

**Nativity B.V.M. DECEMBER 20, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



THE LORD DWELLS AMONG US

David worries that the ark of God dwells in a tent; Mary does not hesitate to allow the ark of God to dwell within her. God is not bound by human constraints, and yet he asks us to participate with him, and cooperate with his grace, that the ark of the covenant – and the arc of salvation history – may be made available to all.

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! We still have seating available for 7:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m. and a few for Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. 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.

BINGO MANIA IS TAKING A CHRISTMAS BREAK:

Doors will reopen at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5, 2021..
The following families are scheduled to work: Jordan (Robert & Aimee), Kavanagh (Kevin & Lisa), Kavanagh (Daniel & Sara), Kelly (George & Tana), Keokanlaya (Noi) and Lamey (Kevin & Dana). **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon Dec 21	Sg 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45
Tues Dec 22	1 Sm 1:24-28, 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd, Lk 1:46-56
Wed Dec 23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66
Thu Dec 24	Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Fri Dec 25	Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Sat Dec 26	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22
Sun Dec 27	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21, Lk 2:22-40, Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3, Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19, Lk 2:22-40



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Regular Collections	\$	11,190.00
Maintenance	\$	524.00
Capital Improvement	\$	106.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	472.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	70.00
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$	12,362.00

Thank you for your generous contribution!



WE AT NATIVITY CATHEDRAL WISH YOU AND YOURS A VERY JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS OFFICE SCHEDULE

THE CATHEDRAL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 23RD UNTIL DECEMBER 28TH IN OBSERVANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLY DAYS. ADDITIONALLY, THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 31ST UNTIL JANUARY 4TH FOR THE NEW YEAR'S OBSERVANCE. THANK YOU.



PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Maureen Gruich, Janette Williams, 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, Lehwmon 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	
CHRISTMAS EVE	CHRISTMAS EVE	
Cathedral 4:00 pm John Sherman	Cathedral 4:00 pm Sarah Barhonorovich	
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	
Dec 26 4:00 pm Jim Shugart	Dec 26 4:00 pm Jim Compton	
Dec 27 7:00 am Danny Kavanagh	Dec 27 7:00 am Jim Shugart	
9:00 am Sharon Tash	9:00 am Al Simons, Jr.	
11:00 am Deacon Johnny	11:00 am Peter Abide	
5:30 pm Teresa Ballinger	5:30 pm Keith Gibson	
	CANTORS	
	Dec 26 4:00 pm John Welter	
	Dec 27 9:00 am Sabree Puz	
	11:00 am Dennis Burke	

	6:30 AM	8:00 AM
Mon Dec 21	Tommy Mallet/Nadine Sekul	Nona Trochessett
Tue Dec 22	Jacquelyn Endt	Chester Balius Fly.
Wed Dec 23	Barbara Theobald	Bob & Penny Rogalin
Thu Dec 24	4:00 PM Deceased Ardoline/Sherman Family Noreta/ Phillip Dellenger, Sr	
	5:30 PM 7:00 PM Josh Bozeman	11:00 PM Anna & Luke Broderik S. I. for 2 brothers
Fri Dec 25	10:00 AM Glenn & Joyce Pisarich	
Sat Dec 26	8 AM Anna Mae Gilich	4PM Doris/Gabe Kasovich
Sun Dec 27	7AM Dolores & Jerry Ellis	9AM FTP
	11:00 – Mike & Becky Broussard	5:30 Reggie Harvey, Sr.

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 19th – 4 pm & Sunday, December 20th – 9 & 11 am Masses

Opening: "Mary's Song"
Offertory: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Communion: "Hail Mary: Gentle Woman"
Sending: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**Saturday 4:00 p.m.: Celebrant - Fr. Dennis Carver
Cantor – KC Arnold**

Sunday – 7:00 a.m.: Celebrant – Fr. Dennis Carver

**Sunday - 9:00 a.m.: Celebrant – Fr. Tony Arguelles
Cantor – Sabree Puz
11:00 a.m.: Celebrant – Fr. Dennis Carver,
Cantor – Phil Frisby**

Sunday – 5:30 p.m. – Celebrant – Msgr. Mike Thornton

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 19th & 20th: The Fourth Sunday of Advent – The final Advent Wreath Candle is lit and we remain even more in joyful expectation while centering our thoughts and prayers on God's great gift of Love and Hope. Our Mother Mary show us the way by heading the call to: "...not be afraid." She illustrates for us great love, devotion and faith in her acceptance of God's call and plan as we all should as we prepare to bring ourselves to the stable manger this Christmas. Pray for God's abiding love, presence and blessings for all!

Christmas Masses:

4:00 pm: Cathedral – Full – Reservations CLOSED
4:00 pm: Sacred Heart Academy Center – Full – Reservations CLOSED
5:30 pm: Full – Reservations CLOSED
7:00 pm: Reservations still available – Harpist will join celebration
11:00 pm: Reservations still available – Harpist & Violinist will join Celebration. - 10:30 pm – Pre-Service of Carols/Music
10:00 am: Christmas Day Mass – Reservations still available. Please call the Rectory – 374-1717 to make your reservations as soon as reasonably possible.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Margaret Marchelos and Oral Mae Senseney, in loving memory of our sister and mother.

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.