



Nativity of Our Lord

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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.

Dear Friends,

As an old new pastor, I have many times appreciated the generosity of the parishioners at Nativity, both past and present. Because of the thousands of people who contributed sacrificially, the wonderful school building, for example, was built, served the parish community and then was sold decades ago to the Detroit Public Schools, with the money coming back to the parish. Because of the generous dedication of Father Singer and his predecessors and because of the Racine Dominican Sisters, wonderful leadership and vision were provided in the parish community.

Brother Ray was a real godsend to the parish. It is hard following a pastor who has been at a parish so long and been so loved as Father Singer was, but Brother Ray, with all his other responsibilities, brought his joyful spirit and compassionate heart as pastor during the past years.

Because of your generosity and the fine leadership the parish has had, we have an endowment fund whose interest covers the majority of Major Repairs to all of the Parish buildings, as well as contributing to the well organized and generously served Christian Service outreach of the parish. Finally, the money donated by Father Singer at the time of his death, allowed the parish to establish the Scholarship Fund which allows us to offer scholarships to our young people. It is rare to be part of a parish community in which past generosity so generously keeps on giving.

Another sign of financial strength is that a parish meets its Catholic Services Appeal target. As you have read, we have made our target for this year. So, our blessings are not just from the past, but also because parishioners are giving generously now, not only to help in our zip code, but also to support the ministries done across the six counties of the Archdiocese.

Our offertory is down about \$200 per week given what we had budgeted for this fiscal year. If you know that you have missed some weeks and are able to do so, please consider contributing for the weeks that were missed. If everyone gave \$5.00 more per week, we could make up this shortfall which has occurred.

Because of the COVID19 virus, the fundraisers which were done in the past are not yet possible. We had budgeted \$25,000 for fundraising. So, until we can do raffles again, please pray about contributing what you might have given for raffle tickets, so we can fill up what we'd budgeted.

If you are not able to contribute more, please pray for the parish and thank God for the parish in your prayers. We are one of the very few parishes which are small enough to have everyone know your name (except the pastor, who is working on it...), while not being in dire straits financially.

With a prayer,

Father Dan