

**Nativity B.V.M. DECEMBER 13, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



ADVENT IS A SEASON OF WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD.

Gaudete Sunday affirms the value of rejoicing and gives reasons for our rejoicing: God has given hope to his people waiting for redemption. We wait with rejoicing for what God has already accomplished and will yet accomplish through Christ.

NATIVITY CATHEDRAL GUIDELINES

With the increase in numbers of Covid-19, we strongly recommend everyone to wear a mask while attending Mass at Nativity Cathedral. The masks are free and available at the front door. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS RESERVATIONS.

Please remember to call the rectory to reserve the Mass you and your family will attend for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day! Remember we have limited seating for all Masses. The 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass in the Cathedral and the 4:00 pm Mass in the Sacred Heart Center are no longer available for reservations. Also, the 5:30 pm Mass no longer has available seating. We still have seating available for all other Masses at this time. So, please call the rectory at 228-374-1717 to make your reservation.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. This year Masses will be celebrated on December 31st at 6:00 p.m. for the vigil and 10:00 a.m. for the Feast Day on January 1st.

OUR 2021 CALENDARS ARE IN!

The 2021 Calendars are in the back of the Cathedral for purchase. Each calendar is \$3.00 or what you are able to give. Please note that all proceeds go to support our Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Dec 14	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a, Mt 21:23-27, 1 Cor 2:1-10a, Lk 14:25-33
Tues Dec 15	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13, Mt 21:28-32
Wed Dec 16	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25, Lk 7:18b-23
Thu Dec 17	Gn 49:2, 8-10, Mt 1:1-17
Fri Dec 18	Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25
Sat Dec 19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1:5-25
Sun Dec 20	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	13,382.00
Maintenance	\$	578.00
Capital Improvement	\$	514.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	305.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	14,779.00

Thank you for your generous contribution!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- DEC 15 Bingo, 5:30 PM**
- DEC 16 Cleaning Team D
CCD, 5:30 PM**
- DEC 17 ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE, 6:00 PM**

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

The Nativity Cathedral Advent Penance Service will take place on Thursday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m. We will have several priests available to hear confessions. Take this opportunity during the holy season of Advent to prepare for the coming Christmas festivities.

BINGO MANIA:

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2020. The following families are scheduled to work: Hebert (Scottie & Erin), Hosey (Aaron & Irma), Illing (Brett and Tanya), Jewell (Diana), Joachim (Todd & Sally) and Johnston (Ryan & Loren). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**



PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Maureen Gruich, Janette Williams, Mary Emile, Jackie Clark, Ivan Kovacevich, Tom Mason, Rocky Long, Harry Kostmayer, Sr., Peter Skrmetta, Kay Semski, Kevin Kavanagh, Carolyn Urbanoto, Phil Beining, Mable Viator, Buck O'Gea, Nick Pass, Sue and Gene Daudelin, Lesa Walker-Kirkman, Rose Collins, Lehwmom Skrmetti, Annette Luther, Macklyn Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Mickey Bradley, Gwen Gollott, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Michael Zorich and all of our Homebound Parishioners.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	
Dec 19 4:00 pm 1. LeeAnn Dubaz	Dec 19 4:00 pm Michael Bruffey	
Dec 20 7:00 am 1. Nancy Powell	Dec 20 7:00 am Joe Powell	
9:00 am 1. John Brauchle	9:00 am Steve Theobald	
11:00 am 1. Deacon Johnny	11:00 am Don Marie	
5:30 pm 1. Tricia Creel	5:30 pm Tara Junkert	
CHRISTMAS EVE	CHRISTMAS EVE	
Cathedral 4:00 pm John Sherman	Cathedral 4:00 pm Sarah Barhonovich	
SHC 4:00 pm Nancy Powell	SHC 4:00 pm Joe Powell	
5:30 pm Kristy Arguelles	5:30 pm Mary Townsend	
7:00 pm Maggie Landry	7:00 pm Michael Bruffey	
11:00 pm Danny Kavanagh	11:00 pm Sondra Williams	
CHRISTMAS DAY	CHRISTMAS DAY	
10:00 am Sharon Tash	10:00 am Liz Wilkinson	
	CANTORS	
	Dec 19 4:00 pm KC Arnold	
	Dec 20 9:00 am Sabree Puzs	
	11:00 am Phil Frisby	

6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Dec 14 Chester Balias Fly.	Dr. Michael Bourgeois
Tue Dec 15 Margaret Overfield	F. Walker & Irene Tucei
Wed Dec 16 Bob & Penny Rogalin	Stanley Delleger
Thu Dec 17 Collins-Sims Fly.	Hang Nguyen
Fri Dec 18 Nadine Sekul	Hebert & Bertha McDonnell
Sat Dec 19 8 Wayne Leckich	4 Thomas Andrews
Sun Dec 20 7 Tommy Mallett	9 FTP
11:00 – Dr. Michael Bourgeois	5:30 David Joachim

FROM THE MUSIC & FINE ARTS MINISTRY:

REMEMBER: A complete Mass Order for each weekend's Mass is posted on the Nativity BVM Cathedral website.

Hymns/Sacred Songs for:

Saturday, December 12th – 4 pm & Sunday, December 13th – 9 & 11 am Masses

Opening: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
Offertory: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
Communion: "Patience People"
Sending: "Canticle of Zachary"

Saturday 4:00 p.m.: Celebrant -Fr. Tony Arguelles,
Cantor – John Welter

Sunday - 9:00 a.m.: Celebrant – Dennis Carver,
Cantor – Dennis Burke

11:00 a.m.: Celebrant–Bishop Louis Kihmmen,
Cantor–Phil Frisby

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 12th & 13th: The Third Sunday of Advent – The past two Sundays of Advent we have lit the purple candles for Hope, and Faith. We light the third candle – the pink the candle representing "Love – Joyful Expectation" for the coming of Jesus. This is Gaudete Sunday. This is an ancient name derived from the Latin word of today's entrance antiphon. Its exact meaning is "Rejoice". We celebrate with the "pink" candle with the hopeful, joyful expectation of the coming promise of Christmas and to symbolize our Rose –our Lady – Mary in her answer of "Yes" in the great story of the Annunciation event with the Arch Angel Gabriel and her faithful answer of "Yes!".

Monday, December 14th: The last NES Mass will be the Celebration of Santa Lucia on Monday, December 14th at 9 am. Our student Cantors will be Madison Price & Porter Theobald.

Wednesday, December 16th: Nativity Elementary School (NES) will observe a Penance Service at 1 pm. The student Cantors will be Victoria Barhonovich and Kendall Walli.

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A PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS

*O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,
We, your children of every nation,
Turn to you in this pandemic.
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,
And timely help in all our needs.
You are our Mother.
Pray for us to your Son.
Amen.*

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	LEVEL 1 Standard Precautions	LEVEL 2 Elevated Precautions	LEVEL 3 Grade Level Grouping	LEVEL 4 Blended/Hybrid Learning	LEVEL 5 Virtual Learning
CRITERIA	Normal/low risk of infection	Moderate risk of infection/ Flu season/ Small number of outbreaks	Heightened risk of infection/ Flu season/Multiple outbreaks	Government-mandated capacity limits	Government-mandated school closure
ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL	Proceed as usual	Temperature checks at the cars. Masks encouraged but not mandatory.	Level 2 plus masks may be required in hallways	Same as Level 3	School is temporarily closed
CLASSROOM PROCEDURES	Classroom/bathroom hard surfaces sanitized multiple times a day/Hand sanitizer in classrooms and common areas	Increased sanitation/ Seating distanced as space allows/ Water fountains turned off, but bottle fillers may be used/ No shared supplies/Frequent hand sanitation	Level 2 plus grade levels act as a “family” in order to avoid transmission	Level 3 plus maximum sanitation throughout school and between staggered group schedules	School is temporarily closed Teachers at school in classrooms teaching virtually (Social distancing practiced among faculty/staff)
SPECIAL CLASSES PE/Art/Music/Library/ Computer Lab	Classes proceed as usual/Hard surfaces sanitized between classes	Classes proceed with increased sanitation between classes	Teachers of special classes go to the individual classrooms or hold class outside and teachers may be required to wear masks	Classes will be available on Distance Learning Platform with video lessons and activities for students	School is temporarily closed Teachers at school in classrooms teaching virtually (Social distancing practiced among faculty/staff)
CAFETERIA	Hands sanitized upon entry and exit. Hard surfaces sanitized between lunch periods	Level 1 plus increased sanitation/Grade levels eat together apart from other classes	Classes will eat in their classrooms or outside away from other classes	Alternate schedule will be developed based upon capacity limits	School is temporarily closed
RECESS	Hand sanitation required upon entry and exit/Equipment will be disinfected between classes	Level 1 plus all sports equipment will be sanitized/Limited number of classes on playground at one time	Level 2 plus designated play areas and equipment for each grade level	Short brain breaks and recess breaks will be incorporated	School is temporarily closed
MULTI-GRADE ASSEMBLIES/MASSES	Proceed as usual with hand sanitization required upon entry and exit	Level 1 plus a rotating schedule for masses and assemblies to allow for maximum social distance	No multi-age assemblies/Mass is live streamed and grade levels will rotate in-person attendance	Mass live streamed as scheduled	Live stream morning prayer and pledge/Mass live streamed as scheduled
VOLUNTEERS/VISITORS/ CONTRACTED PERSONNEL	Allowed with normal office check-in	Only contracted personnel allowed/Temperature checks required	Only contracted personnel allowed with temperature checks and masks/shields required	Same as Level 3	School is temporarily closed

*School Administration will have the discretion of alternating between levels as needed for the safety of our children.