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I hope everyone had a joyous and blessed Easter with your family and friends. The Catholic Church in her wisdom gives us the next fifty days to reflect upon all that has happened. I wish you a joyous Easter season as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost.

I would like to welcome and introduce to you our newest member of the staff. Mr. James Torres is our new Communication Director and will be responsible for all the communications for the parish. On behalf of the parish I wish to welcome Mr. James Torres to St. Jane Frances de Chantal.

Next weekend at the 4:00pm Mass we will celebrate First Communion. There are sixteen students from the St. Jane Frances Faith Formation program who will receive Jesus for the first time. We congratulate them and extend to them our blessings and best wishes. I would like to thank Mr. Michael Novak, D.R.E. and the catechists who prepared our students for their First Reconciliation and First Communion. You did a wonderful job in preparing them. Thank you.

As you know on May 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> I will be in Israel on a pilgrimage with eighteen other people. I ask that you keep us in prayer as we will keep you in our prayers as we visit holy sites throughout Israel. I would ask that you welcome those visiting priests who will be here the weekend of May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.Please extend to them a warm St. Jane Frances welcome.

You have heard me speak about Families of Parishes. On July 1<sup>st</sup> we will officially become a family of Parishes. Our family of parishes consist of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Sts. Cyril and Methodius, St. Rene Goupil and St. Jane Frances de Chantal. The pastors and associates have been meeting regularly to put a plan in place in the event of priests being transferred or retiring. It is better to be proactive than reactionary. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

Recently, I read an article titled, **Should we ask God for signs?** The author of the article mentions that the signs of God's presence is all around us. The challenges are that we have to take the time to see them. In this Easter season may we take the time to see God's presence in our life and thank Him for being there? In the busyness of life we need to slow down and be silent in the presence of God.

**Bon mot**: We can gain no lasting peace if we approach it with suspicion and mistrust-or with fear.

-Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Carpe Diem, Fr. Tony



### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Weekend Masses	
Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Masses	
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday & Thu	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—8:00pm Tuesday 2:00pm—8:00pm Saturday 3:00pm—5:00pm Sunday 10:00am—12:30pm

### PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, April 25, 2022 1:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team Mtg. (via Zoom) Tuesday, April 26, 2022 9:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Confession 6:00pm Rosary 7:00pm Mass w/Anointing Wednesday, April 27, 2022 8:00am Mass 9:30am Needlecrafters 6:00pm Needlecrafters 7:00pm Choir Practice Thursday, April 28, 2022 8:00am Mass 9:00am Swiffers Team #1 10:30am Book Club Friday, April 29, 2022 No events Saturday, April 30, 2022 3:00pm Beginning of Confirmation Retreat 4:00pm Mass w/First Communion 4:45pm Divine Mercy Prayers Sunday, May 1, 2022 **Divine Mercy Sunday** 9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass 12:15pm Baptism 1:00pm Faith Formation



Laurie Hall Pastoral Associate LHall@sjfparish.org Ext. 104 This Lent and Easter season we continue on our journey to holiness, a life led as a reflection of the love and teachings of Jesus Christ, made possible by the grace given us in the Sacraments.

Having completed our review of the Sacraments of Initiation and the Sacraments of Healing, we embark on the last set of Sacraments, the Sacraments of Service (or Commitment). The Sacraments of Holy Matrimony and Holy Order make up this grouping.

Holy matrimony, better known as the Sacrament of marriage, is a Sacrament instituted by Christ to provide a lifetime flow of graces.

The church teaches that marriage is a sacrament: an outward sign of Christ's presence. As a Sacrament, marriage is a covenant, not a contract. A contract can be formed on a piece of paper, which can be dissolved. A covenant is binding, irrevocable, and permanent. When a man and a woman enter a marriage covenant, they make a promise to honor that commitment "all the days" of their lives.

The commitment of marriage is like the commitment God made with His people, the church. God, regardless of how we have treated Him and His creation, has not abandoned us. God continues to work with us and honors his covenant with us. That same love is called for in a marriage. When challenges occur—and they always do—we are called to seek avenues to reconciliation and renewal of the love that brought us to enter a covenant relationship. If God dissolved our relationship with him when we violated the covenant, we would all be adrift at sea, with no hope of salvation. The sacrament of marriage is indissoluble, just as God's relationship with us is indissoluble.

Marriage is a Sacrament instituted by Christ, but with roots found in Genesis: "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and cling to His wife, and the two will become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). Christ quoted from Genesis and added, "So they are no longer two but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, let man not separate" (Matthew 19:6).

A sacramental marriage requires that both parties are baptized before marriage, that neither party was previously married (or that the previous marriage was declared null) and that both parties knowingly and freely vow a lifelong commitment.

The matter and form of the Sacrament of Marriage is the free exchange of consent between the bride and groom: "I, (name), take you, (name), to be my wife/husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life." Interestingly, the ordinary minister for this sacrament is the bride and groom; the marrying spouses confer the sacrament on each other. A priest or deacon blesses the union and is a witness to the sacramental character of the union.

In the Sacrament of Matrimony, the couple receives graces from God, graces needed to live together in sacrificial love, like the love God has for His people. In selfless love, we are called to will the good of the other, to be willing to set aside our own needs and our ego to work together for the good of the marriage. A Christian Marriage is a channel of God's grace, a vocation or calling from God that is open to the possibility of bringing forth children and is a witness to the unity and fidelity of God for his people. It is a covenant between the couple and a covenant between the couple and God as it is God who establishes the marriage bond. This season, as we explore the seven sacraments, we hope that you will come to a deeper understanding and appreciation for the way God speaks to us through the sacraments and for the great grace they impart. Next week we will look at the final Sacrament, Holy Orders.



+ St.Vincent de Paul During the Lenten season we have focused on living a life of holiness through sacramental grace. Reception of the sacraments calls us to live out that life of holiness in prayer, worship, and acts of love and service. As members of the Catholic faith we are called to love and serve others in a

variety of ways. The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, for example, urge us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the afflicted, visit the sick and imprisoned, shelter the homeless, and pray for the living and the dead.

You might wonder how you can serve out those works of mercy here at St. Jane. A wonderful organization that has a chapter here is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You may have supported the work of the Vincentians (those who belong to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul) with gracious gifts of food each week, hams or turkeys on holidays, or gift cards. Your kindness and generosity have provided for so many and we are grateful for your acts of love and service.

Our St. Vincent de Paul group is currently looking for additional ministers in order to continue to serve our community and fulfill our mission of mercy. Joining the Vincentians is a powerful way to live out a life of holiness. We would like to help you learn more about this ministry and ask you to prayerfully discern if God is calling you to serve him in this way. To begin, here is some information about the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States:

- The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is "a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need."
- Members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are men and women who • strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to neighbors in need. Our members represent all ages, every race, and all incomes, and all are gifted with awareness that the blessings of time, talent, and treasure are to be shared with neighbors in need.
- Since its founding in Paris in 1833, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul has • grown to 800,000 members in over 150 countries with 1,500,000 volunteers. Vincentians understand that service to a neighbor in need is an encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ, and are aware that poverty, suffering, and loneliness are present for millions in our communities. For that reason, we collaborate with all who seek to alleviate need and address its systemic causes.

Our current Vincentians are looking for people who desire to serve God in this way and will provide training and assistance as you engage in this ministry. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Laurie Hall via phone or email for provide additional information and connect you with the right people. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins. In the meantime, please join us in praying for an increase to this ministry!



# SCRIPTURE READINGS **WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022**

### Sunday

Second Sunday of Easter Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

#### Monday

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

#### 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 & 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

#### Friday

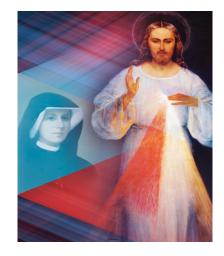
Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

#### Saturday

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

#### Sunday

Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



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Some say it is just....golf. But for those who play the game, and who love all the stories associated with it, we know it's much more than golf.

One of the rites of spring is that well-known invitational tournament otherwise known as The Masters, played in early April on the pristine grounds of a former nursery at Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia. If you've ever been there, or have seen it on television, it is as near as heaven on earth as one can get. Besides the meticulously sculpted emerald green fairways and flawless greens, blindingly white sand, and azure skies, each hole is named after a flowering tree, or bush that lives there: Azalea, Tea Olive, Magnolia, Pink Dogwood, Yellow Jasmine, Golden Bell, Firethorn. All of these evoke the colors, the fragrance and the foliage of gardens we may have visited or tended, or places on the 'must-do' list when visiting a tourist destination.

However, last week, there was one added feature to consider when Scottie Scheffler won this, his first major championship. Here's what he said, and often these kinds of comments never make the headlines:

"The reason why I play golf is because I'm trying to glorify God and all that He's done in my life. So for me, my identity isn't a golf score. As my wife Meredith told me Sunday morning, 'if you win this golf tournament today, if you lose this golf tournament by 10 shots, if you never win another golf tournament again, I'm still going to love you. You're still going to be the same person. Jesus loves you. And nothing changes."

Certainly, so much comes with a Masters victory: a lifetime invitation into that event; the coveted Green Jacket all champions keep forever; a stunning silver trophy that is a replica of the iconic clubhouse; being able to select the menu for the next year's 'Champions Dinner'.....and of course, a lot of money. But none of that mattered to Scheffler.

"All I'm trying to do is glorify God and that's why I'm here and why I'm in this position. So for me, it's not about a golf score. Every day when we go out there, Meredith always prays for peace because that's what I want to feel when I'm out there. I want to feel peace and have fun and just feel His presence. That's her prayer every day. That's my prayer. And I really felt that today. I felt the peace."

Scheffler continued, "Saturday night was fine, but Sunday morning was a totally different story. I cried like a baby I was so stressed out. I didn't know what to do. I was sitting there telling Meredith, 'I don't think I'm ready for this. I don't feel like I'm ready for this kind of stuff.' I just felt overwhelmed. And so, she told me, 'Who are you to say that you're not ready?' Who am I to say that I know what's best for my life? What we talked about was that God is in control and the Lord is leading me and if today's my time then it's my time. And if I shot 82 today somehow I was going to use it for His glory. Gosh, it was a long morning. I calmed down when I got to the course. My faith affects all aspects of my life, not just my life on the golf course. The Lord has given me a skill and I'm trying to use it for His glory. Outside of that I'm just out here trying to do my best.

I believe this is what we are all trying to do; to use our gifts and talents to glorify God. And so, no matter how or what you do, go ahead and enjoy His glory in the beauty He created!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE						
	Tuesday Apr. 26, 2022	Wednesday Apr. 27, 2022	Thursday Apr. 28, 2022	Saturday April 30, 2022	Sunday May 1, 2022	
	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	Jan Sepanik	Ray Knapp	Brian Finn
Lector	Jan Machusak	Annette Mobley	Cindy Guzi	Eileen Chase	Denise Dara	Stephanie Jones
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# **Holy Week and Easter Sunday**



















# **HEAVENLY DELIGHTS**

Join us once again on

Sunday, May 15<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!

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** 



## **ARMED SERVICES** PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army Nicholas Brosowski, Army Chris Burley, Navy Shaun Chaplin, Air Force Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines 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

**Beatrice Basilisco John Coriatis** Julius D'Ambrosio **Mary Ann DeDonatis** Elain Enck **Judy Green** Martin Green Marsha Hendzell Deacon Gene Krzeminski Christine LePoudre Norma O'Connor **Daniel Reghi** June Sadowski

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

# EUCHRE NIGHT: DERBY DAY

WHEN: Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00pm until about 10:00pm

WHERE: 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 \$10.00 per player and covers the cost of dinner, snacks, dessert, beverages and prizes. We ask that the \$10.00 please be paid before the night of the event. The cut off for signing up is Monday, May,  $2^{nd}$ . (No refunds for cancellations received after May  $2^{nd}$ )

Questions: Contact Linda Smith at Lsmithsifparish@gmail.com or 586-977-8080, ext. 113.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 25, 2022 No Mass

Tuesday, April 7:00pm Wednesday, Aj 8:00am	Dec. Robert Gabel (Family) Dec. Doug Dejaeghere (Family) All Souls (Michelle Nguyen)			
Thursday, Apri	ril 28, 2022			
8:00am	Dec. Christine & Jerry Ficek (Family) Dec Edward & Agatha Smak (Family) Dec. Michael Koczon (Judy Taylor) Dec. William Korte (Cindy Guzi)			
Friday, April 29	pril 29, 2022 No Mass			
Saturday, April	il 30, 2022			
4:00pm	Dec. Shirley Putrycus (9th Anniversary) (Putrycus Family) Dec. Herbert Bremerkamp (Birthday Remembrance) (Family) Dec. Thomas Ostin (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) (Sister Sue) For our First Holy Communicants			
Sunday, May 1, 2022				
9:00am	First Sunday Monthly Memorial Members Dec. Walter Aaron ( Aaron Family) Dec. Shirley Putrycus (Novak Family) For our First Holy Communicants			
11:30am	For the Parishioners For our First Holy Communicants Dec. Aubrey Zeller (Robert Chmielewski)			



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**CHILDREN'S BAPTISM** Do you have a child you would like to have baptized? Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENTS

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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