

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses Saturday Sunday	4:00pm 9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Masses Tuesday Wednesday & Thu	7:00pm 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—7:45pm Tuesday 2:00pm—7:45pm Saturday 3:00pm—5:00pm Sunday 10:00am—12:30pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, April 1, 2024 Parish Office Closed/No Events

Tuesday, April 2, 20245:30pmConfessions6:00pmRosary7:00pmMass

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

8:00am Mass 9:30am Needlecrafters 9:45am Seniors 6:00pm Coffeehouse 6:00pm Needlecrafters 6:30pm Cantor/Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Lectio Divina (Zoom)

Thursday, April 4, 2024 8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers Team #2

Friday, April 5, 2024 Parish Office Closed/No Events

Saturday, April 6, 2024 4:00pm Mass 4:45pm Divine Mercy Prayers

Sunday, April 7, 2024

9:00am Mass 9:45am Divine Mercy Prayers 10:00am Grief Support Group 11:30am Mass 1:00pm Faith Formation 7:00pm Youth Group



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Easter

On behalf of the parish staff of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, I wish you and your

family and friends a most joyous and blessed Easter. When you gather with your family and friends may you give thanks to God for all the people in your life who, in their own way, enrich and enhance your life. As I have said many times, God places people in our lives for a reason.

I also wish to welcome all those people who have come from places near and far to be with family and friends to celebrate Easter. I pray that your time with your family and friends is a memorable time. When the time comes for you to return to your own homes, may your trip be a safe one.

Easter is a joyous time, the snow is gone, new life is all around us, the flowers are in bloom and the nice weather will soon be upon us. It's also a time in which the words that Jesus spoke to his disciples have been fulfilled. The Son of Man will be put to death but will rise in three days. He has Risen as He said.

There is a story told about a priest who gave the shortest homily one Easter Sunday morning. On Easter morning, parishioners were gathering in the church, children dressed in their Sunday go to meeting clothes and the day was sunny and warm a nice Easter morning.

The priest of the parish read the Gospel for the Easter Mass. He kissed the Book of the Gospels and proceeded to descend the steps of the altar. He cleared his throat and said to the congregation: I am going to give you the shortest homily you ever heard as we celebrate the Great Feast of Easter.

He said: either you believe that Christ has Risen from the tomb, or you don't. The choice is yours. And with that said he continued with the Mass.

Indeed, Christ has risen from the tomb, he told his disciples He would. Sometimes the easiest choices are the most challenging. For forty days of Lent, we have been preparing to celebrate this day. We are like Peter and John who, after being told by the women the tomb was empty, went to the tomb, peered in and saw for themselves that indeed the tomb was empty. They saw and believed.

As we go about our work and leisure may we take the time to see the many ways in which God reveals the Risen Christ to us. Happy Easter, Wesolego Alleluja, Pasque Felice, Feliz Pascua.

Bon mot: The future belongs to the believers and not to skeptics and doubters. The future belongs to those who love, not to those who hate. -----Pope Pius XII, Address to the College of Cardinals, June 2, 1947.

Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony

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Alleluia! He is Risen!





With great joy, let us pray,

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. (Collect from the Easter Mass during the Day)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen indeed!

Lent is officially ended – have we been transformed? Remember, Lent isn't a 40 day fix. When we take time to grow closer to Jesus, our habits formed during Lent can continue to enrich our lives. During the season of Easter, spend time in prayer and reflection on all that has changed in you. Here are a couple of questions to ponder:

How have I encountered the risen Lord: through God's word, through the Eucharist, through my contact with others, through prayer? How will I bear witness to these encounters with the risen Lord to others?

We now enter the Octave of Easter which comprises the eight days that stretch from the first Sunday of Easter to the second Sunday of Easter. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday. Consider attending one or more daily Masses this week or spending additional time in prayer.



Next weekend, we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast day added to the liturgical calendar by St. John Paul II to celebrate the overwhelming mercy of Jesus Christ. Parishioners will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Chapel immediately following the 4:00pm (Saturday) & 9:00am (Sunday) Masses. All are invited to join in this powerful prayer.

Parishioners also gather to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Chapel on the last Saturday of each month, following the 4:00pm Mass. This month the prayers will be recited on Saturday, April 27th. This is a regular devotional event that is always open to anyone who wishes to join in.

The Little White Books for the Easter Season are available again this year in the Gathering Space. This year the book covers passages from the Resurrection Narrative according to Matthew with suggested reflections that are an excellent resource for daily prayer. It's important to take time each day to be mindful of God's presence in our lives and the great gift of the Risen Christ. A \$2 donation for each book would be appreciated.

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THAT'S A WRAP!

Just like that, the 2024 St. Jane Frances de Chantal Fish Fry season has come to a close. It was incredible to watch an amazing army of volunteers all come together to generate over 500 fish dinners every week. On behalf of Fr. Tony and the St. Jane Frances de Chantal staff we would like to thank all of you for making the Fish Fry dinners such an amazing event for our parish community. The term "well-oiled machine" was heard several times. The St. Jane Frances ministries are also grateful because it will help fund their efforts in serving the parish and it's surrounding communities. The "front of house" and the "back of house" staff created a weekly event with food and service that would rival the best restaurants in the city!

Do we have some amazing bakers in our parish or what!? It was a true delight to have the yummy sweet treats to offer at our St. Vincent de Paul bake sale. Thank you!

A great big thank you also goes out to our leaders, Jody Gazo, Craig Smith and Linda Smith for keeping it all running so smoothly.



WHAT A GREAT TEAM!!



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BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY AND EASTER EGG HUNT

On Sunday, March 17th, we had our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. We had over 20 children and their families participating in this year's event. The children had fun decorating a special magnetic Easter egg to take home and enjoy. They also hunted for eggs hidden all over the hall and received a treat bag from the Easter Bunny for all of their hard work.

A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus who prepared and served the delicious pancakes and sausage. In addition, a special thank you goes to Hopplty-Hop the Easter Bunny...your presence was invaluable! I would also like the volunteers who serve on the Stewardship Committee. Without all of their hard work and dedication, these events could not take place.

See you all next year! Linda

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WALKING CLUB

Want to join others for leisurely walks through a beautiful park? If so, come along and join fellow walkers every Tuesday morning at the Joseph J. Delia Jr. Park (located on the North side of 18 Mile Rd between Ryan Rd and Dequindre Rd). Starting April 23rd, please plan to meet at 9:15am with the walks beginning at 9:30am. We will be meeting in the first parking lot as you enter the park. Please bring bug spray, sunscreen, water, or anything else you will need. It is a great opportunity to meet new people while enjoying the beautiful outdoors.





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ATTENTION SENIORS MAY 2, 2024 "THURSDAYS AT THE MUSEUM"

The Detroit Institute of Arts is offering a FREE program for adults 55 and older

The DIA is once again offering groups of people from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties FREE admission and bus FREE transportation to the DIA. Also, we will receive a coupon for a free cup of regular

coffee, decaf coffee, or tea to be redeemed in Café DIA. If you are interested in joining us on May 2nd, please sign up in the parish office by April 21st. The itinerary will be as follows:

- 12:00pm— Bus pick up from St. Jane Frances parking lot (please plan on being on the bus by **11:50am**)
- 1:00pm—2:00pm Highlights tour

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- 2:00pm—3:00pm Self guided tour
- 3:00pm—Bus departs for St. Jane Frances

We ask that if you plan on attending the event there are policies concerning what can be brought into the Museum. For the protection of the art, nothing may be carried on the back in the museum. Also, no water bottles, food or drinks are permitted in the museum.

We will be taking 25 to 35 people, so sign up early!! Any questions contact Linda Smith at 586-977-8080, ext. 101 or Lsmith@sjfparish.org. (If after you have signed up you find out that you cannot attend, please contact the church office so someone else can take your place. This includes notifying the church even on the day of the event.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF March 31, 2024

Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

Monday Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

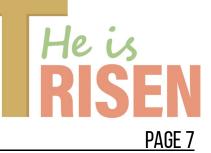
Wednesday Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday of Divine Mercy Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



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HEAVENLY DELIGHTS

Join us once again on Sunday, April 14th, after the 9:00am Mass for coffee, bagels, donuts, juice, and tea! This is a great time to build community and form new friendships! There is no cost, but a free will offering is accepted. We hope you can join us!

Thank you for your continued support

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Grief Support Group Returns

The St. Jane Frances de Chantal Grief Support Group will return for a five-week session beginning on Sunday, April 7th at 10:00am in room B of the parish offices. Registration is not necessary. You can contact Barb Mezzapelle at (586)350-0335 with any questions.



EUCHRE NIGHT: Cinco de Mayo!

WHEN: Saturday, April 27th, 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 be paid before the night of the event. The cut off for signing up is Sunday, April 21^{st} . (No refunds for cancellations received after April 21^{st})

Questions: Contact Linda Smith at LSmith@sjfparish.org or 586-977-8080, ext. 101

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	Tuesday Apr. 2, 2024	Wednesday Apr. 3, 2024	Thursday Apr. 4, 2024	Saturday Apr. 6, 2024	Sunday Apr. 7, 2024	
	7:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	8:00am Mass	4:00pm Mass	9:00am Mass	11:30am Mass
Sacristan	Brian Finn	John Martin	Cindy Guzi	Mary Wolf	Ray Кпарр	Jeannemarie Trotta
Lector	Craig Smith	Kathleen Pawlik	Jan Machusak	Phil Mina Dale Erickson	Kathleen Pawlik Denise Dara	Annette Mobley Kirsten Kyle
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WAY TO GO, FAMILY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD VOLUNTEERS!

Last year, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Ss. Cyril & Methodius, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, and St. Rene Goupil, formed a **Walking with Moms in Need (WWMIN)** ministry to help women and families in challenging pregnancy and parenting situations. Gianna House is a residential home in Eastpointe that provides support to young, pregnant women and mothers who are at-risk or who lack safe housing. Through its education, counseling, and life skills programs, Gianna House helps women transition to independence.

In December 2023, WWMIN members learned that Gianna House needed volunteers to sort through two hundred boxes, bags, and containers of clean baby, child, maternity, and women's items salvaged from the water damage the building sustained in 2022. At the time, it was not possible for a person to freely walk from one end of the basement to the other. Clothing and supplies filled the entire basement.

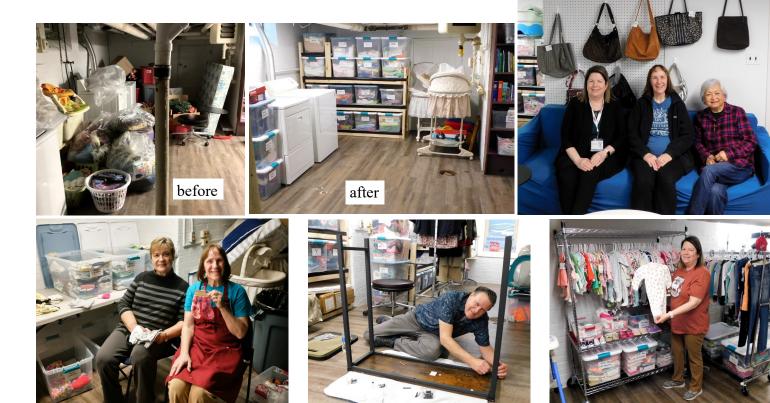
The goal was to renovate and organize the area for its intended use as a baby store for Gianna House residents and local community members. In the store, essential items are offered at no cost. Women who register for and attend education and self-improvement classes, are acknowledged with "baby bucks", which they use to buy items from the shop. The program provides a 'hand up' instead of a 'handout,' to help build self-esteem and reward initiatives that can enrich their families and futures.

The Family of the Good Shepherd WWMIN volunteers tackled the project with gusto. A total of 20 volunteers donated their time and energy building storage shelves, sorting and folding baby clothing, cleaning, fixing, and organizing. Their goal to create a newly renovated baby store in the Gianna House basement was completed on March 16, 2024.





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ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army Nicholas Brosowski, Army Chris Burley, Navy Shaun Chaplin, Air Force **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

Kathy Bielinski Sharon Boekhout Robert Kraft Anna Lage **Marilyn Luberti** Gerri Maiuri **Douglas Marceau** Karen Navalta Stan Sobecki Larry St. Clair **Bill Washington Barb Zolnierczak**

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

PARISH NEWS

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All news will be delivered to your email inbox.

Sign up at sjfparish.org/news.



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

Monday, April 1, 2024

No Mass

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 All Souls (Friends) 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 8:00am Liv. & Dec. Mbrs. of the Maiani/Gasperoni Fams. (Rosa Maiani)

Thursday, April 4, 2024 Dec. Steve Sadecki (Barbara Sadecki)

8:00am

Dec. Lassaro & Angela Gasperoni (Rosa Maiani)

No Mass

Saturday, April 6, 2024

Friday, April 5, 2024

4:00pm Dec. Pauline Gronowski (Gronowski Family) Dec. Joseph & Maria Gronowski (Gronowski Family) Dec. Gerald Williams (Williams Family) Dec. Gabe Durante (Durante Family) Dec. Loraine Felisiak (Ed & Sandy Kempa) Dec. Dorothy Kotulis (Judy Kotulis) Dec. Helen Roby (Appleton Family) Liv. Patty Putrycus (Putrycus Family) Dec. Efrain Arboleras (Matt & Beth Mina) Dec. Edward & Mary Zalewski (Family) Dec. Betty Cianfarani (Family)

Sunday, April 7, 2024

9:00am	n First Sunday Monthly Memorial Members	
Siecum		
	Dec. Maria Stocchetti-12 th Anniv. (Casali Family)	
	Liv. Rene Juridico (Juridico Family)	

11:30am For the Parishioners Dec. Gini DenDooven (Karen Graziano)



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 sifparish.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.

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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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