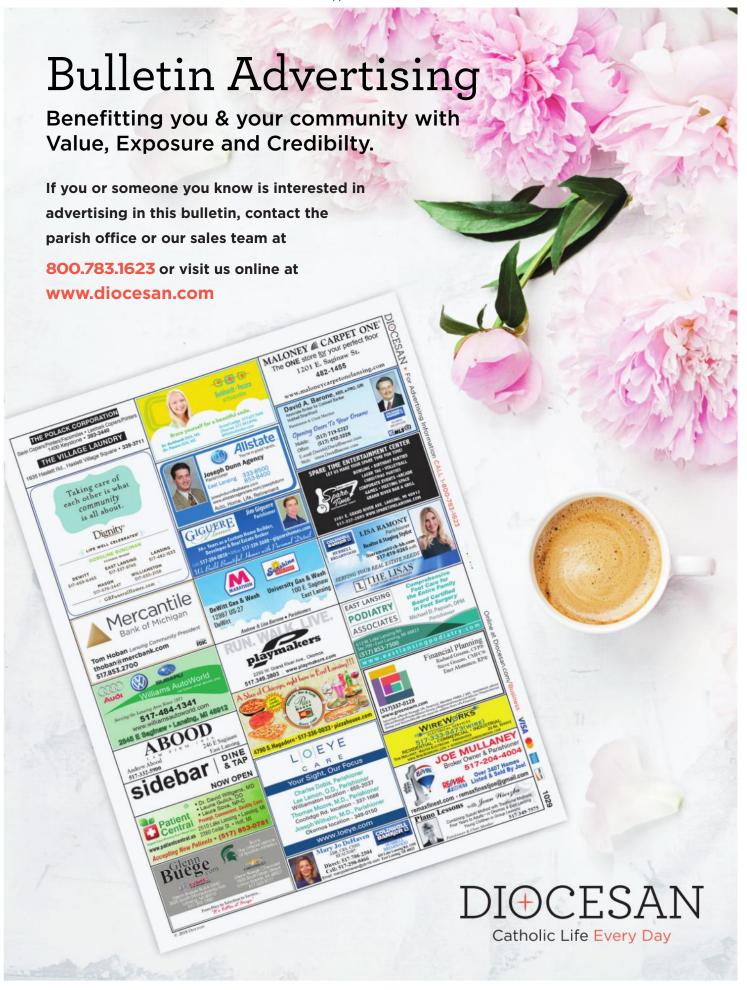
Congratulations! Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to begin preparations.

#### **Anointing of the Sick**

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

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

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





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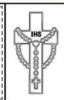


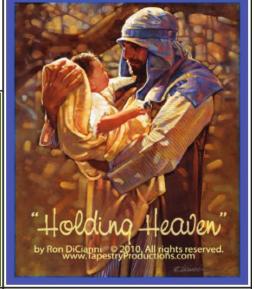
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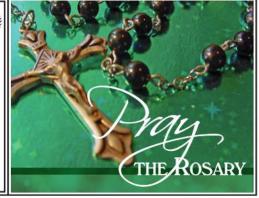
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