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We begin this third week of Advent with the anticipation that Christmas is soon approaching. When we began the season of Advent, we heard

**Advent Themes** 

from Luke's Gospel of Jesus telling his disciples to be watchful, stay alert.

Luke's Gospel presents us with four themes in our preparation for the feast of Christmas. Each of these themes enables us to reflect upon this season and points us to the birth of Christ. The themes that the scriptures present to us are preparation, joy, hope, and love.

Each one is a stepping stone for our celebration of Christ being born into the world. They are themes that allow us to focus on what is important in our lives. In my office, I have many mementos that I have received from people throughout my years of being a priest. In the early days of my priesthood, I received a framed piece of needlepoint. In every assignment I had, that framed needlepoint was the last thing I packed and the first thing I unpacked when I arrived at a new parish.

It serves as a point of focus for me when events or situations became overwhelming. Life can sometimes be overwhelming and we begin to feel pulled in various directions and we lose our focus. The words on the needlepoint help me to focus on what is important in my life and pulls me back to the events and situation at hand. Those three simple, yet powerful words are **family**, faith, and friends.

As we draw closer to our journey towards Bethlehem, let us prepare ourselves to receive Him who is our joy, our hope, and our love.

Bon Mot: As the print of the seal on the wax is the express image of the seal itself, so Christ is the express image – the prefect representation of God.

---- Ambrose of Milan

Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony

#### Advent Reconciliation Services

Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. An additional opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at SS. Cyril and Methodius on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – noon and from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

#### Christmas 2022

As you are aware, this year Christmas is on Sunday. Because it is on Sunday there are two separate collections: the Christmas collection as well as the weekly Sunday offertory collection. We do rely on the weekly offertory collection to make our budget. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I wish to thank you for your ongoing generosity to the parish of St. Jane Frances de Chantal.

I wish all of you an awesome Advent season, Fr. Tony

**DECEMBER 11. 2022** 

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### **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, December 12, 2022

10:00amSt. Vincent de Paul Meeting1:00pmIntercessory Prayer (Zoom)6:00pmAdvent Reconciliation

#### Tuesday, December 13, 2022

1:00pm	Adoration
5:30pm	Confessions
6:00pm	Rosary
7:00pm	Mass

#### Wednesday, December 14, 2022

8:00amMass9:30amNeedlecrafters6:00pmNeedlecrafters6:30pmCantor Rehearsal7:00pmLectio Divina (Zoom)7:00pmChoir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 15, 20228:00amMass9:00amSwiffers team #1

Friday, December 16, 2022 6:00pm Family Pizza and Sing-along

Saturday, December 17, 2022 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, December 18, 2022 9:00am Mass 10:00am Holiday Grief Support Group 11:30am Mass 12:15pm Baptism



**Laurie Hall** Pastoral Associate LHall@sjfparish.org Ext. 104 We have now entered the second half of the Advent season-Gaudete Sunday! "The Third Sunday of Advent (Like the Fourth Sunday of Lent) is a day of joy in the midst of our spiritual preparations for Christmas.

It is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin of the Entrance Antiphon for today. The antiphon captures the mood of the entire liturgy as we move into the second part of Advent: there is a sense of joyful expectation, an awareness that the fulfillment of God's great plan for us is near" (*Sourcebook for Sundays. Seasons and Weekdays, 2020*).

Tomorrow, December 12<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas. On the American continent, Marian devotion is frequently centered around the figure of our Blessed Mother as she appeared in December of 1531 to the native American Saint Juan Diego at Tepeyac Hill in the area of modern-day Mexico City. Our Blessed Mother actually appeared four times to Saint Juan Diego and once to his dying elderly uncle, Juan Bernardino. The fourth appearance to Saint Juan Diego was the most wonderful. A brief account of the apparitions will help to appreciate better God the Father's purpose in sending the Blessed Mother to the American continent at Tepeyac and the important meaning of devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The first apparition took place on December 9<sup>th</sup>, which at that time was the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception in the Spanish Empire, of which Mexico was then a part. Our Blessed Mother appeared to Saint Juan Diego, an older native American who had recently lost his dear wife. Juan Diego himself died in 1548, seventeen years after the apparitions, at the age of 74. On May 6, 1990, Blessed Pope John Paul, during his second pilgrimage as Pope to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, declared Juan Diego blessed. For the second through fifth apparitions, please see the source for this information at www.guadalupeshrine.org.

Christmas Wafers: The Christmas water commemorates a custom that is many centuries old. Oplatek (from the Latin "Oblatum" – Holy Bread) is believed by some to emanate as far back as the "manna" of Exodus 16:31 and is sometimes referred to as the Bread of Angels. Shared at the Christmas Vigil meal, the breaking of the Christmas wafer offers best wishes to family and friends. Christmas wafers are now available in the gathering space. A donation of \$1 per package of 4 wafers is appreciated.

We are still in need of some hearty Christmas decorating lovers to help prepare the worship and gathering spaces for Christmas. If you can come in during the week and work with a few other people, please contact me at the parish office or via email at <u>lhall@sjfparish.org</u>. (If you are a high school student looking for service hours – this is your opportunity!)

The *least* in the kingdom of heaven is *greater* than he

**MATTHEW 11:11** 

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### **Giving Thanks!**

A great big THANK YOU goes out to the amazing team of volunteers that did all of the shopping, prepping, cooking, serving, and cleaning for the St. Jane Frances de Chantal Thanksgiving dinner! Over 100 guests enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner and enjoyed some very much missed fellowship with each other. The Detroit Lion's game was on the big screen and what do you know? They won!









10:00AM

# ST. JANE FRANCES HOLIDAY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP SUNDAY DECEMBER 11 & 18

**REGISTRATION NOT NECESSARY** 



#### 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.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF December 11, 2022

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday** Zep 3:1-2,9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday** Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

**Saturday** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



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## OFFERTORY INFORMATION December 4, 2022

<b>Registered Families:</b>	1,365
Envelopes Returned:	216
Amount Offered:	\$8,885.00
Loose Offering:	\$1,025.00
<b>Online Contributors:</b>	111
Online Contributions	\$3,722.00
Total Offerings:	\$13,632.00
<b>Budgeted Offertory:</b>	\$11,786.00
Difference:	\$1,846.00



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# FAMILY PIZZA AND SING-ALONG



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED RSVP BY CALLING THE PARISH OFFICE BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

LATE REGISTRATION IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT WWW.SJFPARISH.ORG



# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH RECITATION OF DIVINE PRAISES

Come spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Please join us in the chapel **on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**, **anytime from 1:00pm until 6:30pm** for Eucharistic Adoration, ending with recitation of the Divine Praises at 6:30pm.

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n Finn	John Martin	Judy Taylor	Mary Wolf	Selma & Paul Marzec	Jeannemarie Trotta			
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# JWJCatholic.Academy THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Family Page

Today is the third Sunday in Advent. Advent is a special time in the church year. It is a time when we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. We prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus born as a baby in Bethlehem. We prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus among us here and now. We prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus in glory at the end of time. God sent Jesus, born as a baby in Bethlehem. When Jesus was born, an angel said to the shepherds, "I bring you Good News of great joy." The coming of Jesus is the coming of joy. God can work through each of us to bring joy to

others.

#### Discuss as a family:

If you were planning the biggest party ever, what would you include? What would you do?
What brings you joy?
How can you bring joy to someone this week?

**ACTIVITY:** Today we are going to make "Joy Spinners." Cut a circle out of a piece of cardstock or cardboard. Write the word "joy" on both sides and decorate it using bold colors. When finished decorating, poke 2 holes close together in the center of the circle and thread about 32 inches of yarn through one hole and then back through the second hole. Tie the loose ends together. Pull the loop so there's an equal length of yarn on each side. Hold the ends of the loops and move your arms in a circular fashion to twist the strands of yarn. When the strands are tightly twisted, quickly pull the ends against each other; the circle will spin, and the designs will have a different appearance.



**SONG:** Go Fish - Joy to the World - Great Music For Kids! (YouTube.com)

**PRAYER:** Thank you, God, that you are with us. Thank you for your faithfulness. May the candle of joy be a reminder today and throughout Advent that our joy is in you. Amen

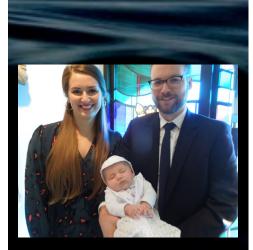
Color the first two candles (those labeled hope and peace) either blue or purple. If you use blue, color the candle labeled joy blue. If you use purple, color the candle labeled joy pink.



# Baptisms

### The community of

**St. Jane Frances de Chantal** welcomes into our parish family the following children that were baptized by Fr. Tony Sulkowski on December 4, 2022:



# Griffin Thomas Taubitz

Parents: Nicholas & Jennifer Taubitz Christian Witness: Mark Herbert Godmother: Brittany Gmerek



# **Evelyn Leigh Pooley**

Parents: Benjamin & Samantha Pooley Godfather: William Tomaselli III Christian Witness: Tatiana Pooley

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

**Robert Bain**, Army Nicholas Brosowski, Army Chris Burley, Navy Shaun Chaplin, Air Force Michael DeVito. Armv 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**

Karen Belloli Mary Ann DeDonatis Virginia Edge Tom Kendro Christine LePoudre Joseph LePoudre Leonardo Lugartos Daniel Reghi James Rohling Names added to the Prayer List remain for four weeks. Please call the Parish Office to request prayers.

### ST. JANE FRANCES



MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH 6:00PM

# 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."

# MASS INTENTIONS

ivionday, D	ecember 12, 2022	No Mass
Tuesday, De	ecember 13, 2022	
7:00pm	All Souls (Michel	le Nguyen)
	Dec. Kol Hasa (M	aria)
Wednesday	, December 14, 2022	
8:00am	Dec. Mike Scavo	(Judy Taylor)
	Dec. Cheryl Smit	h (Diane & John Martin)
Thursday, D 8:00am	December 15, 2022 I Dec. Enrico Vara	<b>mmaculate Conception</b> ni (Judy Taylor)
Friday, Deco	ember 16, 2022	No Mass
Saturday, D	ecember 17, 2022	
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### Sunday, December 18, 2022

9:00am	Dec. Lorraine Lapkewych (Greg & Valerie)
	Dec. Dennis Briston (Carolyn Briston)

**11:30am**For the ParishionersDec. Ernie & John Ward (Ward Family)

# With Deepest Sympathy

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

# Ann K. Wing

Beloved wife of Lawrence Dear sister of Peggy, Joseph, and Barbara Dear Mother of Michael, Mark, Mary, Michele, Melissa, and Kathleen Dear grandmother and great grandmother

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.

# **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.

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



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