

# NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan \*December 22nd & 23rd, 2018\* Detroit,

## PASTOR'S PEN

### *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

As Advent melts into the feast of Christmas, I thought I would use the words of Meister Eckhardt given to me by another outstanding Dominican!

*We are all meant to be  
mothers of God.  
What good is it to me  
if the eternal birth of the Divine  
takes place unceasingly,  
but does not take place within myself?  
And what good is it to me  
if Mary is full of grace  
if I'm not full of grace?  
What good is it for me  
For the Creator to give birth to his Son,  
If I don't also give birth to him  
in my time and culture?  
This, then, is the fullness of time.  
When the Son of God is begotten in us*

*Meister Eckhardt OP*

*How will God be born in us this year? Will we allow God's dream of peace and justice throughout our world be the dream that is born in our hearts this Christmas? Will we allow God's dream of a world where all are family and no one is left out be ours this Christmas? Will we allow the heart of Christ to beat within ours and move us to deeper compassion for the stranger? It starts with each of us!*

### 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:** 12/23: Phyllis Treece, 12/24: Nikki Woodfork,  
12/25: Don Bezel, Anthony Sierengowski, 12/26: Martell Stephens  
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 12/27: John & Gail Urso

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE December 29th & 30th Feast of the Holy Family

Next week's Readings:  
(Micah 5:1-4,  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 2:41-52)

#### Lectors:

4:00 C. Kulchy  
9:45 1. M. Corrigan 2. M. Johnston

#### Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller  
9:45 P. Adams, K. Alderman,  
J. Deisinger, T. Roberts

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 C. Kulechy  
9:45 1. L. Cunningham 2. C. Gillespie  
3. Sr. Elaine 4. J. Shovlin

#### Ministers of Service:

4:00 A. Clark  
9:45 1. C. Scott 2. L. Bartnik

### MASS INTENTIONS Fourth Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, December 22, 2018

4:00 Rose Thomas (Family)

SUNDAY, December 23, 2018

9:45 Joseph Grano & Julia Gigliotti  
(Family)

THURSDAY, December 27, 2018

11:00 NO MASS

### Feast of The Holy Family

SATURDAY, December 29, 2018

4:00 Al Mudloff (Family)

SUNDAY, December 30, 2018

9:45 Daniel O'Grady  
(The O'Grady Family)

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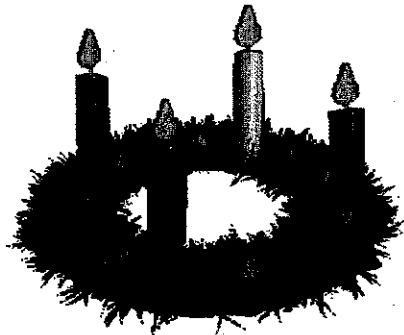
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**OPENING HYMN**

#231 O Come O Come Emmanuel

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**



**OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, fill our hearts with your love, and as you revealed to us by an angel the coming of your Son as man, so lead us through his suffering and to the glory of his resurrection, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** Micah 5:1-4

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** Hebrews 10:5-10

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia ...

**3<sup>rd</sup> READING:** Luke 1:39-45

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

#240 On Jordan's Bank

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**LAMB OF GOD**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

#643 Here I Am Lord

**BIBLE EXCHANGE**

**CLOSING HYMN**

#724 Hail, Holy Queen

**Advent Reflection Question**

From whom do you await a blessing?  
Who awaits a blessing from you?

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

As evening begins to fall on December 24, Advent becomes Christmas. The season of hope and expectation ends as we celebrate the Incarnation, God among us, Jesus was born into a particular time and place. He was born in Judea, into a people of hope and expectation waiting for a Messiah.

**Jesse Tree**

**Patrick and Maliyah Elmore:** John the Baptist Ornament

**Russell Stambaugh:** Mary Ornament

**Genevieve and Rosy Krembel:** Elizabeth Ornament

**Jessica and Sara Awan:** Joseph Ornament

**Rashid and Airik Buford:** Jesus Ornament

**Anthony Griggs:** Christ Ornament

**December 27th: Kwanzaa Celebration with other Alliance Parishes—6-8 P.M.** at Sacred Heart; part of the celebration includes parish elders—Mr. Willie Clay and Mrs. Ruby Gatson have agreed to represent Nativity as our elders.

**JUST WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!!!**

Your 2019 Parish Envelopes have arrived. Please look for your name as some numbers have been changed. Also, please don't use them until 2019 for proper tax credit. If you would like envelopes, please let us know.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

In case you missed last weekend, there will be people around the doors collecting for the Christmas flowers. If you can give something, it will be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who helped make the Christmas Program a success. Maybe you were there everyday for the last two weeks, maybe you came for a couple hours, maybe you donated a gift or food. Whatever you did, you helped make it a success.

Also, thank you to those that stayed after Mass last weekend to decorate. The church looks great!

**Christmas Schedule:**

**Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve), 5:00 pm Mass at Nativity** (for both Nativity and St. Charles)

**8:00 pm Mass at St Charles** (for both St Charles and Nativity)

**Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day), 9:45 am Mass at Nativity**

**11:30 am Mass at St Charles**

**December 27th: Kwanzaa Celebration 6-8pm. Sacred Heart Activities Center Regular Mass Schedule Dec. 29th & 30th New Years Eve, Dec.31st.**

**5:00PM Nativity**

**11:00PM St. Charles/With a Wedding**

**PASTOR'S PEN**  
(Brother Ray Stadmeyer, OFM Cap)

## *A Blessed Christmas to all*

We can easily become discouraged in our weary world and wonder if Christ is still around us. With all the passion I have, I scream out to you: YES!! Jesus was an historical figure in our world and was born in a certain time and place but the Christ, risen from the dead, is alive in our world and is being born over and over again. He is in the eyes of the mother who sees her baby for the first time. He is born in the excitement of children as they await the feast of Christmas. He is born in the kindness of families who look in on an elderly neighbor. He is born in the compassion of friends and family when we are in our deepest grief. He is born in the love of a couple getting married and deeply in love as well as in the couple who have been together over many decades and need no words to express their love for the other. He is born in the strangers who collect food and clothing for their brothers and sisters who are struggling. He is born in the parents standing with their child during addictions or incarceration. He is born in the gentle breeze and the beautiful sunset. He is born in our hearts whenever we choose love. Yes, that's the key! Whenever and wherever we choose peace over violence, generosity over greed, compassion over selfishness and love over hate, Christ is born. So let's choose love this year and allow the light of Christ to be born in our world. Have a wonderful Christmas and a new year filled with love!

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In order to give our staff a needed rest, our offices will be closed between Christmas and New Years Day but we will be checking our messages for any emergencies. Hope this week is a restful time for all of us to be with family and friends and get recharged for the year ahead!

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Mass for the New Year will be on New Years' Eve at 5pm here and 11pm at St Charles. No Masses on New Years' day.

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**GATHERING HYMN**  
**#249 Joy To The World**

**GLORY TO GOD**

**LET US PRAY**

Lord our God, you make this Holy time radiant with the splendor of Jesus Christ our light. We welcome him as Lord, the true light of the world. Bring us eternal joy in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:**

**Christmas Eve:** Isaiah 9:1-6  
**Christmas Day:** Isaiah 52:7-10

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Christmas Eve:** Today is born our Savior,  
Christ the Lord  
**Christmas Day:** All the ends of the earth  
have seen the power of God.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:**

**Christmas Eve:** Titus 2:11-14  
**Christmas Day:** Hebrews 1:1-6

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia ...

**3<sup>rd</sup> READING:**

**Christmas Eve:** Luke 2:1-14  
**Christmas Day:** John 1:1-18

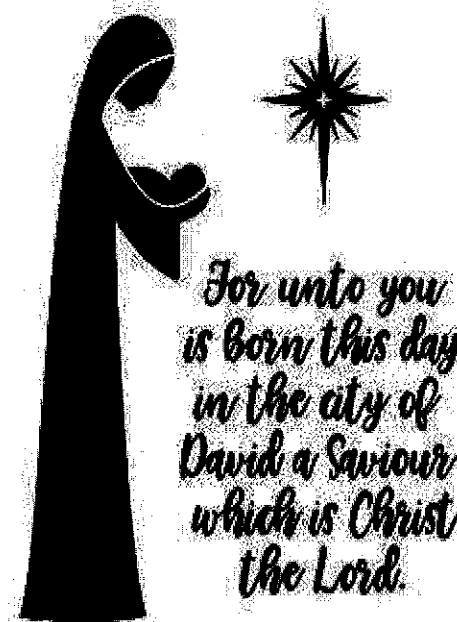
**OFFERTORY HYMN**  
**#276 The First Noel**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**LAMB OF GOD**

**COMMUNION HYMN**  
**#252 Away in the Manger**

**CLOSING HYMN**  
**#253 Go Tell It On The Mountain**



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**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

Everyone is invited downstairs after the 5:00 Mass for Jesus' Birthday party

**December 27th: Kwanzaa Celebration with other Alliance Parishes—6-8 P.M.** at Sacred Heart; part of the celebration includes parish elders—Mr. Willie Clay and Mrs. Ruby Gatson have agreed to represent Nativity as our elders.

Regular Mass Schedule, Saturday, the 29th and Sunday 30th. 9:45AM.

**New Years Eve, Dec.31st.**  
**5:00PM Nativity**  
**11:00PM St. Charles/With a Wedding**



BIRTHDAYS

|                      |      |                   |      |                 |      |
|----------------------|------|-------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Michael Awan         | 1-01 | Ann Purrenhage    | 1-13 | Michael Peeples | 1-26 |
| Mark Liss            | 1-02 | Geoff Shahady     | 1-13 | Racine Adams    | 1-29 |
| Dolores Ferschneider | 1-06 | Delores Susko     | 1-13 | Jennifer Mercer | 1-29 |
| Mary Jane Accavitti  | 1-09 | Mary Joan Denomme | 1-20 | Monica Bezel    | 1-30 |
| Jarel Adams          | 1-12 |                   |      | Emily Crowe     | 1-30 |
|                      |      |                   |      | Jasmine Adams   | 1-30 |

AND ANNIVERSARIES

Bill & Mickey Dietz 01/27  Michael & Lenore Mondalek 01/27

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** 12/29: Louis Randall, 12/30: Dolores Kein, 12/31: Chico Mondalek, 1/01: Michael Awan, 1/02: Mark Liss

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** 12/31: Rosanne & Karl Schwartz



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### *Feast of the Holy Family*

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed a bit of rest and time with family and friends. It would be nice if we could let the Christmas season last through the month of January. It seems we are so busy up til Christmas and I realize the days after Christmas are the best when we can just sit, relax a bit and drink cocoa for a few days!

Today, as we allow the glow of Christmas to continue to surround us, we celebrate the feast of the Holy family. We celebrate, not only Mary, Joseph and Jesus, but we also celebrate the families that we have been given. I am always hesitant to talk about the joy of family as I know some people have not had a good experience of family and for them the mere mention of the word conjures up painful memories. For those of you for whom "family" is a difficult word, I ask you to think about the other family God has given you. It's the family of those who have loved you throughout your life. Some have come for a season and helped you through a difficult time and some have come to be with for the long haul. All of those people were sent by God to love you and remind you that you are God's beloved and part of God's family. To remind ourselves that just being created by a loving God gives us access to God's family and God's love. It also reminds us that all created beings are part of the family of God and are loved by God. That reminder should help us to see the dignity of each human being and see all humanity and all creation as brother and sister...very Franciscan! So, in honor of this feast please thank God for all the people who have come through your life and loved you as "family." Also let us make the pledge to widen the boundaries of our "family" and let others in to our hearts who are longing for someone to love them. May 2019 be a year where we allow ourselves to be more vulnerable to those who want to love us!

**Our New Years' Eve Mass (Solemnity of Mary) will be at 5pm at Nativity and 11pm at St. Charles. Have a Blessed new year filled with grace and peace!**

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| <p><b>January 6</b><br/><b>Epiphany of the Lord</b><br/>Next week's Readings: (Isaiah 60:1-6<br/>Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12)</p> <p><b>Lectors:</b></p> <p>4:00 Mark Miller<br/>9:45 1. E. Burkhardt 2. C. Sutton</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b></p> <p>4:00 R. Miller &amp; S. May<br/>9:45 M. J. Accavitti, J. Deisinger,<br/>R. Duddy, C. Gillespie</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b></p> <p>4:00 Mary Miller<br/>9:45 1. M. Johnston 2. M. J. Accavitti<br/>3. H. Wimble 4. T. Novara</p> <p><b>Ministers of Service:</b></p> <p>4:00 1. W. Adams<br/>9:45 2. 1. C. McLaughlin 2. J. Dupre</p> | <p><b>MASS INTENTIONS</b><br/><b>Feast of The Holy Family</b><br/>SATURDAY, December 29th<br/>4:00 Al Mudloff (Family)<br/>Catherine Richards<br/>(The McGovern Family)</p> <p>SUNDAY, December 30th<br/>9:45 Daniel O'Grady<br/>(The O'Grady Family)</p> <p>Monday, December 31st<br/>5:00 <b>At Nativity:</b> The DeWalls Family<br/>(Tina Roberts)<br/>11:00PM <b>At St. Charles</b></p> <p><b>Epiphany of the Lord</b><br/>SATURDAY, January 5, 2019<br/>4:00 Dorothy Mudloff (Family)<br/>Alexandra (Sandra) Turnbull<br/>(The Nativity Family)</p> <p>SUNDAY, January 6, 2019<br/>9:45</p> |
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**A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER**

May we, each day, respond to your call, your touch, your voice beckoning us toward the reality of peace and life which are found in relationship with you, our God. May your Holy Spirit guide us in our daily walk – a walk of peace and healing of spirit – heart to heart, sharing in love and joy. Let us make a resolution this New Year's to help just one member of our human family, to offer a hand and bring one person food or warmth or help. In this way, one person at a time, eventually all will be cared for. Amen.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

Thank you to all of you who helped out in anyway to make everything we do a success. We hope you realize how much we appreciate everything you do.

Just a reminder to pick up your 2019 parish envelopes and calendars. And let's make a New Years resolution to use them. It makes it so much easier for record keeping. Thank you!

If you would like parish envelopes, please take a parish register form (located on the table by the envelopes) home and fill it out. Just drop in the collection basket and the following week you will have envelopes.

We are in need of a few additional volunteers to pick up food about once a month at St. Paul's in Grosse Pointe and bring it to Nativity for our food program. Food needs to be picked up on Monday or Tuesday mornings and brought to Nativity by Thursday morning. Please let Chris McLaughlin know if you can assist or have any questions.

**GATHERING HYMN**  
#247 Hark The Herald Angels Sing

**GLORY TO GOD**

**LET US PRAY**  
**DEC. 29th & 30th:** God, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home. Grant 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.

**NEW YEARS EVE:** God our Creator, may we always profit by the prayers of the Virgin Mother Mary, for you bring us life and salvation through Jesus Christ her Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:**  
**DEC. 29th & 30th:** 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28  
**NEW YEARS EVE:** Numbers 6:22-27

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**DEC. 29th & 30th:** Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his way.

**NEW YEARS EVE:** May God bless us in his mercy.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:**  
**DEC. 29th & 30th:** Colossians 3:12-21  
**NEW YEARS EVE:** Galatians 4:4-7

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia ...

**3<sup>rd</sup> READING:**  
**DEC. 29th & 30th:** Luke 2:41-52  
**NEW YEARS EVE:** Luke 2:16-21

**OFFERTORY HYMN**  
#246 Angels We Have Heard On High

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**  
**LAMB OF GOD**

**COMMUNION HYMN**  
#244 Silent Night  
#271 Sing of Mary Pure and Lowly

**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**  
#249 Joy to the World

