

NATIVITY NEWS



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PASTOR'S PEN

I thought this may be a good time to talk a bit about the Family of Parishes program in the Archdiocese of Detroit. The Family of Parishes model is a way to join resources in parishes to make us more efficient and able to minister more effectively. Tentatively, we have asked to be part of the family of St. Charles and Nativity, St. Augustine/Monica, St. Elizabeth, and Sacred Heart. Although each parish will maintain its own identity and finances, we may attempt to merge some of our programs. For example, there may be a Religious Education program that connects all the parishes in the Family. Maybe we can bring our youth together for a combined youth group. There may be a way of ordering office supplies and other supplies in bulk for all the parishes in the family. The priests may help to cover each other's parishes when one is away. We may be much more deliberate about sharing programs in our parishes (annual parish events like picnics and concerts, revivals, fundraisers, retreats, etc.) This is all in the preliminary stages and nothing is written in stone. The first wave will begin planning in January 2021 and the other will begin its planning in January 2022. We have not heard what wave we will be in, but the announcement should come from the Archdiocese during Advent, 2020.

My experience with city parishes is that we are always afraid of being on the chopping block. Will the Archdiocese decide we are not viable if our numbers go down or income decreases or we don't have enough programs going on? We tend to be afraid to do anything together for fear that we will be seen as the weaker parish and get merged or closed. Therefore, we struggle to show that we are independent and viable and it leaves each parish with a competitive stance toward other city parishes. It's too bad because each parish has its own beauty and goodness. Some have great pantries, others have great programs for children, others have inspiring AA meetings, others have special devotional nights, others work with Seniors, others work with folks from group homes, etc. We all have the areas of ministries we excel in and other areas that could use some support from other parishes. In this pandemic, we have seen St. Charles and Nativity coming together for Sunday Mass as well as supplying items for the Nativity pantry. **What this is NOT is a merging or closing of parishes.** Please hear that!! **We are all viable parishes** and have a lot to offer to the neighborhoods and to the local church. We are needed in the Archdiocese of Detroit. This is hopefully a way to bring us together to minister to the People of God in new ways and do even greater things. I pray this will be a moment of clarity about our mission in Detroit. Please pray with me and thanks for all you do!

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: 10-18: Barbara Grouse, Justin Scott, **10-21:** Bob McKenzie, **10-23:** Alesia Adams

We pray for God's healing for:

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Gabriel Crowe, Tom Davis, John Deisinger, Bill Dietz, Diane Ferschneider, Karen Foy, Douglas Frattini, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Patrick Jansen, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Mickala Lewis, Clarence Lewis, Deborah Marshall, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathe, Andrea Milligan, Jennifer Mondalek, Allan Patterson, Helen Randall, Yvonne Rottach, Phil Scamihorn, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Rose & Tom Sheehy, Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, John Stuart, Marianne Szymanski, Phyllis Treece, Sr. Jolene, Pat Wimble, Nikki Zapinski, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, The Benigni and Chida Families

MASS INTENTIONS

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

9:30 Eleanor Carbery (Family)

Joyce Berns (The Vantiem's
and the
St. Paul's Antique Road Show)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2020

9:30 Kirtis III & Rose Thomas
(Family)

Ida DeMarie (Fran Kaucic)
Justin Carnaghi (Family)

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