

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *January 25th & 26th, 2020* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In my years of parish work, I have realized one common theme. It appears that 10% of the parishioners do 90% of the work. You tend to see the same people on every committee and at every parish function lecturing, ushering, singing in the choir, on parish council and/or finance council, helping with the funeral luncheons, assisting with the pantry on Thursdays, money counters, catechists, worship committee, yearly shelter and the list goes on. Thank God that there are people who do multiple tasks and keep Nativity running smoothly. I believe this is the same in every parish. There are a small segment of people who do most of the work. It's for that reason that we are dedicating the next 2 weekends for "Commitment Sunday." We want new blood. We want fresh ideas and new enthusiasm. We want some of our younger people taking the reins from those of us, elders, who deserve a break.

I ask that if you have been warming a pew for many years, you think about warming someone's heart by your presence in one of the ministries. There will be sheets to be filled out in the next 2 weeks and I hope all will pray, reflect and consider what Christ might be calling you to do for Nativity. It's just not enough to attend Mass every week and throw in your envelope. **WE NEED YOU!**

On the flipside of this campaign to bring new people in, we have to have the heart to allow change. If the folks that have been doing these ministries for many years will not allow new people to make suggestions or take on leadership, then nothing that we do in the next weeks will make any difference. This week Chris and I met with the Crawford brothers who may do a few fish fries during Lent this year. Some were remembering how the fish fries in the past were such a success with Charlie cooking and Fr. Singer and Sr. Jolene and many others either cooking or organizing orders or delivering, etc. We all realized everyone was much younger then and we don't have the volunteers to do something that large anymore. There is a nostalgic sadness that comes with those memories and we realize Nativity has changed with many of those volunteers no longer with us or unable to do what they used to do. It seems we can either look back and cry about what was or open ourselves to what is and what will be. Let's try to be flexible and allow the Spirit to blow through Nativity with a fresh new fragrance! Commitment Sunday is much more than signing up to help. It is the call to recommit ourselves to Christ and the Gospel. It's a call to commit ourselves, not to our own efforts, but to the good of Nativity. I want Nativity to flourish for many generations to come so let's make a commitment to our parish today!

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: 1-26: Michael Peeples, 1-29: Racine Adams,
1-30: Monica Bezel, Emily Seaman, & Jasmine Adams
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: 1-27: Bill & Mickey Dietz, Chico & Lenore Mondalek
1-29: Dan & Charlene Goeddeke

WORSHIP SCHEDULE February 1st & 2nd, 2020 Presentation of the Lord

Next week's Readings:
Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Lectors:

4:00 T. McGratty
9:45 I. L. Cunningham 2. M. Peeples

Ushers:

4:00 S. May
9:45 M. J. Accavitti, J. Deisinger,
R. Duddy, C. Gillespie

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 T. McGratty
9:45 I. L. Cunningham 2. C. Gillespie
3. M. Traub 4. J. Shovlin

Ministers of Service:

4:00 C. McLaughlin
9:45 I. W. Adams 2. C. Scott

MASS INTENTIONS

Third Sunday of the Year

SATURDAY, January 25, 2020

4:00 Ezra Adams (The Kulchy Family)
Kirtis III & Rose Thomas (Family)

SUNDAY, January 26, 2020

9:45 Jean Meathe
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

THURSDAY, January 30, 2020

11:00 Jed Dion (Fran Carnaghi)

Presentation of the Lord

SATURDAY, February 1, 2020

4:00 Rose Jansen (The Nativity Family)

SUNDAY, February 2, 2020

9:45 Michael Burns (Fran Carnaghi)

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OPENING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

2nd READING:

1 Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: Matthew 4:12-23

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

BIBLE EXCHANGE

CLOSING HYMN

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 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.....

2019 Contributions Statements

If you need a printed copy of your 2019 parish contributions (not given online) for tax purposes, please sign up on the sheets on the music stand.

Super Raffle Tickets

We still have Super Raffle Tickets left. You have only missed four drawings, so you still have about 140 chances to win.

6 Month Financial Report

The Finance Council wants to report to the parish on the status of Offertory collections as we finish the first half of this fiscal year. The Archdiocese is on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30 and not the calendar year. Offertory Collections from July through December:

Offertory Collection Budget: \$72,750
Offertory Collection Actual: \$78,910

We slightly exceeded our budget for the 6 months which is great. We were short of the Christmas budget and are also behind on the fundraising budget so we still have a ways to go on making our budget. Thanks to everyone for your generosity and know that it is appreciated!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Online Giving

Since it seems Mother Nature is getting us every weekend, you can make your weekly contribution online.

Login to the Nativity online giving website: giving.parishsoft.com/nativity

Follow directions to sign-up: If you have any questions, call Chris McLaughlin at the parish house.

A "Send-Off"

Please join us next Sunday after Mass on February 2 to wish Mark Crawford & Kentrell Gabriel, Jr. blessings and good wishes as they enter the military.

"Celebrating the Spirit of the Church in the City."

The 12th Annual Urban Spirit Awards will be on February 12th at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart Church.

Mardi Gras 2020

Mark your calendar for February 22nd for our Annual Mardi Party. This is an evening you don't want to miss. More details to come in the weeks ahead.

Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to drive the church van and help pick up Gleaners food a couple times a month on Wednesday. We usually leave church about 9:30 and are back by 11:30. Gleaners has the food ready but we have to load the boxes and some are heavy. Let Chris McLaughlin know if you would be interested in helping.