

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *December 21st & 22nd, 2019* Detroit,

PASTOR'S PEN



Fourth Sunday of Advent

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, as we prepare for the Christmas celebration, we hear the words from Matthew's Gospel quoting the words from the first reading of Isaiah:

*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they will name him Emmanuel"
(which means "God is with us.")*

As Advent melts away and we come to Christmas, we are reminded that the Christ who was born in Bethlehem is "God with us" in 2019. He is the light in our darkness; he is the companion on the journey; he is the warmth of a hug from a friend; he is the courageous spirit that helps us to fight against injustice; he is the compassion of the nurse who works tirelessly with chemo patients; he is the strength of parents raising children on their own or working long, hard hours to take care of their families; he is the innocence of bright-eyed children and the quiet wisdom of our aging parents. Yes, he is God among us in all of the ways our lives are touched by the Divine spark of love. The commercial world may not understand what is under the lights and trees and gifts and trappings of the season but as followers of the Christ, we do. We scream out to the world that **GOD IS WITH US!**

During the busyness of these days, may you take a walk on a moon lit night or get up early while everyone is sleeping or find a quiet space in the midst of the celebrations and contemplate the fact that you have been so loved by God that God sent Christ to remind you that you will never be alone. Where there is life and love, there is Christ! He is the powerful spark of Divine love who will never leave us!

Christmas Schedule

**Christmas Eve: 5pm Mass at Nativity followed by Birthday Party for Jesus;
8pm Mass at St. Charles.**

Christmas Day: 9:45am Mass at Nativity; 11:30am Mass at St. Charles

New Year's Eve: 5pm Mass at Nativity;

11pm Mass at St. Charles followed by a potluck Supper.

Offices will be closed for Christmas and New Years and reopen on Jan. 6th.

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: 12/22: John Pierick, 12/23: Phyllis Treece,
12/24: Nikki Woodfork, 12/25: Anthony Sierengowski, 12/26: Martell Stephens

WORSHIP SCHEDULE December 28th & 29th Feast of the Holy Family

Next week's Readings:
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 ,
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23)

Lectors:

4:00 M. Miller
9:45 1. Sutton 2. Johnston

Ushers:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 M. Miller
9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. D. Scott
3.G.Scamahorn 4. J. Brooks

Ministers of Service:

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, December 21, 2019

4:00 Kirtis & Rose Thomas (Family)
Judee Danielak (Friends)

SUNDAY, December 22, 2019

9:45 Billie Jean Jackson
(The Thursday Food Pantry Volunteers)
Joseph Grano (Family)

THURSDAY, December 26, 2019

11:00 NO MASS

Feast of the Holy Family

SATURDAY, December 28, 2019

4:00 Al Mudloff (Family)

SUNDAY, December 29, 2019

9:45 The Nativity Family

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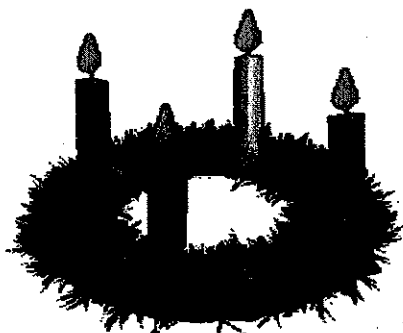
Pastoral Ministers

Joni Scott Director of Faith Formation

OPENING HYMN

#231

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.

1st READING: Isaiah 7:10-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let the Lord enter, he is king of glory.

2nd READING: Romans 1:1-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: Matthew 1:18-24

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

#350

BIBLE EXCHANGE

CLOSING HYMN

#500

We pray for God's healing for:

Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Edna Boyd, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Gabriel Crowe, Tom Davis, John Deisinger, Katie Estes, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Patrick Jansen, Liz Janutol, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Mickala Lewis, Clarence Lewis, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Beth McLaughlin, Traver & Jean Meathe, Andrea Milligan, Jennifer Mondalek, Allan Patterson, Sharon Povlitz, Helen Randall, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Marianne Szymanski, Phyllis Treece, Sr. Jolene, Pat Wimble, Nikki Zapinski, Tom Zarro, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Jan Shovlin's son Bradford, Diane Wingo's friends Krista and Pantulu, and brother in law, Armando, Sr. Ellen's niece Carole, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline, Kathy Walsh's sister, Mary Ann, Joyce Shahady's granddaughter, Edith, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, The Benigni and Chida Families

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

SUPER RAFFLE

We still have tickets left to sell and the drawings start January 1st. If you want to be in the first drawings, you must have your order in by December 23rd. You may not have your ticket yet, but it will be assigned to you before the first drawing.

Christmas Schedule:

December 22nd: Decorate Church & basement after Mass

Tuesday 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)

Wednesday, December 25

(Christmas Day),

9:45 am Mass at Nativity

11:30 am Mass at St Charles

Regular Mass Schedule Dec. 28th & 29th

New Years Eve, Dec. 31st.

5:00PM Nativity

11:00PM St. Charles

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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.

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.

We will be in the office on Monday, December 23rd. If you have any spare time, give us a call and see if we need any help getting church ready for Christmas.

JUST WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!!!

Your 2020 Parish Envelopes have arrived. Please look for your name as some numbers may have been changed. Also, please don't use them until 2020 for proper tax credit. If you would like envelopes, please let us know. They are located by the elevator. To help us with proper record keeping, please use your envelopes.