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## **Easter Season**

I hope and pray that everyone is staying well. I remember all of you in my prayers and daily Mass.

May we be thankful that we were able to gather in Church to celebrate the Easter joy and come together as a faith community. That is what church is all about. Coming together to celebrate as a parish family and lifting each other up in prayer.

As we are in the midst of celebrating this Easter season, I would like to share with you a prayer that is attributed to Saint Oscar Arnulfo Romero, but pronounced for the first time by Cardinal John Dearden.

This prayer reminds us that God has a plan for each one of us and we are invited to participate in that plan. God is greater than we can ever imagine. As we bring to closure the Easter season let us be open to God's plan for us. It is not important that we understand His plan. What is important is that we surrender ourselves to His plan.

Every now and then it helps us to take a step back and to see from a distance. The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is also beyond our vision.

In our lives, we manage only to achieve a small part of the marvelous plan that is God's work. Nothing that we do is complete, which is to say that the Kingdom is greater than ourselves. No statement says everything that can be said. No prayer completely expresses the faith. No creed brings perfection. No pastoral visit solves every problem. No programs fully accomplish the mission of the Church. No goal or purpose ever reaches completion.

This is what it is about. We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that others will watch over them. We lay the foundation of something that will develop. We add the yeast which will multiply the possibilities. We cannot do everything yet it is liberating to begin. This gives us strength to do something and do it well. It may remain incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way. It is an opportunity for the grace of God to enter and to do the rest. It may be that we will never see its completion, but that is the difference between the master and the laborer.

"We are laborers, not master builders, servants, not the Messiah. We are prophets of a future that does not belong to us."

Taken from: Disciples Together on the Road, Words of Pope Francis for Priests.2016, Liberia Editrice Vaticana

Bon mot: What God is to the world, parents are to their children.

---Philo

Have a great week. See you soon. Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony

## **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

As Announced

Confession

Tuesday 5:30pm

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

## **PARISH HAPPENINGS**

Monday, April 17, 2023 No Events

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Confessions 6:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

8:00am Mass

9:30am Needlecrafters

9:45am Seniors

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

Thursday, April 20, 2023

8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers team #2

Friday, April 21, 2023 No Events/Office Closed

Saturday, April 22, 2023

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, April 23, 2023

9:00am Mass

9:45am Chosen Video Series

11:30am Mass w/1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

1:00pm Baptism

7:00pm Youth Ministry (St. Rene)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *his love is everlasting* 

Psalm 130:7



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RCIA – Congratulations to our neophytes! At the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the sacraments of initiation for Deirdre Tracey, Nadia Raft, and Selah Fischer. It was a deeply moving experience

to witness adults entering into the Catholic Church through the sacraments – praise the Lord!

Deirdre, Nadia, and Selah really enjoyed the cards of welcome and knowing that you were praying for them throughout their preparation. I add my gratitude to theirs.

Congratulations to our neophytes – we continue to pray for you as you move through the period of mystagogy and discern where God is leading you next!

Moving forward, I ask that you continue to pray for God to send us more seekers! We can begin learning and preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation at any time. If you know of anyone interested in learning more about the process of sacramental preparation, please direct them to me via email or phone. Thank you!













A big thank you to all those who helped with the decorating for Easter on Good Friday! Many hands do make light work and the work of kind and generous people warms our hearts. Creating an environment of joy in the Risen Lord is a gift to all of us. May you be blessed as you have blessed this community!

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## **BIKE CLUB MEETING**

Do you ride a bike, are you interested in joining a group of St. Jane Frances bikers? If so, please plan on attending a Bike Club meeting on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. We will be discussing when and where we want to ride. Bring any ideas you have for trails and areas where we can ride. Questions, please contact Linda Smith at Lsmith@sjfparish.org or at 586-977-8080, ext. 101.



## **EUCHRE NIGHT: RED, WHITE, AND BLUE**

WHEN: Saturday, May 20<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 Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

> (No refunds for cancellations received after May 14<sup>th</sup>) Questions: Contact Linda Smith at 586-977-8080 ext. 101 or LSmith@sjfparish.org

## SCRIPTURE READINGS **WEEK OF** April 19, 2023

## Sunday

## **Divine Mercy Sunday**

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

## Monday

Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

## Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn: 3:7b-15

## Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

## **Thursday**

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

## Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

## Saturday

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

## Sunday

## Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



## **Knights of Columbus Award Recipients**

Knight of the Month (February) James Torres Family of the Month (February) Brian & Geri Finn

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY PAGE 3

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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## OFFERTORY INFORMATION April 2, 2023

**Registered Families:** 1,365 **Weekly Envelopes:** 161 Palm Sunday Env. 146 **Amount Offered:** \$6,418.00 **Palm Sunday Offering:** \$5,137.00 **Loose Offering:** \$1,129.00 **Online Contributors:** 98 **Online Contributions** \$3,531.00 **Total Offerings:** \$16,215.00 **Budgeted Offertory:** \$11,786.00 Difference: \$4,429

## 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



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## **HEAVENLY DELIGHTS**

Join us once again on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 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!

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDILLE

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	Tuesday Apr. 18, 2023	Wednesday Apr. 19, 2023	Thursday Apr. 20, 2023	Saturday Apr. 22, 2023	Sunday Apr. 23, 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	James Torres	Brian Finn
Lector	Barb Sadecki	Judy Taylor	Cindy Guzi	Linda Smith Craig Smith	Denise Dara Chris Darner	Robert Skwara Barb Milczynski

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## TIMOTHY AWARD WINNERS FOR "EXCELLENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUTH MINISTRY"



## **Elizabeth Galadik**

Hi. I'm Elizabeth. I'm 14 years old. I am a student at Sterling Heights High School and I'm also in WCSPA. I am very active in my church as an altar server and running the "Sacrament Buddy" program for faith formation. I am very dedicated to our youth ministry program and will be leading our Confirmation Retreat in April.



## **Jaise Bergmoser**

Jaise is a Junior at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory High School. Teamwork, Humility, Empathy, and Optimism are characteristics he's learned as a student at OLSM, and he works to apply those traits with all he does. He's a dedicated member of the JWJ Catholic Academy and volunteer at Rainbow Connection.



## 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

Carmen LaForest, Navy

Matthew McDowell, Air Force

**Lauren Patterson,** Air Force

Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force

Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy Anthony Trotta, Navy Kyle Wiegand, Army

Steven Zurek, Navy

## PRAYER LIST

Rita Barras
Sharon Boekhout
Vince Bulone
Debbie Coomes
Mark Myers
Victor Saccaro
Jean Stine

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**.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 17, 2023 No Mass

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

**7:00pm** Dec. Don Deiotte (Family)

All Souls (Michelle Nguyen)

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

**8:00am** Dec. Kay Chmielewski (Diane & John Martin)

Thursday, April 20, 2023

8:00am Dec. Nancy Peterson (Judy Taylor)

Dec. Laura Feindel (Judy Taylor)

Friday, April 21, 2023 No Mass

Saturday, April 22, 2023

**4:00pm** For the Parishioners

Dec. Gerald Williams (Williams Family)
Dec. Gabe Durante (Durante Family)

Dec. Joe & Maria Gronowski (Gronowski Family) Dec. Pauline Gronowski (Gronowski Family)

Dec. Dorothy Kotulis (Judy Kotulis) Dec. Robert Scally (Scally Family) Our First Holy Communicants Dec. Anita Acot (Rivas Family)

Sunday, April 23, 2023

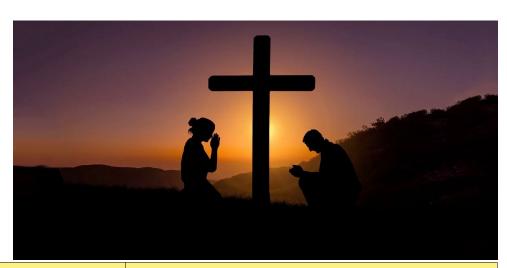
**9:00am** Dec. Phyllis Burnagiel (Judy Taylor)

Dec. Joan Knapp (Ray Knapp) Our First Holy Communicants

Dec. Richard A. Collins (Joseph Parrino)

**11:30am** Our First Holy Communicants

Dec. Henry Mobley (Ronald & Annette Mobley)



## **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 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,

### 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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