



# ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

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## Hope Advent



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### Advent

The Church begins the season of Advent, a season of preparation for the Feast of Christmas and the New Year. Many people have begun to prepare for this wonderful season. One only has to drive through the neighborhoods and see the colorful lights and Christmas trees decorated with ornaments and tinsel.

These are all ways in which we prepare for something special. When we celebrate family events such as marriages, baptisms, graduations, birth of a child we always prepare so as to enter into these celebrations. However, we also prepare so that we aren't caught off guard as the event approaches.

The Church invites us to prepare in a spiritual way so as to enter into the season. The season of Advent is our time to spiritually prepare for the great Feast of Christmas. There are many ways that we can do this, attend daily mass, do some spiritual reading, the little blue book, fix a broken relationship, volunteer at the church or in the community. How we prepare and when we prepare is up to us. The fact is that Christmas will come whether we are prepared for its arrival or not.

As we enter into the season of Advent may we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ and may we pray for each other as we continue to build up the Body of Christ. Christmas is a time in which Christ is born into the world again.

Another resource for our spiritual growth as well, is knowing what is happening in and around the diocese is the Detroit Catholic. The Detroit Catholic, which is the official paper for the Archdiocese of Detroit replaced the print copy of the Michigan Catholic. It is an online newspaper. Many of the papers that we read are now online. If you wish to view the Detroit Catholic you can either go to the Archdiocese of Detroit website which is AOD.org, or you can go to detroitcatholic.com. I must say that the layout is colorful and wonderfully done. I hope you enjoy the current news from the local church as well as the international news from the universal church.

Have a wonderful Advent.

**Bon mot: Plunge into the deep without fear, with the gladness of April in your heart.**

—Sir Rabindranath Tagore

**Carpe Diem,**  
**Fr. Anthony Sulkowski**

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS

December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Masses on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm and Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am



WORSHIP SCHEDULE	
<b>Weekend Masses</b>	
Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	9:00am & 11:30am
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday & Thursday	8:00am
<b>Holy Day Masses</b>	As Announced
<b>Confession</b>	
Tuesday	5:30pm
<b>Rosary</b>	
Tuesday	6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS	
<b>Monday, Wednesday, &amp; Thursday</b>	
9:00am—1:00pm & 4:30pm—7:45pm	
<b>Tuesday</b>	
2:00pm—7:45pm	
<b>Saturday</b>	
3:00pm—5:00pm	
<b>Sunday</b>	
10:00am—12:30pm	

PARISH HAPPENINGS	
<b>Monday, December 4, 2023</b>	
No Events	
<b>Tuesday, December 5, 2023</b>	
5:30pm	Confessions
6:00pm	Rosary
7:00pm	Mass
<b>Wednesday, December 6, 2023</b>	
8:00am	Mass
9:30am	Needlecrafters
6:00pm	Needlecrafters
6:00pm	Coffee House
6:30pm	Cantor/Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm	Lectio Divina (Zoom)
<b>Thursday, December 7, 2023</b>	
8:00am	Mass
9:00am	Swiffers Team #2
6:00pm	Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass
<b>Friday, December 8, 2023</b>	
8:00am	Immaculate Conception Mass
<b>Saturday, December 9, 2023</b>	
10:45am	Christmas Treble Choir
4:00pm	Mass
<b>Sunday, December 10, 2023</b>	
9:00am	Mass
9:45am	Breakfast with St. Nicholas
10:00am	Holiday Grief Support Grp.
11:30am	Mass



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Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Patronal Feast Day of the U.S. and a holy day of obligation. Our Mass schedule is found on the front page.

Mary's preparation for Christ's birth can be a model for us during Advent. Can we prepare as if we had Christ within us, waiting to be born into the world? We can look to Mary as our model as it is her immaculate conception that made possible the birth of our Lord as fully human and fully divine. Like Mary, may we be instruments of grace, giving new birth to the Lord in today's world, for the Lord is with us.

**Upcoming events:**

- Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. An additional opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at SS. Cyril and Methodius on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am – noon and from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.
- Eucharistic Adoration with Recitation of Divine Praises is on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00pm – 6:30pm in the Chapel.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATORS NEEDED!**

Once again, we need your help to bring the beauty of the Christmas season to our worship space! Would you like to help decorate the Worship and Gathering spaces for Christmas? During the last two years we moved from decorating everything on one day to a more manageable process of decorating throughout the week before Christmas. If you have time during the week to decorate a tree or help with flowers or other Christmas celebration decorations, please email me at LHall@sjfparish.org or call 586-977-8080. We have something for everyone!

**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY NEED**

We are in need of two or more people who are willing to launder the altar linens. This ministry is perfect for anyone who has the time to launder the purificators and towels twice a month for two separate months during the year. Instructions are provided and the time frame during the week is flexible. Essentially, linens are picked up after 11:30am Mass or on a Monday and returned by Thursday of the week. Launderers are scheduled for a whole month at a time, no more than two months per year. Purificators must be ironed after laundering, which provides a great time to reflect on the Eucharist and pray while you iron the simple squares of fabric. If this ministry is for you, please contact Laurie at the parish offices or via email at LHall@sjfparish.org. Thank you in advance!



# JWJ Catholic Academy

## 1st Sunday of Advent

### Family Page



#### GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

#### REFLECTION

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent means "to come." Do you know what's coming? Of course, Christmas is coming. This is an exciting time, but it may also be a difficult time of waiting. We are waiting for the day when we can open the gifts that are under the tree. What can we do to make this time of waiting for Christmas more than just a useless time in the waiting place? Well, we can think about the true meaning of Christmas. We can think about Jesus and his love. We can think about giving instead of receiving. We can enjoy all of beautiful music and the decorations of the season. When we do those things, we will find joy in the waiting place.

adapted from <https://sermons4kids.com/sermons/the-waiting-place>

#### ACTIVITY

Read the Dr. Seuss book "Oh the Places You'll Go!"

Discuss these questions:

- Who has helped you get to where you are now in your life?
- Has there ever been a time when you felt alone?
- What or who helps you to get through your problems?-

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for the hope of Christ's return  
Thank you that your Word will never pass away  
Help us to trust in you  
Even when things are hard and uncertain  
Thank you for your love  
We love you, God!  
In Jesus name, Amen!*

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**OFFERTORY INFORMATION  
November 19, 2023**

Registered Families:	1,365
Weekly Envelopes:	203
Amount Offered:	\$6,696.00
Loose Offering:	\$773.00
Online Contributors:	98
Online Contributions	\$3,299.00
Total Offerings:	\$10,768.00
Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Difference:	<b>-\$1,018.00</b>

**OFFERTORY INFORMATION  
November 26, 2023**

Registered Families:	1,365
Weekly Envelopes:	190
Amount Offered:	\$7,124.00
Loose Offering:	\$1,137.00
Online Contributors:	102
Online Contributions	\$3,668.00
Total Offerings:	\$11,929.00
Budgeted Offertory:	\$11,786.00
Difference:	\$143.00

**Baptism**

The community of St. Jane Frances de Chantal welcomes into our parish family the following child who was baptized by Fr. Tony Sulkowski on November 26, 2023:



**Grace Genevieve  
Crenshaw**

Parents: Benjamin &  
Kristen Totoraitis

Godmother: Rachel Edmunds

**HAPPY  
ADVENT**



**SCRIPTURE READINGS  
WEEK OF  
December 3, 2023**

**Sunday**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7;  
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9;  
Mk 13:33-37

**Monday**

Is 2: 1-5;  
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9;  
Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday**

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday**

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;  
Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday**

Is 26:1-6;  
Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday**

**Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary**

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1; 2-3ab, 3cd-4;  
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday**

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11;  
Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;  
Mk 1:1-8

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

	Tue. Dec. 5	Wed. Dec. 6	Thu. Dec. 7	Thu. Dec. 7	Fri. Dec. 8	Sat. Dec. 9	Sun. Dec. 10	Sun. Dec. 10
	7:00pm	8:00am	8:00am	6:00pm	8:00am	4:00pm	9:00am	11:30am
<b>Sacristan</b>	B. Finn	J. Martin	C. Guzi	B. Finn	R. Knapp	M. Wolf	K. Fronterra	J. Trotta
<b>Lector</b>	B. Sadecki	A. Mobley	J. Machusak	K. Pawlik E. Clase	J. Martin	C. Smith L. Smith	J. Martin J. Machusak	R. Mobley A. Mobley

## Our Advent Giving Tree...

How your “gift card” becomes a gift of hope, dignity, and love to those in need.

Gift cards are needed in \$10, \$20 and \$30 amounts, from Kroger, Meijer, Target, Prepaid Visa/MC, and Walmart.

Cash donations may be made in any amount (checks payable to St. Jane Frances) – please write “Giving Tree” on the envelope.

Deadline for donations: December 11<sup>th</sup>. Return donations to the Giving Tree box in the Gathering space, or the parish office.

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Below are highlights for 3 of the 9 agencies we are supporting this year.

### **Justice Initiative, St. Vincent de Paul 313-524-9903** **<https://svdpdetroit.org/How-We-Help/Education--Mentorships>**

Many inmates in jails and prisons have no one to visit them, and when released have virtually no resources. The Justice Initiative ministry of SVDP reaches out with hope to the incarcerated, ministering to their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. They help those who are released to effectively transition into society.

The Justice Initiative also assists families who have one or both parents incarcerated.

Services include: **Inmate visits for spiritual support**, friendship, and prayer - Mentoring and education for **life skills and employment** - **Post-release pastoral services and care visits** - Assistance with food, clothing, bus passes, tools, **housing**, and other necessities



### **Coffee House Ministry for Special Needs Adults 586-805-3006**

Coffee House Ministry is a **dinner/dance event** offered six times a year for over 200 special needs adults and caregivers from the tri-county area. It provides guests the opportunity to develop social interaction, form **friendships**, celebrate with their caregivers, and **know they are valued and supported as God’s children**.

The events are held at St. Jane Frances, and **organized and funded by donations**. **35-40 volunteers** assist with setup, cooking/serving and cleanup. The Knights of Columbus help sponsor and assist at the events.

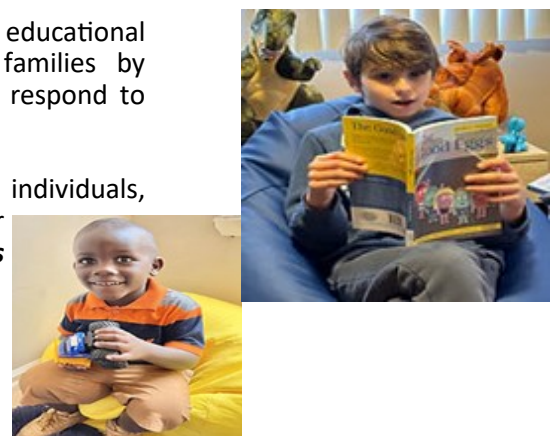
Each event provides: A safe and **welcoming environment** - a **snack, dinner meal, and dessert** - **DJ and dance** [Halloween includes trick-or-treat, and Christmas includes a gift for each guest]



### **The Good Eggs Foundation <https://www.thegoodeggs.org>**

The Good Eggs Foundation **advocates and raises funds** to support educational resources, monetary assistance and basic needs for children and families by **connecting with organizations** that benefit children in need. They also respond to **specific needs earmarked by those organizations**.

To **encourage children to read at home**, the Good Eggs partners with individuals, foundations, local businesses, and corporate donors who help sponsor “**Reading Nests**” which consist of a **bean bag chair**, a set of **The Good Eggs books**, and an **egg-shaped stress release squishy**.



## ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, *Army*  
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 Chris Burley, *Navy*  
 Shaun Chaplin, *Air Force*  
 Alexander J. Hendzell, *Marines*  
 Gregory Hjelle, *Army*  
 Louis B. Kasper III, *Coast Guard*  
 Carmen LaForest, *Navy*  
 Matthew McDowell, *Air Force*  
 Lauren Patterson, *Air Force*  
 Cassidy Kicinski Rose, *Air Force*  
 Kyle Wiegand, *Army*

## PRAYER LIST

Debbie Coomes  
 Rosetta Culbertson  
 Mary Cushing  
 Hosie King  
 Jack O'Mara  
 Pam Waleke

Names added to the Prayer List remain for four weeks. Please call the Parish Office to request prayers.

## PARISH NEWS

Parish News keeps our parishioners up-to-date with regular updates from our parish. Any parishioner with an email address can sign up for Parish News.

All news will be delivered to your email inbox.

Sign up at [sjfparish.org/news](http://sjfparish.org/news).



## MASS INTENTIONS Monday, December 4, 2023

*No Mass*

### Tuesday, December 5, 2023

7:00pm Dec. Ignacz Blahota (Judy Taylor)  
 All Souls (Friends)

### Wednesday, December 6, 2023

8:00am Dec. Mbrs. Of the Maiani & Gasperoni Families (Rosa Maiani)

### Thursday, December 7, 2023

8:00am Dec. Edward & Agatha Smak (Family)  
 All Souls (Michelle Nguyen)  
 Dec. Padraic I. Mullin (Family)

### Immaculate Conception Vigil

6:00pm For the Parishioners

### Friday, December 8, 2023 Immaculate Conception

8:00am For the Parishioners

### Saturday, December 9, 2023

4:00pm Dec. Herbert Dempz (Family)  
 Dec. Isabelle McLaughlin (Family)  
 Dec. Loretta Shaddon (Family)  
 Dec. Mbrs. Of the Bauer Family (Scally Family)

### Sunday, December 10, 2023

9:00am For the Parishioners  
 Dec. Dolores Whitehouse (Judy Taylor)  
 Dec. Dorothy Briston (Carolyn Briston)  
 Dec. Ornella Balagna (Carolyn Briston)  
 Dec. Deborah Puzzuoli (Doug & Linda Hayden)

11:30am

Dec. Salvatre Cecchini Sr. (Grandchildren)  
 Dec. John D. Ward (Family)  
 Dec. Guiseppe Stocchetti-2nd Anniv. (Casali Family)  
 Dec. Leonardo Lugartos (Juliana Lugartos)



## 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](http://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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| Carol Bardelline            | Sr. Mary Frederick              | Stanley & Dolores Lichocki     | Arnold & Shirley Putrycus        | David Touchtone                |
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