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#### Lent

On Ash Wednesday we embarked upon the season of Lent. As we, the parish community of St. Jane Frances de

Chantal, begin our Lenten journey, may we pray for each other during this season. May we also lift up in prayer those people who are most in need of God's attention.

Recently I read an article from America Magazine, a weekly Catholic periodical published by the Jesuits. The article is entitled: 'Lent may once again don it's public mask'. The article was written in 1978 and reprinted in last week's edition of America and asks the question; what relevance does Lent have for Catholics?

The author reminds us that the three disciplines of Lent, namely, fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are to enable us to renew or refresh our relationship with God but also to move us outwardly into society and the world, to the people who are our brothers and sisters. I often use the example that food donations to the food pantry are very generous during the Christmas and Easter seasons. People are most generous at those seasons of the year, how wonderful that is to see. However, the needs of the poor and needy are year round. That the good works we do are not meant to be done only in a particular season of the church's year. The good works that we perform during the season of Lent must become a part of our life and ministry as children of God.

The author states in the article, "Lent calls us to step out of the ordinary precisely so that we can step back into it with eyes opened and hearts renewed. The tradition has always emphasized the practical aim of Lenten self-denial: a greater openness and sensitivity to the needs of others."

He goes on to say: "Lent is, after all, the season of spring, of new life. Although its image may bear some cheerless connotations, its reality is refreshing. As American Catholics rediscover its ritual effectiveness, Lent may once again don its public face. And American society just might take notice". (Editorial Feb. 11,1978)

Have a wonderful Lent.

Bon mot: No one is so rich that he does not need another's help; no one is so poor as not to be useful to his fellow man.

---- Pope Leo XIII, Graves de Communi, January 10, 1901.

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 Announced

Confession

Tuesday 5:30pm

Rosary

Tuesday 6:00pm

#### **PARISH HAPPENINGS**

Monday, March 6, 2023 No Events

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

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

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

8:00am Mass

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

Thursday, March 9, 2023

8:00am Mass

9:00am Swiffers team #4

10:30am Book Club

12:00pm St. Jane Frances DIA Visit 2:00pm Chosen Video Series 6:00pm K of C Officer's Meeting 6:30pm K of C General Meeting 6:30pm Chosen Video Series

Friday, March 10, 2023

4:00pm Fish Fry

6:30pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 11, 2023

4:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 12, 2023

9:00am Mass 11:30am Mass

# I will make of you a great nation

Genesis 12:2



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#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Come spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! Please join us in the chapel on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> & March 28<sup>th</sup> anytime from 1:00pm until 6:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, ending with recitation of the Divine Praises at 6:30pm.



**LENTEN SEASON INFO** 

#### ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION

Do not miss an opportunity to enjoy a delicious continental breakfast in celebration of St. Joseph whose feast day falls on a Sunday this year, March 19<sup>th</sup>. In honor of this feast, we will celebrate St. Joseph with food and fun following the 9:00am Mass. All are welcome to enjoy continental breakfast and, for the kids, assemble birdhouses in honor of St. Joseph's vocation as a carpenter. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

#### OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Cyril and Methodius will have two opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:00am-12:00pm and from 6:00pm-9:00pm. As always, the Sacrament is available here at St. Jane Frances each Tuesday from 5:30pm-6:30pm.

#### WASHING OF THE FEET

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm, Fr. Tony will wash the feet of 12 parish members. The foot washing on Holy Thursday may seem somewhat strange and old-fashioned. The church has kept it in the liturgy for good reason. As Christ washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper, emphasizing for them the connection between Eucharist and service to others, this ritual remains in our liturgy for the same reason. It is to emphasize that the Eucharist is not separate from service, but that they are inextricably bound together. The essential nature of Holy Communion is unity, not only with God, but also with one another. Having your feet washed in this way is a powerful and humbling encounter with the heart of discipleship! If you would like to participate in this beautiful act of service, please contact me via phone or email.

#### HELP NEEDED FOR DECORATING THE WORSHIP SPACE FOR EASTER!

Many hands make light work! On Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the liturgy, we will be preparing the Worship Space to celebrate the joy of Easter. If you can stay and help for an hour, we would be very grateful. No special skills are needed. If possible, please call or email me to let me know you plan to be there. You can also simply stay and we will put you to work! Decorating will begin at approximately 3:00pm.

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## FAMILY GOSPEL PAGE MARCH 5, 2023 Matthew 17:1-9, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

#### REFLECTION

The faith of Peter, James, and John was strengthened and they had a glimpse of wonderful things to come. In the same way, our faith can be stronger by realizing that the life we live now is wonderful, but so will our Heavenly home be some day!

#### **DISCUSSION**

-When have you ever been confused or scared (like the disciples were in this story)?

#### **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

**SHINE HIDE AND SEEK:** Use a flashlight and have one family member hide the flashlight, making sure the light is "on" to represent Gods shining glory. Have other family members try to find it.

**HOPES & DREAMS CHARADES:** Have everyone in the family write a list of their hopes and dreams. Then have each person play charades with their list to see if the other family members can guess them.

Adapted from: https://ministry-to-children.com/sunday-school-lessonmatthew-17-the-transfiguration-of-jesus/

#### **SONG**

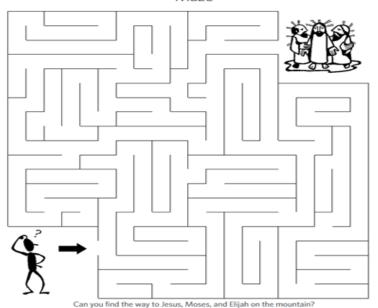
One Way Hillsong | Dance-A-Long with Lyrics | Animated Worship Song CJ and friends (YouTube)

#### **PRAYER**

Dear God, thank you for all your glory and greatness, found and fulfilled in Jesus. We ask for your help in shining Jesus' light for all the world. Amen.

#### **PUZZLE**

Transfiguration Maze



# SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF March 5, 2023

#### Sunday

#### **Second Sunday of Lent**

Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

#### Monday

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Lk 6:36-38

#### Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23; Mt 23:1-12

#### Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

#### **Thursday**

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 16:19-31

#### **Friday**

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43. 45-46

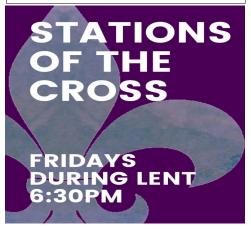
#### Saturday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

#### Sunday

#### Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42



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#### **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

## Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place OUR TRUST in you

Psalm 33:21



Next week we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, there will be a bulletin insert and we ask that you give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at

www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

#### **EUCHRE NIGHT: WELCOME SPRING**

WHEN: Saturday, March 25<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

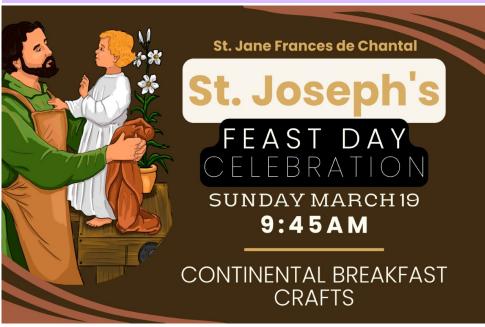
will be played using rotating partners.

**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 Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. (No refunds for cancellations received after March 20<sup>th</sup>)

Questions: Contact Linda Smith at 586-977-8080 ext. 101

or LSmith@sjfparish.org.



#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Saturday Sunday Mar. 7, 2023 Mar 8, 2023 Mar. 9. 2023 Mar. 11, 2023 Mar. 12, 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 Karen Frontera Janet Sepanik Brian Finn **James Torres** Lector Barbara Sadecki **Judy Taylor** Barb Milczynski Denise Dara Ronald Mobley Phil Mina Gary Bjornrud Annette Mobley

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#### **DESSERTS FOR 2023 FISH FRYS**

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be selling desserts at the Friday Fish Frys. We need your help to make it a success! You can donate your desserts to the Parish Office on Thursday before 7:45pm the week of each Fish Fry.

Please be sure your treats have:

- No Nuts or Peanut Butter
- Nothing that needs to be refrigerated We look forward to your delicious donations!



#### we're back!!

#### **2023 LENTEN FISH FRYS**



Friday Fish Frys are going strong. Next week's Fish Fry will benefit Faith Formation. Dine-in and carry-out options are available and all dinners are CASH ONLY.

#### Dinners:

2-Piece cod dinner \$11 3-Piece cod dinner \$13

Dinners include french fries or macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, and dinner roll. Dine-in dinners also include lemonade, water, coffee, or tea.

### **Ministry Hosting Schedule**

4:00pm-7:00pm

March 10<sup>th</sup>-Faith Formation

March 17<sup>th</sup>-Christian Service

March 24<sup>th</sup>-Knights of Columbus

March 31<sup>st</sup>-Christian Service

#### **Sides:**

french fries - \$3; macaroni & cheese - \$4.50; coleslaw - \$1.50; slice of cheese pizza - \$2.50

Desserts and cans of pop are available for \$1 each with the proceeds going to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In addition, the Knights of Columbus will have tootsie rolls available and will also be hosting 50/50 raffles.

We still need volunteers for each Fish Fry event, please contact Linda Smith at: LSmith@sjfparish.org or 586-977-8080, ext. 101.

## 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 Hielle,** Army

Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard

Elijah Kuefler, Navy Carmen LaForest, Navy

Matthew McDowell, Air Force

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

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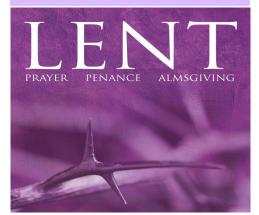
Rachel Canavesio Dawn DePoorter Christine Lopre Dennis McLellan Paulette Meyer

**Teri Painter** 

Daniel Reghi

**Darlene Rys** 

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



#### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 6, 2023 No Mass

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

**7:00pm** For the Parishioners

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

8:00am Dec. Christine Flaviani (Judy Taylor)

Thursday, March 9, 2023

8:00am Dec. Helen Tank (Judy Taylor)
Friday, March 10, 2023 No Mass

Saturday, March 11, 2023

**4:00pm** Dec. Ceola Trinity (Robert & Frances Kraft)

Dec. Herbert Dempz (Family)
Dec. Isabelle McLaughlin (Family)
Dec. Polo Marcinkowski (Family)
Dec. Ted Dempz Sr. (Family)

Dec. Diann Grobbell (Husband & Family)
Dec. David Budnick-1st Anniv. (Family)
Dec. Margaret Rayes (Rayes Family)
Dec. Roberta Kulawik (Helen)
Dec. Joann Potocki (Helen)

Sunday, March 12, 2023

**9:00am** For the Parishioners

Dec. Lorraine Weglarz (Dorothy Weglarz)
Dec. Maureen Blair (Dorothy Weglarz)
Dec. Jeannine Mayer (Novak Family)

**11:30am** Dec. Salvador M. Balagtas (Frank Balagtas)

Dec. Ma. Socorro Calara (Frank Balagtas)



#### **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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