

NATIVITY NEWS

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: 11-24:Christine Snypes , 11-28:Arias Clark

We pray for God's healing for:

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartrik, 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, 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 JESUS KING OF THE UNIVERSE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

9:30 Macrina friend in Need
(Therese McGratty)
Tom McLaughlin
(Sr. Jane Quirk)
Fr. Jerome Singer
(The Nativity Family)
Joyce Berns
(The VanTiems and
the Antique Road Show)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

9:30 Kirtis III & Rose Thomas (Family)
Judee Danielak (Friends)
Joseph & Mary White (Mary Ellen White)
Marty Carnaghi (Family)

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PASTOR'S PEN

On this weekend when we give thanks, we shout in gratitude for new life!

Riley Anne Erickson was baptized yesterday in a private family gathering at St. Charles (due to COVID -19 fears). Riley is the daughter of Martin and Laura Erickson. Laura is the daughter of Mary Anne and Paul Andrecovich. Laura and Martin, we are so grateful to meet Riley at the waters of baptism. May this begin a wonderful chapter in her life when she realizes in the years ahead that she is, truly, a beloved daughter of God. Riley, we welcome you with open arms and know that you always have a place at St. Charles. We are certainly not perfect, but I believe we try our best to follow the Gospel and allow Christ to work in our lives. Our prayers are with you, Martin, Laura, Riley and the rest of the family. May Riley's baptism open new doors of faith, hope and love for all of us.

This weekend we come to celebrate the last Sunday of the Church year and we have much to reflect on. This has been a year like no other. Thanksgiving has always been a time for family without all of the busyness of Christmas. It has always meant family reunions, good food, overeating, football, and all the family traditions that mark this holiday for each of us. In 2020, we face this holiday week with pandemic surges throughout the country, virtual thanksgivings rather than our traditional gatherings, quarantines, and political upheaval. Some of us will spend this holiday grieving for those we have lost because of COVID or other illnesses, others will feel lonely because they will not have family with them, others will not be able to visit relatives in nursing homes and hospitals and all of us just want to go back to what we thought was "normal." In the midst of all of this, we have this feast to mark the last Sunday of the year. Officially it is the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It sounds a bit oppressive and scary. King of the universe seems like a pretty powerful position and we know how people in power can abuse their authority. We have only to read the Gospel today to realize that our King is much more like a Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. He is the champion for those who are poor, hungry, thirsty, homeless, in prison, sick and cast away by the larger society as not important. Yes, this King uses his power , not for himself, but for those who feel powerless. In this moment when we all feel powerless, our King reminds us that we are not alone. This feast celebrates the fact that no matter what happens, our King will not desert us, but will give us the strength we need for whatever comes! We have much to be grateful for on this Thanksgiving.