



NATIVITY NEWS

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PASTOR'S PEN

Someone reminded me last week that as a child, he knew that once those four Advent candles were lit, it wouldn't be long until Santa was coming. As adults, we realize that Christmas will be here in a few days. There is a bit of anticipation, excitement, stress, some sadness, joy and all the emotions from years past we bring to this feast of Christmas in 2020. In the midst of a pandemic, it remains a magical time when houses are lit with all kinds of lights, decorations are all around us, evergreen trees are reminding us of the eternal love of God and we all step back for a moment, remembering our blessings, and trying to be a little more generous with each other. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we see Mary as the main character in the gospel today. She says "yes" to God although she had little idea what was going to happen as she brought forth the Savior of the world. I think of that song we hear during these Christmas days, "Mary, did you know?" and I think it speaks to the faith of Mary. She didn't know all that would be expected of her, but she did know that the God who had been faithful to her would walk with her and would give her all that she needed to fulfill His will. It was a gamble and it's always a gamble to say "yes" to God because God will carry us to places we'd rather not go and stretch us in places that are uncomfortable. Mary just said yes and surrendered to the Divine Mystery. Maybe she calls all of us to that same surrender. Maybe she reminds us to just trust and God will get us through all the difficult times. In the busyness of these next days, maybe we can all sit for a while in the quiet of our hearts and renew our own surrender to the God who is ever faithful. May this Christmas season be for all of us a moment of grace in realizing the wonder of Emmanuel. God chose to sit with each of us out of the most extravagant love! We celebrate that love during this season. Have a wonderful Christmas!

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve: 5pm at Nativity and 8pm at St. Charles
Christmas Day: 9:30am at Nativity and 11:30am at St. Charles
New Years' Eve Mass: 5pm at St. Charles only (only a very few voted for the 11pm..sorry)

We are sad to pass the news that one of our members, Floyd Bins, passed away this week. Floyd had been a member of Good Shepherd parish for many years but started coming to St. Charles in the last few years. He was a kind and good man. Arrangements are as follows: Visitation at Butler Funeral home 12140 Morang Dr., Detroit on Monday, December 28th from 4pm – 7pm. His funeral will be at St. Charles on Tuesday, December 29th at Noon with Family hour at 11:00am.

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: 12:20 Jeanne Purrenhage. & Kathleen McDonald
12-21: Mark Crawford 12-22: John Pierick, Phyllis Treece, 12-24: Nikki Woodfork
12-25: Anthony Sierengowski 12-26: Martell Stephens

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, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020

9:30 George Scamihorn (Family)
Una Marron
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)
Joseph Grano & Julia Gigliotti
(Family)

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020

9:30 Kirtis III & Rose Thomas
(Family)

Lois Heike, Edna Boyd, and
Sharon Wrocklage
(Patty Adams & Norma Danzie)

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