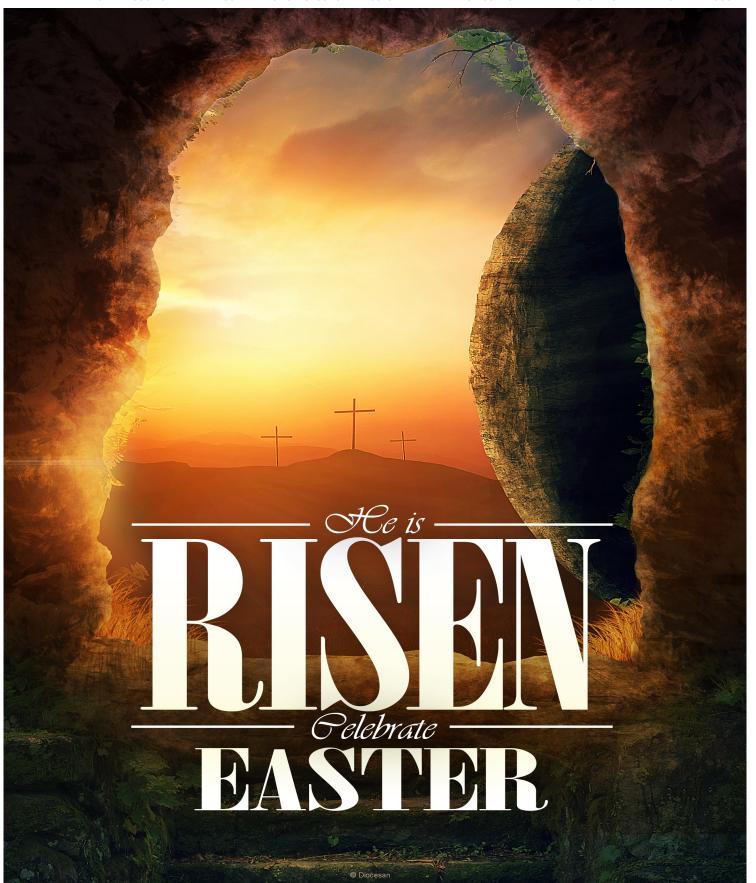
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm Sunday 9:00am & 11:30am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 7:00pm Wednesday & Thursday 8:00am

Holy Day Masses As Announced

Confession

Tuesday 5:30pm

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, April 10, 2023 Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

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

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

8:00am Mass

9:30am Needlecrafters 6:00pm Needlecrafters 6:00pm Coffee House 6:30pm Cantor Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Lectio Divina (Zoom)

Thursday, April 13, 2023

8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers team #1 6:00pm K of C Officer's Meeting 6:30pm K of C General Meeting

Friday, April 14, 2023 *Parish Office Closed*

Saturday, April 15, 2023

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, April 16, 2023 Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00am Mass

9:45am Divine Mercy Prayers 9:45am Chosen Video Series

11:30am Mass

1:00pm First Communion Workshop



John 20:8



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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.

I also wish to welcome all those people who have come from places near and far to be with family and 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. By the way, this is a true story. On one Easter morning, as 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 them 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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Rejoice! This is the day that the Lord has made. God's love and mercy have been poured out for all and to all. By his sacrifice on the cross, Jesus has conquered

sin and defeated death. No longer do sin and death have power over us. A new day dawns, for new life has dawned for all of us: a life in God's tender loving care that survives sin and overcomes death. Jesus has shown us the way to the Father. The crosses we carry—our fears and our struggles, our sorrows and our traumas—are united with the cross of our Lord, which did not end in pain and death but with joy and life. May the promise of the Resurrection fill us with hope, enliven our lives, and lead us to life eternal. Alleluia!

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 week, Sunday, April 16th, we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy, 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 that day immediately following the 9:00am Mass. 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 29th. 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 Narratives according to Luke 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 \$1 donation for each book would be appreciated.



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, April 11th, anytime from 1:00pm until 6:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, ending with recitation of the Divine Praises at 6:30pm.

SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF April 9, 2023

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 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday in the Octave of Easter

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

Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

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

Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

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

Thursday in the Octave of Easter

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

Friday in the Octave of Easter

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

Saturday in the Octave of Easter

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

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

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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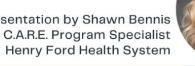
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SATURDAY **APRIL 29, 9:00AM**

- Health Care Wishes
- Long Term Plans
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Presentation by Shawn Bennis RN, C.A.R.E. Program Specialist



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EUCHRE NIGHT: RED, WHITE AND BLUE

WHEN: Saturday, May 20th, 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 14th. (No refunds for cancellations received after May 14th)

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Saturday Sunday Apr. 11, 2023 Apr. 12, 2023 Apr. 13, 2023 Apr. 15, 2023 Apr. 16, 2023 7:00pm Mass 8:00am Mass 8:00am Mass 4:00pm Mass 9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass Sacristan Brian Finn John Martin Selma & Paul Judy Taylor Janet Sepanik Dan Rys Marzec Kathleen Pawlik Lector **Craig Smith** Annette Mobley Barb Milczynski Phil Mina Ronald Mobley William Burr Annette Mobley James Torres

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James Torres Communications Facilitator JTorres@sjfparish.org Ext. 107

One Year Later!

& Christian Service Coordinator As we conclude this season of Lent 2023, I am filled with such gratitude to Our Risen Lord. One year ago, after extensive prayer, I was hired as the St. Jane Frances de Chantal Communications Facilitator. I believe that the Holy Spirit had a plan for me and for my ministry. He has a plan for us all. My gratitude

also extends to Fr. Tony, the amazing St. Jane Frances staff, the efforts of all of the volunteers, and to the Parish Community. I immediately felt at home and welcomed here. Thank you all for that.

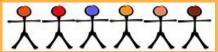
After a few months, I became aware that there was a need for someone to head up Christian Service. I felt that prompting of the Holy Spirit once again calling me to serve to the Glory of God. Since then, I am happy to say that many of the programs have been revitalized or re-instated. Returning after the pandemic pause has included: Mercy in Action Day of Service, the Grief Support Group, the Coffee House, and coming this spring, the return of the DENIS Connection. Ongoing and revitalized programs include: Advent Giving Tree, Knights of Columbus, Needlecrafters, Panera Bread Ministry, Red Cross Blood Drives, Seniors Group, St. Jane Frances Food Pantry, Health Ministry, and our St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

There will be many opportunities for us to engage with and share our ministries with other churches in our Family of the Good Shepherd including a new initiative for us called "Walking with Moms in Need". It will be a great collective of resources from our Family Parishes to assist expecting and parenting moms on their journeys.

Last year, following a new-member campaign, we have had 10 parishioners join to become new members of the St. Jane Frances-St. Vincent de Paul Conference #622. What a blessing to have so many willing to help others in need and make a difference in the lives of others. We all owe founding and former members, Tom Harris, Richard Koelzer and Irma Duncan a great big thank you for their years of service as they step down from official SVdP duties. Jim Duncan has agreed to stay on as Conference President for now. Newly appointed officers include: myself as Vice-President, Brain Finn as the Treasurer, Cindy Guzi as the Secretary, and Eileen Clase as our Spiritual Advisor. We are so grateful for the generosity of the St. Jane Frances Parishioners for your donations to help us continue this important ministry.



WHAT IS THE DENIS CONNECTION?



The Denis Connection started with an idea I had after my brother passed away. His name was Dennis, and I believe that he died of loneliness. It made me realize that since I was the only person who spent time with him, one person is not enough. People need people. I named the ministry after my brother, and it stands for "Delivering Encouragement, Nurturing & Increasing Socialization." We started as a visiting ministry but also provide transportation to appointments and errands. We would like to get this ministry up and running again but we need your help.

If you would like to volunteer, we would love to have you join us. Training will be provided and you can choose how much time you can devote and pick a job that you feel comfortable with.

If you think the DENIS Connection could be of help to you, please contact the parish office and we will do our best to help you with your request.

Thank you, Debbie Shelton, Founder Denis Connection

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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

Elijah Kuefler, Navy 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
Christine Lopre
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 10, 2023 No Mass

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

7:00pm The Parishioners Wednesday. April 12. 2023

8:00am Dec. Brian McKenzie (Judy Taylor)

Dec. Maureen Morell (Ronald & Annette Mobley)

Dec. Richard Volpe (Nancy Volpe)

Dec. Brian Gipperich (Diane & John Martin)

Thursday, April 13, 2023

8:00am For the Parishioners

Friday, April 14, 2023 No Mass

Saturday, April 15, 2023

4:00pm Dec. Ralph Beaufait (Robert & Frances Kraft)

Dec. Loraine Felisiak (Ed & Sandy Kempa)

Dec. Herbert Dempz (Family)
Dec. Isabelle McLaughlin (Family)
Dec. Cecelia Dempz (Family)
Dec. Ted Dempz (Family)
Dec. Barbara Dempz (Family)

Dec. Raymond & Juanita DeBusscher (Family) Dec. Frank Skonieczny-44th Anniv. (Pat Mandziuk)

Dec. Anthony Krull (Family)
Dec. Betty Cianfarani (Family)

Sunday, April 16, 2023

9:00am Dec. Lorraine Weglarz (Dorothy Weglarz)

Dec. Maureen Blair (Dorothy Weglarz)

11:30am For the Parishioners

Dec. Marsha Olson (Andrew Olson) Dec. Antoni Adamczyk (Family)



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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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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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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