

NATIVITY NEWS

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PASTOR'S PEN



Our first reading today speaks of wisdom in a beautiful way:

“Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by the gate For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her rounds, seeking those worthy of her.”

I write this still not sure who will be elected president and realizing our current president will probably not transition smoothly if he is not re-elected. I am afraid of violence in our streets and more division in our country. I see it already in our church: “How can you be for Biden who favors abortion?” Or “How can you be for Trump who treats people’s lives with such disrespect?”

I don’t know about you, but, after these last weeks, I need some wisdom. I need someone who waits at the gate of my soul to comfort me and tell me things will be alright. I need someone to give me guidance in a world that seems so chaotic right now. I need this feminine image of wisdom who will hold me in her arms like a tender mother and cover me with her mantle. I need wisdom to remind me that God is still in charge of everything and that good can come from the most desperate situations. I need wisdom to know when to speak out and when to prudently close my mouth. I need wisdom to keep me humble remembering I don’t have all the answers and that others with whom I may disagree may hold parts of the truth as well. I need wisdom to see the bigger picture and to realize I am only part of something so much greater. I need wisdom to realize that although we may disagree, we are not enemies, but we are all part of the same country and fellow citizens of the same world. I need that beautiful wisdom from the first reading today!!

Oh God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

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: 11-10: Major Ragland

11-12: Kathey McGovern & Chris McLaughlin

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Jim & Cookie Kulchy

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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

9:30 Mert Kroetsch (Family)

Ernestine Carnaghi (Family)

Paul Burkhardt
(Therese McGratty)

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

9:30 Judee Danielak
(Patty Adams)

Margaret Rooney
(Therese McGratty)
Mary Beth Dietz (Family)

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