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I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year. I hope that your Christmas was a joyous and

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enjoyable one with family and friends. Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. Family can be defined in many ways, a mother and father and children are a family, people who are descendents from a common ancestor are referred to as family. Family can also be defined as any group of people who have one or more things in common.

Personally, as I think of the word family many examples come to mind. First and foremost there is my biological family, my brother priests are a family, there is the parish family of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, my dinner group and the list goes on. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family may we give thanks to God for our own families. But may we also remember those groups of people we interact with who are also families to us.

The New Year is upon us and we are filled with hopes and expectations. May we take the time to see God's hand working in our daily life and in the lives of the people we come in contact with throughout our journey of faith. At this time of the year, as we close out one year and begin anew, I find myself reflecting upon two aspects of my life. The first is recalling the many people and experiences that I had in the past year. The countless ways God has revealed Himself to me through so many people.

The second is, as I begin this new year, the question that often comes to my mind is: How is God going to use me to proclaim His message and more importantly, will I be open to responding to God's call?

I have said many times that God has a plan for each one of us, we don't need to understand or know what that plan is. We just have to go along for the ride because God has us in the palm of His Hand. God is good; all the time God is good.

In our prayers may we remember the men and women who are serving in the military, who protect and defend the freedoms that we enjoy. On behalf of a grateful nation, we thank all of the men and women who serve in the five branches of the military for their service to our country.

Bon mot: Many people do not have a clear idea about what is important to them.

-Anthony Robbins

Have a great New Year. Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony



All are invited to celebrate our family of parishes, the Family of the Good Shepherd, at the Family Commissioning Mass at SS. Cyril & Methodius on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at noon. Bishop Fischer will preside, joined by all the priests of the family. A reception follows. All are welcome!

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### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

<b>Weekend Masses</b> Saturday Sunday	4:00pm 9:00am & 11:30am
<b>Weekday Masses</b> Tuesday Wednesday & Thu	7:00pm rsday 8:00am
Holy Day Masses	As Announced
<b>Confession</b> Tuesday	5:30pm
<b>Rosary</b> 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, January 2, 2023 No Events-Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3, 20235:30pmConfessions6:00pmRosary7:00pmMass

Wednesday, January 4, 2022 8:00am Mass

9:30am Needlecrafters 6:00pm Needlecrafters 6:30pm Cantor Rehearsal 7:00pm Lectio Divina (Zoom) 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 5, 2022 8:00am Mass 9:00am Swiffers team #3

Friday, January 6, 2022 No Events-Office Closed

Saturday, January 7, 2022 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 8, 2022 8:00am Red Cross Blood Drive

9:00amMass11:30amMass12:15pmBaptism2:45pm7<sup>th</sup> gr. Parent Mtg-Confirmation7:00pmYouth Ministry



Laurie Hall Pastoral Associate LHall@sjfparish.org Ext. 104 The traditional day to celebrate Epiphany is January 6<sup>th</sup>. This year we celebrate on January 8<sup>th</sup>, as it falls on a Sunday. Falling twelve days after Christmas, this was regarded as enough time for the Magi to

travel to Bethlehem from foreign lands to pay homage to the newborn King. With their arrival, Jesus is now made known to the outside world. Just as the star in the East symbolized the light of Christ shining for the whole world to see, we are called to show Christ in our lives so others can realize the Good News wherever we go.

We might ask ourselves today: To whom do I pay homage? Are they worthy of my respect?

### **EPIPHANY BLESSING**

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and homes. With time, the chalk will fade. As it does, we let the meaning of the written symbols sink into the depths of our hearts and be manifest in our words and actions.

A traditional way of writing this blessing is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance: "20 + C + M + B + 23." The letters C, M, and B have two meanings. First, they are the initials of the traditional names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words Christus Mansionem Benedicat, or "May Christ bless this house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and 2023 is the year.

### To begin, first bless the chalk:

Leader: "Our help is in the name of the Lord."

All reply: "The maker of heaven and earth."

Leader: "The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in."

All reply: "From this time forth for evermore. Let us pray."

**Together:** "Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people. Grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name, we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

### To bless the home:

Using the blessed chalk, mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) with "20 + C + M + B + 23." While doing so, say:

"The Three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son, who became human two thousand and twenty-three years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen."

### Then offer the following prayer:

"Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love, and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch.

"May we grow in grace and in our knowledge and love of you. Guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen."

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### Six Week Grief Support Group will return

The St. Jane Frances de Chantal Grief Support Group will return for a six-week session on **Sunday, January 15th at 10:00am in rooms R & S** in the lower level of the parish offices. Registration is not necessary. You can contact Barb Mezzapelle at (586)350-0335 with any questions.

# MAY GOD BLESS US IN HIS DERCY



### 2022 CSA

Thank you to all those who contributed to CSA! We have reached our goal. Just a reminder if you made a pledge please honor it. Any monies received over the goal of \$91,938.00 stay in the parish.



ALL BLOOD TYPES NEEDED American Red Cross

### **Blood Drive**

### St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church

Church Hall 38750 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights

Sunday, January 8, 2023 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Register online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: stjane SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF January 1, 2023

Sunday Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5,6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Monday 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Tuesday** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

**Friday** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11

**Saturday** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 & 6a & 9b; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6 ; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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### **SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

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### OFFERTORY INFORMATION December 18, 2022

<b>Registered Families:</b>	1,365
Envelopes Returned:	175
Amount Offered:	\$6,648.00
Loose Offering:	\$696.00
Online Contributors:	113
<b>Online Contributions</b>	\$3,682.00
Total Offerings:	\$11,026.00
Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Difference:	-\$760.00

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### What Goes Up, Must Come Down. "Undecorating" the Worship Space

The Christmas Season ends with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, falling on a Monday this year, January 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking down our decorations January 10<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have an hour or two to help "undecorate," please call the office and let us know you are available.

After 11:30am Mass on January 8<sup>th</sup>, parishioners are invited to take home a poinsettia – a wonderful way to bring the beauty of the worship space home with you!



## So you are no longer a slave, but a son

Galatians 4:7



### **EUCHRE NIGHT: Happy Valentine's Day**

WHEN: Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm until about 10:00pm.
WHERE: In the Fr. Page Activity Center.
WHO: Whether you are a pro or a beginner join us for a fun night of Euchre!
WHAT: We'll be playing Euchre and having a fun evening together! The games will be played using rotating partners.
HOW: Sign-up in the Parish Office. The cost is \$15.00 per player and covers the cost of dinner, snacks, dessert, beverages and prizes. We ask that the \$15.00 please be paid by the cut-off date of Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. (No refunds for cancellations received after January 30<sup>th</sup>.)
Questions: Contact Linda Smith at Lsmith@sjfparish.org or 586-977-8080, ext. 101.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

	Tuesday Jan. 3, 2023	Wednesday Jan. 4, 2023	Thursday Jan. 5, 2023	Saturday Jan. 7, 2023	Sunday Jan. 8, 2023	
	7:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	8:00am Mass	4:00pm Mass	9:00am Mass	11:30am Mass
Sacristan	Brian Finn	John Martin	Judy Taylor	Mary Wolf	Karen Frontera	Brian Finn
Lector	Craig Smith	Annette Mobley	Cindy Guzi	Chris Darner Keith Morris	Denise Dara William Burr	Robert Skwara Barb Milczynski
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### ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army Nicholas Brosowski, Army Chris Burley, Navy Shaun Chaplin, Air Force Michael DeVito, Army Reserve Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines **Gregory Hjelle,** Army Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard Elijah Kuefler, Navy Carmen LaForest, Navy Matthew McDowell, Air Force Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy Anthony Trotta, Navy Kyle Wiegand, Army Steven Zurek, Navy

### **PRAYER LIST**

Christpher J. Darner		Dec. Gabe Durante (Durante Family)		
Mary Ann DeDonatis				
Tom Kendro	Sunday, January 8, 2023			
Christine LePoudre	9:00am	For the Parishioners		
Joseph LePoudre		Dec. Fr. Ed Ritter (Bob & Joyce Youngert)		
Karen Mosher		Liv. Paulin Vacaj (Maria Vacaj)		
		Dec. Romeo Lagonoy (Ouano-Perez Family		
Daniel Reghi				
James Rohling	11:30am	Dec. Les and Zelma Esper (Annette Majka)		
Names added to the Prayer List		Dec. Marsha Olson (Andrew Olson)		
remain for four weeks. Please call the				
Parish Office to request prayers.				

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 2, 2023

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Thursday, January 5, 2023

Friday, January 6, 2023

Saturday, January 7, 2023

For the Parishioners

Liv. Chris Volpe (Diane & John Martin)

Dec. Gilles Mayer (Novak Family)

Dec. Richard Volpe (Diane & John Martin)

No Mass

Dec. Gerald Williams (Williams Family)

Dec. Joe & Maria Gronowski (Gronowski Family)

Dec. Bernard & Ceola Trinity (Robert & Frances Kraft)

Dec. Pauline Gronowski (Gronowski Family)

Dec. Robert Kempa (Ed & Sandy Kempa)

Dec. Linda Stevens (Maguran Family)

7:00pm

8:00am

8:00am

4:00pm



### 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."



No Mass

Dec. Evelyn Bremerkamp-Birthday Remembrance (Family)

### **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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#### SACRAMENTS CHILDREN'S BAPTISM

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

RECONCILIATION

Available Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

MARRIAGE

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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

**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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