

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *November 17th & 18th, 2018* Detroit,

A Thanksgiving Prayer in 2018: Choose



God, there are days we do not *feel* grateful. When we are anxious or angry. When we feel alone. When we do not understand what is happening in the world or with our neighbors. When the news is bleak, confusing. God, we

struggle to *feel* grateful.

But this Thanksgiving, we *choose* gratitude.

We choose to accept life as a gift from you, and as a gift from the unfolding work of all creation.

We choose to be grateful for the earth from which our food comes; for the water that gives life; and for the air we all breathe.

We choose to thank our ancestors, those who came before us, grateful for their stories and struggles, and we receive their wisdom as a continuing gift for today.

We choose to see our families and friends with new eyes, appreciating and accepting them for who they are. We are thankful for our homes, whether humble or grand.

We will be grateful for our neighbors, no matter how they voted, whatever our differences, or how much we feel hurt or misunderstood by them.

God, this Thanksgiving, we do not give thanks. We choose it. We will make this choice of thanks with courageous hearts, knowing that it is humbling to say "thank you." We choose to see your sacred generosity, aware that we live in an infinite circle of gratitude where we all are guests at a hospitable table around which gifts are passed and received. We will not let anything opposed to love take over this table. Instead, we choose grace, free and unmerited love, the giftedness of life everywhere. In this choosing, and in the making, we will pass gratitude onto the world.

Thus, with you, and with all those gathered at this table, we pledge to make thanks. We ask you to strengthen us in this resolve. Here, now, and into the future. Around our family table. Around the table of our nation. Around the table of the earth.

We choose thanks. Amen

(Excerpted from Diana Butler Bass, "Grounded: Finding God in the World – A Spiritual Revolution")

MISSION STATEMENT

Nativity is a diverse and inclusive Catholic Faith Community on Detroit's eastside dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and sharing God's love through commitment to social justice, service to the neighborhood, the community and each other.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: 11-19: Maureen Campernel, & Fran Carnaghi

11-20: Tyra Thompson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 11-19: Mike & Rosa Gracey

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 24th & 25th
Christ the King

Next week's Readings: (Daniel 7:13-14,
Revelation 1:5-8, 18, John 18:33-37)

Lectors:

4:00 Mary Miller
9:45 1. M. Corrigan 2. M. E. White

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller
9:45 R. Gatson, P. Adams, N. Danzie,
A. Milligan, M. Peeples

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 T. McGovern
9:45 1. L. Cunningham 2. C. Gillespie
3. Sr. Elaine 4. j. Shovlin

Ministers of Service:

4:00 J. Dupre
9:45 1. C. McLaughlin 2. D. Wois

MASS INTENTIONS

Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, November 17, 2018

4:00 Fran Busacca (Buzz Busacca)

SUNDAY, November 18, 2018

9:45 Fr. Jerome Singer
(The Nativity Family)

WEDNESDAY, November 21st, 2018

MASS FOR THANKSGIVING

10:30 AM: AT ST. CHARLES

7:00PM: AT NATIVITY

Feast of Christ The King

SATURDAY, November 24, 2018

4:00 Marty Carnaghi (Family)
Rose Merlo (Family)

SUNDAY, November 25, 2018

9:45 Al Mudloff (Family)
Rose Thomas (Family)

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OPENING HYMN

GLORY TO GOD

OPENING PRAYER

God our Creator of all that is good, keep us faithful in serving you, for to serve you is our lasting joy. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st READING: Daniel 12:1-3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You are my inheritance, O Lord!

2nd READING: Hebrews 10:11-14,18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: Mark 13:24-32

LAMB OF GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

COMMUNION HYMN

BIBLE EXCHANGE

We will hear Your Word one in love.
We will live Your Word one in love.
We will spread Your Word one in love.

CLOSING HYMN

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th, Christmas Eve: 5:00PM
December 25th, Christmas Day: 9:45 AM

We pray for God's healing for:

Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Bob Campemel, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Tom Davis, David Denomme, Kevin Dietz, Katie Estes, Diane & Dolores Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Willie Harris, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Theresa Hill, Billie Jean Jackson, Patrick Jansen, Liz Janutol, Journee Jones, Alex Kelly, Debby Kinsel, Dolores Killewald, Clarence Lewis, Vicki McCuish, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathe, Jennifer Mondalek, Joe Oldani, Allan Patterson, Sharon Povlitz, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Phyllis Treece, Sr. Jolene, Nikki Zapinski, Maura Corrigan's sisters, Pat & Mary Therese, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Roseann Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Jan Shovlin's sister, Joan & son Bradford, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline, The Benigni and Chida Families

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

CALLING ALL SHOPPERS!

In case you are a Black Friday shopper or just an early Christmas shopper, there are tags in the baskets on the Altar for children in our Christmas Assistance Program. More tags will be added weekly and all gifts need to be back by December 16th. Please do not wrap the gifts. If you want to bring them earlier, which will be great so we can cross it off our list of needed. Gifts can be placed along the Communion rail of Mary's Altar. Thank you for your support.

JOHN THORNE IN CONCERT

Lou Ferguson Productions presents John J.F. Thorne in an evening of praise and worship in "Sounds of the Season" on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The event will be held at Sacred Heart's Activities Building located at 3451 Rivard St. Detroit, Michigan 48207. Tickets are \$10.00 online at: <https://johnjthorne.eventbrite.com>

Advent Little Blue Books: Once again the Advent & Christmas Season Daily 6 Minute Meditation Books are available at the doors. Bishop Ken Untener was bishop of Saginaw when he started writing this series for his entire diocese. They are a great way to spend a few minutes each day reflecting on the season.

Just a reminder that you still have time to purchase a brick paver for the Fr. Singer Memorial Garden. It's a fundraiser for Nativity and a great way to honor a loved one. Might even be a good Christmas gift for the person on your list who is hard to buy for! Forms are by Mary's altar.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

It is that time of year again when we will start collecting turkeys and hams to save for our Christmas program for those in need. So again, we are asking, as you are shopping, if you see a good deal on turkeys and hams, to pick one up for us. We will reimburse you, so save your receipt. We cannot reimburse bridge card purchases. If you can store them for us until the week of December 16th, that would be great, just let us know you have one. We do have some space for some.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

THANKSGIVING MASS: Wednesday, November 21st. 10:30 AM at St. Charles 7:00PM here at Nativity.

December 14th: Special Liturgy Soup Supper. A spiritual evening away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. We will enjoy wonderful warm soup and pray an Advent Stations of the Cross.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Though the families don't come in to shop until the week of December 17th, there is a lot of work to do before hand. Beginning after Mass on Sunday, December 9th and throughout that week we will be sorting, and setting up. If you can give us some time that week it will help tremendously. Sign ups will be next weekend.

The week of December 17th is when the families in our Christmas Assistance Program will come in and do their shopping for their families' gifts. We will need volunteers from about 9:00AM to 3:00 all week. When you are setting up your schedules if you could block off a few hours that week to help us, it will be greatly appreciated.