

# St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish



## NATIVITY OF THE LORD

And the Word  
became flesh  
and made  
his dwelling  
among us,  
and we saw  
his glory, the  
glory as of  
the Father's  
only Son,  
full of grace  
and truth.

JOHN 1:14

*St. Jane Frances de Chantal*  
 38750 Ryan Rd.  
 Sterling Heights, MI 48310  
 Phone: (586) 977-8080  
 Fax: (586) 977-9305

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekend Masses**  
 Saturday 4:00pm  
 Sunday 9:00am and 11:30am  
**Weekday Masses**  
 Tuesday 7:00pm  
 Wednesday and Thursday 8:00am  
**Holy Day Masses** As Announced

**PARISH STAFF**

**Pastor**  
 Rev. Anthony Sulkowski, ext. 102  
 FrTony@sjfparish.org

**Pastoral Associate / Worship Coordinator**  
 Laurie Hall, ext. 104  
 LHall@sjfparish.org

**Business Manager**  
 Jody Gazo, ext. 112  
 jgazo@sjfparish.org

**Director of Music**  
 Janina Jacobs, ext. 103  
 JJacobs@sjfparish.org

**Director of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Coordinator**  
 Ben Klassen, ext. 108  
 bklassen@sjfparish.org

**Christian Service Coordinator & Adult Formation Coordinator**  
 Deborah Mazur, ext. 107  
 dmazur@sjfparish.org

**Stewardship Liaison**  
 Linda Smith, ext. 113  
 Lsmith@sjfparish.org

**Communications Facilitator**  
 bulletin@sjfparish.org

**Office Assistant**  
 Mary Ann Gleich  
 mgleich@sjfparish.org

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Thursday**  
 8:30am - 8:00pm  
 (Closed from 12:00 to 1:15 for lunch)  
**Friday: Closed**  
**Saturday:** 2:30pm - 5:00pm  
**Sunday:** 10:00am - 12:30pm

**MINISTRIES**

**Knights of Columbus #13340**  
 Brian Finn 586-977-8080  
**Parish Nurse Ministry**  
 Doreen Corby 586-977-8080  
**Seniors**  
 Don Rogowski 586-977-8080  
**Soup Kitchen**  
 Steven Gadzinski 586-731-4091  
**St. Vincent de Paul**  
 Tom Harris 586-977-8080  
**Ushers-Ministers of Hospitality**  
 Lawrence (Larry) Frontera 586-306-3450

**SACRAMENTS**

**CHILDREN'S BAPTISM**

Do you have a child you would like to have baptized? We would be delighted to talk to you about your options! Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**RECONCILIATION**

Tuesday from 5:30pm-6:30pm (or by appt.)

**MARRIAGE**

Congratulations! Please contact our Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to make arrangements and start your preparations. Marriage guidelines are available at the Parish Office and should be read before your initial appointment. Participation in pre-marriage preparation will be arranged.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Contact the Parish Office to schedule. Also available once a month during the Tuesday evening Mass.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? We are thrilled to have you! Contact our Pastoral Associate/Worship Coordinator, Laurie Hall, to begin the process by calling the Parish Office. Welcome home!

**PARISH SACRAMENTAL POLICY**

We ask that in order to have your child baptized here, or to be married here, you should be a registered parishioner or active in your previous parish. This means attending weekly Mass with your faith community, using your envelopes and taking part in parish activities.

**Visits to the Homebound for Communion / Anointing**

Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

**NEW TO THE PARISH?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL FAMILY? BECOME A REGISTERED PARISHIONER!**

*You may register at the Parish Office at anytime after Mass on the weekend or during regular office hours. Please call 586-977-8080 if you have any questions. We look forward to having you here!*

*Stay Connected*

**PARISH NEWS**

Sign up to receive our Parish News E-Blasts by visiting the "About" tab on our website.

E-Blasts are sent to alert you about important matters such as:

- ◆ Funeral notices
- ◆ Special Events
- ◆ Time Changes
- ◆ Emergency Notification
- ◆ Inclement Weather

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

Join us on Facebook and Instagram! We we would love to connect online!

**Facebook: @sjfparish**  
**Instagram: @stjane francesparish**

**WEBSITE**

Be sure to visit our virtual home away from home online for the latest info!  
[www.sjfparish.org](http://www.sjfparish.org)



**DOWNLOAD OUR PARISH APP!**

The St. Jane Frances de Chantal app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, quick access to homilies and bulletins, daily reflections, and much more as we learn to fully harness the power of this new tool!

Simply go to your app store and search for MyParish App. Download, open, and search for St. Jane Frances by zip code (48310) or allow access to your location for a list of parishes. Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Jane Frances de Chantal and better unleash the Gospel!



**FR. TONY SULKOWSKI**  
 Pastor  
 Ext. 102  
 FrTony@sjfparish.org

*Welcome to all our parishioners, families, friends, and guests! We are thrilled you have joined us for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. No matter where you have been or what life has been like for you, we want you to feel at home here at St. Jane Frances de Chantal. May this Christmas fill your hearts with joy, hope, love, healing, comfort, calm, & every blessing.*

*Thank you for taking the time to join us for Mass!*

*Merry Christmas!*

*Fr. Tony*



**LAURIE HALL**  
 Pastoral Associate  
 & Worship Coordinator  
 Ext. 104  
 lhall@sjfparish.org

*Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.*

*Luke 2: 19-20*

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Our waiting and preparing for the coming of Jesus has led us to this great celebration today – we are so glad you are here! My prayer is that all your celebrations are equally Spirit-filled and joyous.

As we go forth from Mass today, may we all be like the shepherds, glorifying and praising God for all we have heard and seen! **One of the ways you can do that is to participate in ministry. Please prayerfully discern if you are called to any of the wonderful Worship ministries listed below.** All are invited to participate as we seek to serve God!

*Peace, Laurie*

**SHARE IN THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH!**

Please consider taking this opportunity to join in ministering to the faith life of your parish! St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a vibrant and faith-filled community always in need of parishioners taking active roles in liturgical ministry. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Laurie, our Pastoral Associate/Worship Coordinator at 586-977-8080 ext. 104 or email LHall@sjfparish.org. **MINISTRIES INCLUDE:** LECTOR, SACRISTAN, ALTAR SERVER, MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION, COMMUNION MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND AND CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLW)

**WHAT’S THIS CATHOLIC THING ANYWAY?**

Do you or someone you know want to find out more about what it means to be part of the Catholic Church?

Do you know someone who:

- is not baptized?
- is baptized in another Christian denomination?
- has been baptized Catholic but never received any other sacraments or any formal religious education?

Do you think they might like to become a full member of the Catholic Church?

If yes, please email Laurie Hall at lhall@sjfparish.org. She would love to discuss the process called RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). This rite is designed to meet the needs of adults, or children at or about the age of 7 and older. **Someone might just be waiting for an invitation from a friend or family member...perhaps that someone is you.**

**COMING IN JANUARY:**

**BISHOP ROBERT BARRON’S DVD—BASED PROGRAM**

**EUCCHARIST: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice and Real Presence**

Christ is alive and fully present in the Eucharist. Join us as we delve into the “source and summit” of our Faith with Bishop Robert Barron’s DVD-based program: Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice and Real Presence. This spiritual study will give you a deeper understanding of the precious gift of Christ’s body, blood, soul and divinity that you can receive at each and every Mass.

The program begins on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:45pm and continues for two additional Monday evenings. For more information or to register, contact Laurie Hall or stop by the parish office.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

We will join with the parishioners of St. Ephrem to kick off the Lenten 2020 season with “Mission 2020,” a three-day mission from March 1<sup>st</sup>– 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will gather on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> for Sunday dinner and a talk by Peter and Debbie Herbeck from Renewal Ministries. On Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will gather at St. Ephrem for the second part of the talk. On Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> we will gather again at St. Jane for a celebratory Mass. Please mark your calendars and plan to jump-start your Lenten preparations with Mission 2020!



DEBBIE MAZUR  
 Christian Service & Adult  
 Faith Formation Coordinator  
 Ext. 107  
 dmazur@sjfparish.org

**Check out the many opportunities to  
 build and serve our community!  
 We hope to see you soon!**

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**



The Parish Health Ministry offers complimentary blood pressure screenings on certain weekends throughout the year. The next weekend is **January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**. Come see a parish nurse before or after the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday. On Sunday you can come from 8:30am-11:30am.



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The Knights of Columbus, Council #13340 invites you to breakfast on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am until 11:00am. Cost: Free Will Offering



**CALLING ALL  
 NEEDLE CRAFTERS!**

Do you like to sew, knit, crochet, quilt, etc? Whether you are new to the craft or a seasoned veteran, please join us at any of our gatherings in January to socialize and work on projects (your own or ours)! Some of our projects include blankets for those in the hospital, prayer shawls, and gloves and scarves for the homeless.

There is no RSVP necessary and there is no cost. You can come to one, some, or all of our gatherings. Please join us! We gather on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am until 11:15am and in the evenings from 5:45pm until 7:45pm. The dates for January are:

**January 8<sup>th</sup> | January 15<sup>th</sup> | January 22<sup>nd</sup> | January 29<sup>th</sup>**

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Debbie at dmazur@sjfparish.org or 586-977-8080 ext. 107.

**RED CROSS  
 BLOOD DRIVE**

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>  
 8:00am-2:00pm**



St. Jane Frances hosts the Red Cross Blood Drives at least four times a year. Our next blood drive is January 5<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up in the Gathering Space after Mass or register online:

- Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)
- Click the "Donating Blood" tab.
- Click the *Start Here* button.
- Enter our Sponsor Code: *stjane* and then click "Find a Drive."
- Once you see our blood drive, click to pick your time and follow the prompts.

Thank you for helping to support those in need!



**ATTENTION ALL SENIORS**

*Are you 55 or older (and wiser)? Do you enjoy conversation, community, a shared meal, or playing cards?*

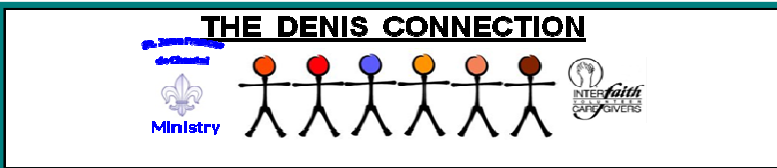
*Then join our SENIORS Group! SENIORS typically meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month (excluding January and February) from 10:00am until 2:00pm. All meetings include morning refreshments at 9:45am and also a lunch served at noon!*

**THE NEXT MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Entertainment options include:**

- ◆ Progressive Pinochle for \$1.25
- ◆ Bingo with Playing Cards—5 cards for \$1 and \$2 prize awarded per game.
- ◆ Card and Dice Games of your choice.

Come meet, make, and visit with friends! Membership is \$5.00 for the year. A \$4.00 donation is collected at the door every meeting to fund refreshments and lunch.



Volunteers, in partnership with Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, help keep the parishioners connected to the St. Jane Frances de Chantal Community who are homebound or on our prayer list. The Denis Connection volunteers:

- Mail cards to the parishioners on the prayer list
- Make telephone “visits” and “friendly visits”
- Visit nursing homes at the request of parishioner/ family member
- Provide a helping hand for our parishioners
- Provide transportation for a parishioner to church or errands

If you are interested in volunteering or are in need of some assistance, please contact Debbie in the parish office at 586-977-8080 ext. 107. Your help can really make a difference for someone.

**CAREER MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT**

Are you looking for a new job? Our Career Development Ministry maintains an email database to notify job seekers of open positions, job fairs, workshops, & other information useful in a job search.

Become a member of this group. For details or how to be added to the email list or for more information, contact Debbie at dmazur@sjfparish.org.



**BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2020 FISH FRY SEASON!**



Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

4:00pm - 7:00pm  
 (Dine In & Carry Out)  
 Look for more information in future bulletins!

**GRIEF MINISTRY**

St. Jane Frances de Chantal Health Advocacy Ministry is pleased to announce that we will repeat our well received, peer led bereavement support group for 6 consecutive Sundays, beginning January 19<sup>th</sup> and ending February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00am – 1:00pm.

The program is designed to offer support to men and women in our Christian community who may be suffering from a death of a loved one. It is for those who have a need to share their experience of heartache, and would like to walk alongside each other on the path to healing. Offering a safe haven to cry, to laugh, to mourn or to heal, we use a PowerPoint presentation and round table discussion on the 5 stages of grief and ways to cope using prayer and conversation. Please consider sharing this information with families and friends you know who may be suffering from grief and may like to join us in this 6-week group support program.

For more info, please call the Parish Office at 586-977-8080 or call Barb at (586)264-0845.

Please join us as our hosts  
**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Prepare and serve a fabulous  
**SPAGHETTI DINNER**



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00PM**  
 \$10 each for adults,  
 \$5 each for children 12 and under

The proceeds from this community-building event enable the Knights of Columbus to continue the good works of the Knights through the charities they support.

Tickets will be available for purchase in late January.

**COFFEEHOUSE (DINNER & DANCING) FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Our next CoffeeHouse for those with special needs is scheduled on **Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**, from 6:00pm-8:00pm. We are in need of people to help with serving dinner, dancing the night away, and clean-up! So if you can cha-cha slide (or even if you can't) we need you! (Psst...teens - this also counts for service hours!)

There is no need to RSVP. Just show up the night of the event, but please wear closed-toed shoes and a baseball cap in case you need to go into the kitchen! Ask for Jacqueline and she'll let you know what to do!



**BEN KLASSEN**  
 Director of Faith Formation &  
 Youth Ministry Coordinator  
 BKlassen@sjfparish.org  
 Ext. 108

**WE NEED YOU!** St. Jane Frances de Chantal invites and welcomes the voices and participation of our younger parishioners. Please consider joining us for an activity below, or better yet - let us know what you'd like to see or do. This is YOUR church, too!

## YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL

For all High School students (Grade 9 - Grade 12) we hold weekly, Sunday evening gatherings for you and your friends. We gather for fun, fellowship, and discussions on topics that affect YOU on a daily basis. Come try it out and share what you think!

We meet most Sunday evenings from 6:00pm-8:30pm. Bring a friend or two, park in the circle drive and enter thru door #4.

Watch future bulletins for Youth Ministry events such as:

- *Martin Luther King Jr. - Day of Service*
- *Timothy Awards*
- *Volunteering for Vacation Bible School*
- *Youth Leadership & Evangelization Training*
- *Retreats*

Stay updated on all of our events for High School and Middle/Jr. High School through our parish website:

[http://www.sjfparish.org/youth\\_ministry](http://www.sjfparish.org/youth_ministry)

## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

### GRADUATION PICTURES

If you will be a high school or college graduate this year (winter or spring commencement), please turn in a picture for our parish graduation insert this spring! Please include your name (as you want it to appear in the bulletin), school, degree, and contact information. The pictures will be returned (if requested) after the bulletin insert is distributed this spring. If you would prefer to email the picture, please send it to [graduation@sjparish.org](mailto:graduation@sjparish.org) along with the information above.

### BE AN ALTAR SERVER!

One of the most visible ministries during the Mass, an altar server is a minister to the priest. This is a **great** opportunity to really learn about the Mass. **For ages 3<sup>rd</sup> grade & up. Individual Training for all Altar Servers any time. Please contact Laurie at [lhall@sjfparish.org](mailto:lhall@sjfparish.org) to sign up!**

This ministry is a scheduled ministry. Most servers are scheduled about twice per month for four months per schedule.



### SAVE THE DATE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> | 9:00am - 12:00pm

All children ages 4 through 12 are invited to join us once again for Vacation Bible School this June! Our young disciples spend mornings for this week immersed in the Living Word with fun activities and music. Look for information with more details in the spring.



**JANINA JACOBS**  
 Director of Music  
 Ext. 103  
 jjacobs@sjfparish.org

Do you find yourself humming along to the radio? Singing in the shower? Why not check out our music ministry? St. Jane Frances de Chantal welcomes parishioners to participate in our Adult Choir, Bell Choir, Instruments of Praise, and as Cantors. The Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:00pm and the Adult Choir at 7:00pm. If you are interested, contact our Director of Music, Janina Jacobs, at 586-977-8080 ext. 103 or email her at [jjacobs@sjfparish.org](mailto:jjacobs@sjfparish.org).



**2020 MINISTRY SCHEDULE**



**ST. PATRICK'S SENIOR CENTER**

March 5<sup>th</sup> & August 8<sup>th</sup>

**ST. LEO'S SOUP KITCHEN**

April 18<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>,

September 26<sup>th</sup>, November 26<sup>th</sup>

**CO-COORDINATORS: Steve Gadzinski & Bob Pawlik**

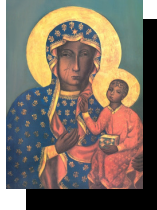
Steve: 586-242-4961 / [steve.gadzinski@gmail.com](mailto:steve.gadzinski@gmail.com)

Bob: 586-243-0433 / [bunkey63@yahoo.com](mailto:bunkey63@yahoo.com)

**Serve those in need!** Keep an eye on the bulletin and website the weeks prior to a service date for all the details!

**Investigate the Mystery of Icons**

What is an icon? How is an icon written?  
 What are the codes written within an icon?  
 How do we pray with icons?



Join us on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am - 12:00pm  
 for the Presentation on Icons.

Register by calling the Parish Office at 586-977-8080

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER TEAM**

*Leave a prayer, say a prayer!*

**Unleash the power of the Holy Spirit in prayer by joining our Intercessory Prayer Team!** This group prays for the needs of our parish, our Church, and our country, in addition to praying for our local and personal needs. The team meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 1:30pm.

Not ready to join, but in need of prayer? There is a prayer intention box by our remembrance crosses in the church. You can write your prayer requests on a slip and put it in the box. The prayer team will lift your intention up in prayer. You can also call the parish office with your intention.

**DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS**

Come pray the Divine Mercy prayers on the **last Saturday of each month following the 4:00pm Mass** in the Chapel.

**ROSARY**

Please join us on **Tuesdays at 6:00pm** to pray a Novena to the Mother of Perpetual Help and the Rosary. This prayer helps us encounter Jesus through his Blessed Mother. Please enter at the Parish Office and then join us in the Church. Also, the Knights of Columbus host a Family Rosary in the chapel **after the 9:00am Mass on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** of the month when there is one.



**EUCHRE NIGHT**

**Come join us for a Super Bowl Party**

WHEN: Saturday, January 11<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 \$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, January 6<sup>th</sup> (No refunds for cancellations received after January 6<sup>th</sup>).

Questions: Contact Linda Smith at

Lsmith @sjfparish.org or 586-977-8080, ext. 113



**ATTENTION SENIORS  
 "THURSDAYS AT THE MUSEUM"**

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

The DIA is offering groups of people from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties **FREE** admission, **FREE** transportation and a complementary coffee and cookie reception. The itinerary is:

- 12:00pm Bus pick-up at St. Jane Frances  
**(Please park in parking lot out by the garage.)**
- 1:00pm Program begins
- 2:30pm Coffee and cookie reception
- 3:15pm Bus departs from DIA to St Jane Frances

We are scheduled to attend the following event:

**January 30<sup>th</sup>**— Drawing In The Galleries and Collection Tours. In addition to offering tours of the DIA, art instructors will also be available for those who would like to draw in the galleries. (Must sign up by **January 16<sup>th</sup>** in the parish office.)

**We can only take a maximum of 50 people, so sign up early!! Any questions contact Linda at 586-977-8080, ext. 113 or [Lsmith@sjfparish.org](mailto:Lsmith@sjfparish.org).**

## The Usher's Corner

Ever wonder what an usher does? They use their expertise to help the Mass run smoothly and stay after Mass to pick up the hymnals and any other items left in the pews, they help anybody in need of assistance, they extend hospitality to parishioners and visitors alike and return week after week to ensure Mass goes smoothly.

We're always looking for friendly, welcoming men and women, so come to one of our meetings to learn more about what we do and to help plan fun activities for the Ushers throughout the year. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve your parish and meet new people.

The next General meeting is Friday, February 21, 2020 at 6:30pm.

If you are interested in becoming an usher or have any questions, please contact

Larry Frontera at: 586-306-3450

*Spread love everywhere you go. First of all in your house...let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.*

~St. Teresa of Calcutta

## Scripture Readings for the Week of December 22, 2019

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

### Monday

#### Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

### Tuesday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

**Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

### Wednesday Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

**Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1:6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

### Thursday Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

### Friday Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

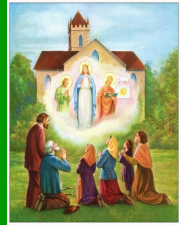
### Saturday Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

### Sunday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**IRELAND  
PILGRIMAGE  
St. Jane Frances  
de Chantal  
& Fr. Tony Sulkowski  
May 4 - 14, 2020**



*Join Fr. Tony as he leads you on the trip of a lifetime to the Apparition site at the shrine of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland!*

**For information contact the Parish Office**

## SEND IN THE SWIFFERS

The Swiffers are volunteers who help keep our church and gathering space beautiful! Their duties include cleaning the altar area and pews, wiping the windows on the entrance doors and vacuuming the gathering space. All cleaning supplies are provided and volunteers work in teams.

The teams clean once a month and are usually scheduled on Wednesdays or Thursdays at 1:15pm. Due to several of the team members leaving for warmer weather, the Swiffers are in need of additional volunteers during the winter months. This commitment would only be during the months of January, February, and March.

If this is something you can help us with or you want more information, please contact Linda Smith at 586-977-8080 ext. 113 or at

Lsmith@sjfparish.org

Thank you!

## LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

For our parishioners & guests who have Celiac Disease, we have procedures in place to help you celebrate the Eucharist with your parish family. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 586-977-8080.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions can be scheduled in the parish office during regular business hours. This is a way to have the whole parish community lift someone in prayer through the prayers and sacrifice of the Mass. Intentions can be for the deceased as well as in honor of someone. Special occasions and celebrations are also great times to offer a Mass!

## THE GIFTS UNDER THE TREE AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WAITING FOR YOU.

Each week we invite those attending Mass to participate more fully in worship. The presentation of the gifts during the offertory is one of those chances to take an active role. **Consider signing up at the Welcome Desk to bring up the gifts at Mass!**



**ST. EPHREM CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 38900 Dodge Park | Sterling Heights  
[www.saintephremchurch.org](http://www.saintephremchurch.org)  
 Phone: 586-264-1230 | Fax: 586-264-2757  
**Pastor: Fr. Craig Giera**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday**  
 9:00am

**CONFESSIONS**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday**  
 8:30am  
**Saturday** 12:15pm

**ONLINE GIVING**

We are grateful for your support of our church. Online Giving allows you to make contributions to our church without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. Please visit our parish website at:

[www.sjfp parish.org](http://www.sjfp parish.org)

To sign-up for Online Giving. Please email Jody Gazo at [jgazo@sjfp parish.org](mailto:jgazo@sjfp parish.org) or call 586-977-8080, ext. 112 with any questions. Thank you!

**LECTIO DIVINA - ENCOUNTER CHRIST IN THE WORD**

Come together with other parishioners every Wednesday at 7:00pm to focus on the coming Sunday's Gospel. This is not a class! There is no homework, and attendance is not mandatory. Just come and gain new insight into the Gospel and hear the voice of the Lord more clearly. Come as you are and see where the Lord takes you!

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

"Nourished by God's Word and the Eucharist, St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish is a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



**PRAYER LIST**

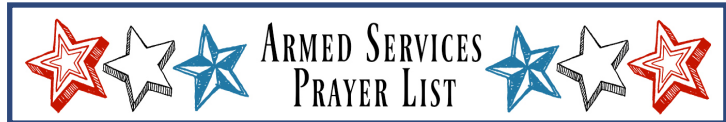
From the Letter of James 5:13:

Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise!

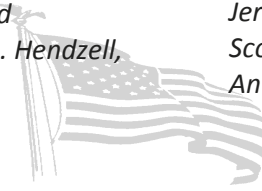
It is our Christian duty to pray for others. Please call the Parish Office to add or remove a name from the Prayer List. Please be aware that, in this age of security issues, we can add only names of persons who have given permission to have their names printed. If you desire prayers for someone who does not wish to have their name printed in the bulletin, please use our Intercessory Prayer Box in the Worship Space.

The Intercessory Prayer team will include your intentions in their prayers. Names added to the Prayer List will remain on the list for a period of 4 weeks. If the illness or situation continues after that time and additional prayers are needed, please call the Parish Office. Thank you!

- Fr. Gerard Austin
- Nancy Burr
- Norma O' Connor
- Mary Ann DeDonatis
- Anna Lisa Flattery
- Danny Frezza
- Scott Harris
- Daniel Lynch
- John Mazur-Baker
- Jean McDonald
- Kevin McDonald
- Anita Pitlock
- Steve Sadecki
- Daniele VanAcker
- Nicole Zapinski



- Robert Bain, Army
- Nicholas Brosowski, Army
- Chris Burley, Navy
- Shaun Chaplin, Air Force
- Charles Cosnowski, Air Force
- Winnie Darrow, Coast Guard
- Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines
- Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard
- Carmen LaForest, Navy
- Matthew McDowell, Air Force
- Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force
- Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy
- Scot D. Skoczylas, Navy
- Anthony Trotta, Navy



**SAVE THE DATES!**

**BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY AND EASTER EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
 9:30am

**CAR SHOW**

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>  
 4:00pm - 8:00pm