

BIRTHDAYS

Connie Candela	12/01	Mary Ellen White	12/05	Nikki Woodfork	12/24
Theresa Ragland	12/01	Billy Dombrowski	12/08	Don Bezel	12/25
Hermenia Romaine	12/02	Lisa Benbery	12/08	Anthony Sierengowski	12/25
Paula Dombrowski	12/03	Joe Oldani	12/14	Martell Stephens	12/26
Larry Shelton	12/03	Jeanne Purrenhage	12/20	Louis Randall	12/29
Robert Campernel	12/04	Kathleen McDonald	12/20	Dolores Kein	12/30
Terra Jones	12/04	Mark Crawford	12/21	Michael Mondalek	12/31
		Phyllis Treece	12/23		

AND ANNIVERSARIES

Melvin & Theresa McCoy	12/03		Karl & Rosanne Schwartz	12/31
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**December 8th
& December 9th
2nd SUNDAY of Advent**

Next week's Readings: (Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11, Luke 3:1-6)

Lectors:

4:00 Mark Miller
9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. Sr. Ellen

Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller
9:45 T. Bailey, W. Lewis, R. Patrick, T. Roberts, D. Scott

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 T. McGratty
9:45 1. M. Johnston 2. M. J. Accavitti 3. H. Wimble 4. T. Novara

Ministers of Service:

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

**MASS INTENTIONS
1st Sunday of Advent**

SATURDAY, December 1, 2018

4:00 Donna Crowe
(Therese McGratty)

SUNDAY, December 2, 2018

9:45 Lucille Pierce
(The Accavitti Family)

THURSDAY, December 6

11:00 Fr. Jerome Singer
(Nativity Family)

2nd Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, December 8

4:00 Irene Mudloff (Family)
Sandra Turnbull (William Rex)

SUNDAY, December 9, 2018

9:45

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.



NATIVITY NEWS

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PASTOR'S PEN

First Sunday of Advent

Here we are on the first Sunday of Advent and we begin what traditionally has been the time of waiting. We are waiting for the birth of Christ into our world, into our families and into our hearts. Yes, this is our moment of waiting and so we have to ask ourselves, "What are we waiting for?" What are our hopes for this Advent season? Do we just hope to get through the holidays in one piece or do we want something more than that? Most of us will be deluged with the busyness of these days and will become numb to the deeper issues and desires of our lives.

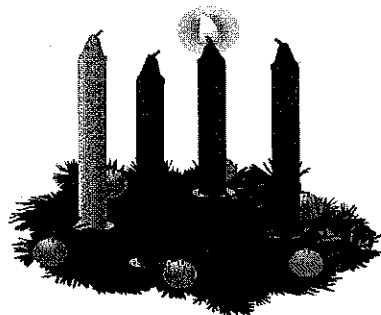
If Christ was here in the flesh and wanted to grant us one blessing this Christmas, what would we ask for this Christmas? Would we want an end to starvation throughout the world? Would we want the end of the war in Yemen and all those other havens of violence? Would we want him to reverse global warming? Would we want him to resolve the immigration issue? Would we ask him to reunite all of those children who were separated from their parents at the border? Would we want him to put end to homelessness? Would we ask him to stop the opioid crisis? Would we ask him to help us with all the mentally ill persons who roam our streets looking for some comfort? Would we ask him to eradicate cancer and so many other life threatening illnesses? Would we ask him to stop the gun violence in our land so no more innocent victims would be killed? Would we ask him to heal all victims of abuse? Would we ask him to heal our church of all the abuse and help the hierarchy to be more transparent? Would we ask for something for those closer to us? Would we ask him to heal a family member who is ill? Would we ask him to give us or someone in our family a better job? Would we ask to be healed, ourselves? Or would we ask him for some superficial things: a new car, a vacation, all our bills paid, a better job, winning the lottery, a new house, etc?

Our society settles for the last items to bring us joy this Christmas and we will see ads upon ads telling us what we need to be happy. Let's not fall for it but allow ourselves to wait for something deeper this Christmas. Let us allow Christ to come closer and give us the courage to dream of a better world where all God's children can find some joy. If we listen closely, we will hear Christ ask, "what are YOU waiting for? Don't just sit waiting for me to change your world but roll up your sleeves and let's create a world together where there is no hunger or war or homelessness or global warming or violence or walls or rejection or racism or?" Christ wants to know why we are sitting and waiting when he has given us what we need to build a world of peace and goodness!

Feast of Immaculate Conception: Only one Vigil Mass on Friday at 7pm (Nativity)

OPENING HYMN

Lighting of the Advent Wreath



OPENING PRAYER

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

1st READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul.

2nd READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

LAMB OF GOD

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

COMMUNION HYMN

BIBLE EXCHANGE

CLOSING HYMN

This Friday, December 7th we will celebrate Mass here at 7:00PM with both parishes for the Immaculate Conception. Regular Saturday 4:00 Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent.

Advent Reflection Question

What are we waiting for this Advent season? What are our hopes for our world?

We pray for God's healing for:

Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Bob Campernel, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Tom Davis, David Denomme, Kevin Dietz, Katie Estes, Diane & Dolores Ferschner, 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, Marilyn Shepherd, 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 Showlin's sister, Joan & son Bradford, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline, The Benigni and Chida Families

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Jesse tree was created to help people link the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading up to Jesus' birth. The tradition of decorating Christmas trees actually predates the arrival of Christianity in western Europe and was adopted by the early Church. In order to associate the custom more clearly with decorations related to the events of Jesus' birth and the prophecies about him in the Old Testament, many parishes and families make Jesse trees during Advent to remind them of these events as they prepare for Christmas.

Symbols for December 2nd

Adam and Eve: Apple

Noah: Rainbow or Ark

Abraham: Field of Stars

Isaac: Ram

Jacob: Ladder

Joseph: Coat of Many Colors

Do you need a gift suggestion for someone special or that difficult person to buy for? How about a brick paver which will be placed in the Father Singer Memorial Garden. You can avoid the hassle of traditional shopping & best of all it's a perfect way to let someone special know you care. We will have holiday acknowledgement letters available for you to give the recipient. It will include the inscription on the brick & (donors name) your name. And keep in mind you will be supporting our Nativity Parish at the same time. This is our major fund raiser for 2018/2019. The cost of a brick is \$100. The forms are available by Mary's altar or the parish house. Your consideration is much appreciated. We couldn't make this happen without each & everyone of you.

The Fundraising Committee

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance's December Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018 @ 7 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church's Activities Building. Come and learn more about the Alliance, its programs and enjoy the food & fellowship with friends from across the city. There will be a 50/50 raffle with a take home prize of at least \$450.00 and a second raffle for \$100 just for showing up!

JOHN THORNE IN CONCERT

Join John J.F. Thorne in "Sounds of the Season," an evening of praise and worship, on Sat., Dec. 8 at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Activities Building. Tickets are \$10.00 online at: <https://johnjffthorne.eventbrite.com>

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

December 14th: Special Liturgy Soup Supper. 6:00-8:00PM 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

Beginning next Sunday after Mass and for the next two weeks, there are many hours available to volunteer. You can choose to come help set up the Christmas Program, you can come help a mom or dad shop for their gifts or you can help wrap presents with families. All the sign ups are by Mary's Altar.

Christmas Schedule:

December 21st: Clean up Church and Basement

December 23rd: Decorate Church after Mass

December 24: Christmas Eve—
5:00PM Mass and Jesus' Birthday Party

Christmas Day: Mass at 9:45 AM