

Sunday	December 23	Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:00 Mass Intentions: Mary Catherine Galvin, requested by Lou and Mary Morand; Susan Yee; Richard Griffin Burma Gilchrist; Peace in the Middle East; Our Leaders of Church and State Ministers: Mark and Carol Carlin
Monday	December 24	Christmas Eve 8:00 PM Christmas Mass for the Rosary Parish family
Tuesday	December 25	Christmas 10:00 AM Mass for World Peace
Wednesday	December 26	St. Stephen
Thursday	December 27	St. John the Apostle
Friday	December 28	The Holy Innocents
Saturday	December 29	St. Thomas Becket 5:15 Mass for Richard Griffin and names and intentions on the Rosary Prayer List
Sunday	December 30	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 10:00 Mass Intentions: Carrie Sparks; Phil Dean; Joyce Lewis; Marion Banks; Charles Kolmetz; Peace in the Middle East; Our leaders of Church and State Ministers: Jean-Marie Allion, Eartha McClendon

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sirach 3: 2 – 6, 12 - 14

Colossians 3: 12 - 21

Luke 2: 41 - 52

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of the Rosary is an open Christian Family, a mixture of unique beings in an inner-city setting. Gifted and guided by the Holy Spirit, called in Faith to prayer, love and concern, this apostolic community searches to creatively use its resources to become inviting, loving, healing and one with the distressed/alienated people of today.

Please Remember These Friends in Prayer

Joseph Herrick	Betty Heimbecker	Margaret Harris	Barbara Long Harper
Margeret England	Patrick Sieve	Marcia Bays	Kerry Barnes
Margaret Hogan	Lily Norman	Marva Bryant	Jan Christensen
Christie Pitcher	Tanil Family	The Kolmetz Family	George Selaty
Alma Bojanic	Kay Morhard	Ronnie Trotty	Lauren Reagan
Lena Luongo	Roger Carlson Family	Miriam Levant	Allison Holley
D.A.K. Jones	Muriel Abrams	Tom W. & Family	Ricardo Patino
Didilus Family	Baby Trent	Alma Overstreet	Mrs. Hendrix
Brenda Lumpkin	Toya Johnson	Fred Kammerer	Chuck Calhoun
Esther Rupp	Trisha Powell	Wright Family	Barbara Bedolla
Morand Family	Maureen S.	Linda Cummings	Tanya Crawford
Heather Lucido	Wimbush Family	Julian Kidd	Joy
Andrew Philka	Paul H. Mullin	Gene Hill	Pat Bartkowski
Hardin Family	Joe Mnich	Jane V.	Mary Rayes
Louise Adams	Lyle and Janet Dolin	Helen Hill	Jeanette B. & Honey
Jessie Dunn	Ila Gillespie	Nicole Church	Mary Ellen Murphy
Regina Burns	John T. Knox	Mark Tavin	Aileen Rosado
Calvin McFarland	Joseph Daoud	Dominic Maniscalco	Jasmine Wright
Reising Family	Cynthia Herron	Jason Morhard	Rosa Lee Vaughn
Bradley Morin	Rebecca Voigt	Leah James	Susan Wahl
Val & Duane	Henrietta Jackson	Alice Brown	Kerry Barnes
Brenda Gilchrist	Harold Meek	Barbara Johnson	Patricia Ennis
Gail Mally-Mack	Grandma K.	Mike Malinowski	Carol VerBrugge
Elisa Martinez	Mary Ruskin	Dan Hall	David & Nathaniel Sung
Barthwell Family	Rhonda Maxine Irwin	Sherley Epps	Margie Pauline
Ray Jones	Joseph Schumacher	Minnie Ruth Hall	Winona Ware
Trotty Family	Ellie Finn Murphy	Orzechowski Family	Cecilia Kirby
Donna Asmar	Ira Sears	Phyliss Gossett	Rachel Lynn
James Teal	Clemencia Carmona	Caitlan Maloney	Gloria Graydon
Sarah W.	Danny Page	Craig Burtch	Jean Baustian
Wade Gilchrist, Jr.	Alice Coleman	Tim Calloway	Mary & Willie Toney
Craig Family	Flood Family	Mark Davis	Busby Family
John Carlos Swanson	Myrtha Johnson	Laura Anderson	Lois and Tim Turrin
Carlos Vasquez	Nick Van Heck	Suzanne Welter	Natalie
Raina Smith	Patricia Pickett	Shareen Poole	Calvin Steward
Ellen Keerean	Villanueva Family	Mary Alice Murphy	David & Terrance Green
Laura Babala	Michael Thornton	Mila Hadjantoni	Mary Fibich
Rosalind Roberts	Milan Family	Hannah Thompson	Warren & Rose Smith
Andrew McLaughlin	McClendon Family	Thomas Zigulis	Kirk Pittman
Cornelia Carnes	Monique Harper	James Morhard	Lydia's Special Intention
Michael Vasquez	Michael Vasquez	Ron Buzenski	Elvira Darolfi
Alexis Marsden	Fern Mulila	Eylonne McKinney	Dorothy and Dick Vanderlip
Special Intentions	Tayshon Whitfield	Shannon Barnes	Allan Krupp
Carl Lewis	Josephine Whitman	Deborah Crawford	Gregory Gray
Bill McCauley	Eileen Finn	Desmor Dorsey	Larry Prichard
Patricia Keller	Michael Shea	Chris Shea	Taylor Wright
Robert Wright	David Wright	Judith Wilson-Heard	Dr. S. E.
Melvin Nash	Dave Roth		

PRAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Sgt. Muddy Peha Spc. Gregory Trotty Calvin Trotty Tommy Fitzpatrick David Guiroga Matthew Dixon Sgt. Brandon & Tiffany Childs Winn Butler George Hurley Family of George Rayes Lance R. Stevens Tonya Gray Lance Corporal Kenneth Coleman, Jr., Gary Didilus

CHRISTMAS

A lot of work has been going on all week in preparation for Christmas. So many Rosary members helped host the meeting of the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance—too many to begin to name for fear some names will be left out! We had wonderful food for our guests—everything from spaghetti, ribs, meatballs and lasagna to special chicken wings and many types of cakes. The Alliance could see, once again, that Rosary is an active supporter of their projects. No, we did not win the 50/50—someone from St. Aloysius did. Those who attended the meeting saw a review of the Alliance's 2012 projects, and heard Fr. Thomas discuss the sale of the St. Bede Church property to WalMart. (The Alliance voted to send letters protesting this action, given WalMart's record for using "sweat-shop" labor to produce products for sale there, etc.).

For several weeks, Sr. Joan Baustian has been working around the clock coordinating a lot of Christmas activities—everything from taking applications for Christmas baskets, ordering turkeys, produce, etc. , distributing gifts from other churches to resident of our parish area, and so much more! Many, many Rosary members—and former members from all over the country—have assisted in the basket project by making cash donations and/or bringing food items to church. Thanks to everyone for this real Christmas Spirit.

On Thursday a dedicated group showed up to arrange the empty boxes for our Christmas baskets. Trina had produced wonderful labels so each box is ready for filling---and this happened Saturday morning. Rosary has an excellent "assembly line" delivering the correct number of items to each box, based on family size. Over 25 people showed up to help, including friends of Rosary members.

Today, Sunday, after Mass we will need help distributing the boxes, delivering the boxes (although there are only about 15 deliveries!) and decorating the church. And...we will need help straightening out the church so we are ready for the Christmas Masses.

Rosary will have two Christmas Masses—8 PM Christmas Eve and 10 AM Christmas Day. Why not invite some friends to join you here? After both Masses we invite you to bring some Christmas baked goods to share at our social hour.

ROSARY FINANCES

For the weekend of December 9:

Envelopes turned in or checks associated with envelopes: 47

Total Offertory collection: \$2,082.

Amount needed each week to meet our budget: \$1,923.

The 2013 Offertory envelopes will be available next weekend. Plan now to make a point of using your envelope every week. Our winter bills—heat, etc.—are just starting and your donations are vital to us staying open.

YEAR OF FAITH

St. Monica

St. Monica was married by arrangement to a pagan official in North Africa, who was much older. Although generous, he was also violent tempered. His mother lived with them and was equally difficult, which proved a constant challenge to St. Monica. She had three children and through her patience and prayers, she was able to convert her husband and his mother to the Catholic faith in 370. Widowed a year later, her children Perpetua and Navigius entered the religious life. Her son Augustine was much more difficult, as she had to pray for him for 17 years. She begged the prayers of priests who tried to avoid her because of her persistence at this seemingly hopeless endeavor. One priest did console her by saying, "it is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish." This thought, coupled with a vision that she had received, strengthened her. Her son, known later as St. Augustine, was baptized by St. Ambrose in 387. St. Monica died later that same year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Joyce Lewis

Charles Vinson

John P. Morand

Sunday

Thursday

Friday

SO WHAT GOES ON AT AN ALLIANCE MEETING?

The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance met at Rosary December 19. For those who missed it, here are some photos to give you an idea of what took place:



There was, of course, lots of planning. George Rayes and Tom Oubre seem VERY serious about what is about to happen.



If it's Rosary, there has to be food—lots of food! Lela Lee and Pat Roberts approve, and the guests behind them look ready for serious eating!



Sister Cathey de Santis came well prepared with news and items of concern to share with the Alliance.



A high point of the evening was a very interesting presentation detailing all the many successful projects the Alliance was involved in this year. Notice how many interested people were here.



Oh yes---ALL sorts of interested—and interesting—people were here!



A high point of the evening is always the 50/50 drawing, here being prepared by Samantha Cunningham and her mother Denise Poole. Usually the ticket that emerges from the barrel is from Rosary—but not tonight.



At Rosary everybody helps clean up—even Mackenzie!