

NATIVITY NEWS



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PASTOR'S PEN

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Well, we're halfway there! There are only three weeks until Easter. How are you doing with your Lenten practices? Are you being faithful or have you become a backslider? I was doing well staying away from sweets until some evil people began giving me candy bars, homemade cookies and then the knockout punch of boxes and boxes of girl scout cookies. You know those girl scout cookie boxes are so small these days. You can finish a box watching the news or your favorite 30 minute program! It's very bad and those who have brought this evil into my life know who they are. You will have to answer for my fall this Lent!!

Friday night, we had our usual "zoom" session with Jesse Cox and he spoke about our Kingdom assignment. What is God asking each of us to do? What came out in the discussion in various ways is that we are called to stay in the moment and allow God to reveal the sacred in the encounters of our lives. For most of us, staying in the moment is a difficult task. We have plans and things we have to get done. We have important responsibilities, and we can't stop and talk to someone just for the sake of visiting for a while. Yet, that is probably where God wants us for some reason. We may look at the ordinary events of our lives as trivial and unimportant but that may be the most important part of our day. That person we ignore or give a brief "good morning" may be the one who needs us or has some wisdom for us. It may be that encounter which God deems as most important for that day. Maybe, that is a greater fast than cookies. Perhaps, we need to fast from our own plans and surrender to the moment and all that God may want to teach us in that encounter, or that quiet moment in nature, or an insight after reading, etc. We have three more weeks until this season is over. Let's quiet the noise of our lives and pay attention to the moments and all that God wishes to reveal to us. Let's stay awake and not miss anything! Have a good week and see the extraordinary in the ordinary moments.

Just a reminder that the church will be open this Friday from 11am – 1pm (Nativity) and 1:15pm – 3:15pm (St. Charles) for quiet prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Looking ahead for Triduum:

**Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm (Nativity)
Good Friday: Service at Noon (Nativity) and 7pm (St. Charles)
Easter Vigil Service at 8:30pm (St. Charles)
Easter Sunday Masses: 9:30am (Nativity) and 11:30am (St. Charles)**

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: 3-15: Daniel Goeddeke, 3-18: Dominique Archer,
3-19: Jessica Awan, Lisa Miller & Debra Marshall

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 LENT SUNDAY, March 14, 2021

9:30 Edna Boyd (Patty Adams)

Cathy O'Hara Kidd
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Butch Liss
Fran & Buzz Busacca
(Andrea Liss)

Denise Bailey (Kim Milligan)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT SUNDAY, March 21, 2021

9:30 Erdo Graziani
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Mary Beth Dietz (Family)

The Adrian Dominican Sisters
Lost to Covid 19

(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

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