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St. Colette Parish

St. Colette Catholic Church

17600 Newburgh Road

Livonia, MI 48152

734-464-4433

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." (Psalm 126)

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics to Celebrate Mass

Wednesday, December 8th

Masses at 9:00 am, 12 Noon, & 7:00 pm

Under this title, Mary is the patroness of the United States of America. This day is so important in our faith lives that the Church designates it as a Holyday of Obligation for Catholics to celebrate Mass.

If you will be participating at the 9:00 am or 12 Noon Masses, please do not park your car at the medical professional building parking lot north of the church. Those parking spaces are needed for patients who have doctors' appointments in the morning and afternoon of December 8th. Thank you.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection—Next Weekend

Elderly Catholic religious order sisters, brothers and priests have offered their lives in service to others by educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today the majority of them are frail and need assistance. Years of serving for little or no pay and no social security benefits or pensions have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. The Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. For more information please read the insert in today's church paper or visit retiredreligious.org.

Next weekend a special collection will be taken up in all Catholic parishes of our country allowing us the opportunity to support the Retirement Fund for Religious. Envelopes for this collection may be found in the pew racks of the church and in the Gathering Space. Please return the envelope with your contribution next weekend. Please give to those who made a positive difference in so many lives. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our senior Catholic religious sisters, brothers, and priests.

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am
& 12:00pm

The Saturday Mass at
4:00pm is

livestreamed on Facebook
Search: St Colette Church

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday, &
Friday 9:00am

For the most current
information,
please see our website:
www.stcolette.net

Welcome
New Parishioners!

To register, change an
address, or if you moved,
please contact the
parish office.

Mission Statement

We, the Family of
St. Colette, under the guid-
ance of the Holy Spirit are
dedicated to celebrating
the Good News of Jesus
Christ through Worship,
Education, Fellowship
and service to others.

Pope Francis Family of Parishes Advent Communal Penance Services With Individual Confessions

Monday, December 6th, 7:00 pm at St. Colette Church

Saturday, December 18th, 1:00 pm at St. Edith Church

If you need to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by going to
Confession before Christmas, please attend one of the Penance Services.
Face coverings should be worn during confession.



Mass Schedules for December 24th, 25th, 26th January 1st & 2nd



Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24th

3:45 pm Christmas Prelude Music
4:00 pm Vigil Mass
9:30 pm Christmas Prelude Music
10:00 pm Mass

Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25th

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 Noon Masses

Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 26th

8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12 Noon Masses
No 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 25th.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1st

10:00 am Mass

Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to celebrate Mass because the Solemnity is on a Saturday.

No 4:00 pm Mass on Friday, December 31st.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 2nd

8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12 Noon Masses
No scheduled confessions at 2:00 pm and
no 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, January 1st.



Christmas Wafers

Christmas wafers (in Polish – oplatki) are now available at the parish office during regular office hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am – 12 Noon and 1:00 – 4:00 pm and on Friday from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. There are three wafers per package and the suggested donation is \$1.00 per package. Supplies are limited so get your Christmas wafers early.

If supplies last, Christmas wafers will be available in the Gathering Space of the church the weekend of December 18th/19th.

Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick This Sunday, December 5th In the Church at 1:15 pm

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is intended for anyone seven years and older who is chronically ill, undergoing medical testing or surgery, disabled by disease, age or addiction, or is affected by psychological or emotional problems. As the title states, this is a sacrament for the sick and not the dying!

If you need to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please join others this Sunday, December 5th at 1:15 pm in the church. The celebration of the sacrament will begin once everyone is assembled and depending on the number being anointed the ritual should take approximately 20 – 30 minutes.

The communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick takes place in our parish every month (usually the first Sunday). The personal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may take place anywhere and anytime there is a need for it (like prior to medical testing or surgery). Contact the parish office to arrange for the personal celebration of this sacrament when the need arises.



Blood Drive is Thursday, December 16th



We are in need of donors at our parish blood drive. Blood products are needed for surgery patients as well as those being treated for life-threatening blood diseases like leukemia, anemia, hemophilia, sickle cell and many more. There is no substitute for human blood. It is precious and perishable. And the need for blood is vital. Every pint goes to someone who could die without it, someone who will always be grateful for your gift. It only takes an hour of your time. Right now, nation-wide blood donations are very low. But you can give life-saving blood as the need for blood remains high.

Our parish blood drive will be held on Thursday, December 16th from 12:30 until 7 pm in the Activities Center. The Knights of Columbus has made it easy to schedule your appointment in the church after all Masses this weekend and the next weekend (December 11th-12th). You may also make an appointment online at <https://donate.michigan.versiti.org/> or by calling Versiti/Michigan Blood at 866-642-5663.

Pastor’s Corner

In these weeks before Christmas, everyone is busy with shopping and the wrapping of gifts, writing and addressing Christmas cards, cleaning and baking. We are so busy with the externals of the holiday season that it is easy to forget the spiritual preparations that are also needed. Please remember to spend time in prayer using your Advent Reflection Books and by performing works of charity such as participating in the Advent Giving Tree Project. Don’t forget Advent Giving Tree gifts are due back next weekend, December 11th and 12th so they can be delivered in time for Christmas. Try not to decorate your home too early with Christmas decorations. In past years many families didn’t start decorating their homes until around December 17th when our observance of Advent concentrates on remembering Christ’s first coming at Christmas. If your personal schedule forces you to decorate early, try to avoid turning on the Christmas lights until December 17th. Whatever you do, try to maintain the holiness of the Season of Advent as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord.

The Season of Advent is a popular time for Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by the confession of our sins and receiving absolution. The parishes that make up the Pope Francis Family of Parishes (Our Lady of Victory, St. Colette, St. Edith and St. Kenneth) are sponsoring two Advent Communal Penance Services with Individual Confessions: **this Monday, December 6th at 7:00 pm at St. Colette Church** and Saturday, December 18th at 1:00 pm at St. Edith Church. Before the hearing of individual confessions, each service begins with an opening hymn and prayer, followed by a brief Liturgy of the Word, homily, and examination of conscience. Visiting priests have graciously accepted the invitation to be present at both services to hear your individual confession. If you need to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas, please participate in one of these two services.

On Wednesday, December 8th the Catholic Church observes the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses on December 8th will be celebrated in our church at 9:00 am, 12 Noon, and 7:00 pm. Because the observance of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary takes place in December prior to Christmas, many Catholics think it commemorates the conception of Jesus in the womb of his mother Mary. Actually, the conception of Jesus is celebrated each year on March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, exactly nine months before Christmas. The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, traditionally known as St. Anne, and is celebrated nine months before the Church observes Mary’s birth on September 8th. Since Mary was to be the mother of Jesus, the Church believes she was honored to be pure and immaculate, and born without sin. In 1846 the Bishops of the United States of America proclaimed Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, to be the patroness of the whole country.

Our parish’s next Blood Drive will take place in the Activities Center on Thursday, December 16th, from 12:30 – 7:00 pm. Today and next weekend you have the opportunity to make a reservation for the time you’re available to donate blood. After Mass today please visit the Blood Drive table in the Gathering Space of the church and sign up to donate the “gift of life!”

On page two of today’s church paper is printed the Mass schedule for the weekend of December 24th – 26th (Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family) and the weekend January 1st – 2nd (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and Epiphany). Because Christmas Day is on a Saturday this year, our weekend Mass schedule is different with no 4:00 pm Saturday evening Mass on December 25th. The same is true the following weekend with January 1st on a Saturday and no 4:00 pm Saturday evening Mass on New Year’s Day. Please read and study the Mass schedule so you will be familiar with it and know our Mass times for those two weekends.

Have a blessed Advent
Fr. Gary

Guidelines for Face-Coverings and Social Distancing in Church

In light of the current surge in COVID-19 cases, the Archdiocese of Detroit has updated guidelines regarding face coverings and social distancing. All Mass-goers, regardless of vaccination status, are encouraged to wear face-coverings and to practice social distancing when in church. **If you decide to wear a face-covering, please bring one with you.** If you forget to do so, extra face-coverings are available in the Gathering Space of the church.

More extensive social distancing is available in the side sections of pews (along the windows) where every second pew is used. In the center sections of pews, please try to practice some form of social distancing by avoiding sitting directly behind the person/people in front of you.



GIVING TREE –a Gift of My Favorite Things

There is a new addition to the tree this year. You have an opportunity to make the season brighter for a Felician Sister. The bags have the name of a Felician Sister and a list of her favorite things. It may list reading as a favorite activity, oatmeal cookie as a favorite treat, etc. You can fill with a few of the favorite things. It may be a gift card to a bookstore or place where the Sister may purchase her favorite thing. It is not necessary to "fill" the bag they are just a little larger to accommodate a bigger item if purchased. Please remember to return the bag with the Sister's list on it so we can make sure Santa gives the right gifts to the right Sister. There are 48 Felician Sisters at the Presentation Convent here in Livonia. They appreciate everything you do for them.

Advent Giving Tree

Advent is here, and we are participating in the annual Giving Tree Project. There are be many opportunities to help those in need this year. We are helping St. Al's, Capuchin After School Program, Loaves and Fishes, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, The Lennon Center, Sister Judie's Ministry, and gift certificates to help with last minute requests. Some of the organizations have requested specific items, some are asking for mittens, scarves, hats, sweatshirts, socks, under-garments, hand warmers, etc. As you can see, the basic necessities are again needed. Tags were available in the Gathering Space on November 20th/21st and November 27th/28th. All gifts will need to be returned by Sunday, December 12th. All gifts will be sorted on Sunday, December 12th at 1:00 pm in the Church. If you have any questions, please call the Christian Service Office at 734-464-4436.

Wrapping Paper

If you have extra rolls of wrapping paper that are just taking up space in your closet, we can make use of the wrapping paper either at St. Colette or send it to the charities that we support with our Advent Giving Tree Project. Please put the rolls of wrapping paper in the brown bins in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please call the Christian Service Office at 734-464-4436.

Christmas Cards in the Mail? Recycle Cancelled Stamps

The holidays bring to our mailbox Christmas cards proclaiming hope and joy for all during the season. You can bring hope and joy to those less fortunate by saving the cancelled stamps on the envelopes for the Stamp Ministry. As you know, many things can be recycled and are of some value to someone somewhere. These stamps will go to the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Notre Dame, Indiana. Please support the Sisters of the Holy Cross Ministry with the Poor Fund by cutting the stamp from the envelope leaving at least 1/4" on each side of the stamp. All stamps are accepted. There is a flyer on the Christian Service bulletin board in the Gathering Space that shows some examples of stamps they accept. This ministry helps those in need around the world. Please put the cancelled stamps in a Ziploc bag or a box in one of the brown bins in the Gathering Space. If you have any questions, please call the Christian Service Office at 734-464-4436.

Christmas Cards

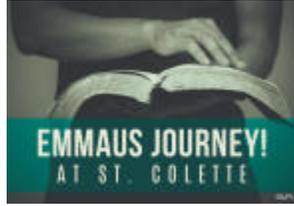
Christmas Cards can be recycled by passing them on the Calling Birds group here at church. We just need the fronts of the cards. You can drop them in the brown bins and the Calling Birds will use them when they create cards to mail to the homebound of the parish.

Missalettes Have Returned to the Church

Our parish is once again making available in the pew racks missalettes for the celebration of Masses! The missalettes include the Order of the Mass, weekend Scripture Readings and a wide selection of hymns. With the return of the missalettes, we are no longer printing in the church paper the Scripture Readings and hymns for each weekend's Mass. Since there is no longer a need to have the church papers available during Mass, the ushers have resumed the pre-pandemic practice of distributing the church papers after Mass as people leave the church.

The new missalettes are stored in the pew racks with the binding, or spine, of each book facing up! When you return the missalette to the pew rack, please be sure to do so in the same manner. This will help keep the missalettes from being damaged when the church building is sprayed with a disinfectant as a precaution against COVID-19.

Interested in Further Exploring the Weekend Readings? Join the Emmaus Journey!



The Mass is meant to be the core of our faith, and the Readings the lantern that guides our lives. Yet, all too often once we return to our cars, we don't remember what we just heard. Several years ago, a small group began to gather for the purpose of exploring the Sunday Readings so as to understand and therefore apply God's Word into our daily lives. We would love to expand our numbers and have you join this group. The group meets every other weekend, on Sunday mornings at 11:15 am in the Social Area of the Church. The December dates are December 5th and December 19th. We share coffee, conversation and information in a friendly dialogue. All lead by Theresa Lisiecki. For more information call the Religious Education office at 734-464-4435.

Children's Christmas Choir

We are inviting all children, fourth grade and older, to participate in a special choir being formed to sing at St. Colette's Family Mass (4:00 pm) on Christmas Eve. The rehearsal schedule is designed to be as convenient and accommodating as possible. We will rehearse in the Chapel (next to the Church) on three consecutive Sundays on December 5th, December 12th, and December 19th, 11:15 – 11:45 am. If you attend the 10:00 Mass, plan on staying a little later on those days. If you attend Mass at 12:00, plan on arriving a little earlier. All parents and other interested adults are invited to sit in on rehearsal.

This is a really fun opportunity with low commitment. Please, consider inviting your child, grandchild, and their friends to be a part of this. Who wouldn't want to see and hear their kids sing on Christmas Eve? Music reading ability and previous choir experience are not at all necessary.

The first rehearsal is Sunday, December 5th at 11:15 am. Any questions, find me around church or shoot me an email at music@stcolette.net. Hope to see many of you there!

Mark Newlon, Music Director



Right to Life - LIFESPAN Christmas Cards Still Available



LIFESPAN Christmas Cards are for sale now. Christmas Card sales are a key annual fundraiser that help to fund chapter outreach activities. Thank you kindly to those who sponsored sales as well as to those who purchased cards. If your church does not participate, Christmas Cards are directly available to you at our office. Please call 734-422-6230 or email wcdm@rtl-lifespan.org, to place an order. Small cards are \$7 for a pack of 10 and Large cards are \$15 for a box of 20. Our office is located at 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Suite 210 Livonia, MI 48150.

REMEMBER TO SAY ONE HAIL MARY EVERY DAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF ST. COLETTE

Baptism

Sydney Elizabeth Manor daughter of Michael John and Emily Ann and Cooper Trinidad Mireles, son of Derrek and Alyssa were welcomed into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at St. Colette Church. Reverend Mr. Gary Pardo celebrated the baptism.



Our annual Youth Ministry Evergreen Sale wrapped up last week – thank you so much to the parish for all of the support! The amount of orders we received was our biggest number ever, and we are grateful to everyone who has helped support the teens of our parish in this way.

Look for an article next week about this year's National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, one of the many programs that our fundraising helps to make possible. Thank you!

Thoughtful Questions and Answers

Over the course of the past few years, as a response to the pandemic limitations, a number of our Religious Education students have participated in their catechism work as a "home study" experience. Because of the nature of the work, our 8th grade Confirmation students had the opportunity to write out questions they had regarding each of the 24 lessons they had to work through. So many of the questions the students asked were so thought provoking that the staff of the Religious Education office thought it a good idea to use them to offer a weekly article for our bulletin. We hope you enjoy the review of things you probably already know and maybe we can learn a thing or two as we the weeks progress. Should you have a question of your own please let us know by emailing them to religioused@stcolette.net.

What do I do if I lose faith?

Such a very important question because all too often moving in and through those dark uncertainties of life often signal people to give up. St. John of the Cross called those periods, "dark night of the soul". The simplest response to this query is to reflect on what a good coach tells any of their players when the going gets tough. DON'T GIVE UP!!! Two important things to remember is that feelings and perceptions are not always reality. Just because we don't "feel" like God is present, or we don't "feel" like God is listening; when we might believe that God has abandoned us, nothing could be further from the truth. In these moments we must hold onto the truth that God is ALWAYS with us, whether we feel or perceive that reality at all. Ever heard of "Footprints in the Sand"? As a person stands before God at the end of their life, they see the journey of their life in footprints. Often there are two sets but at times only one set of footprints. God explains that the extra set of footprints was His walking beside them. "But when I only see one set?" inquired the individual. "That was when I carried you," answered God. God is always with us regardless of our feelings or perceptions. The second thing to remember in these moments is to not stop the "doing" of faith. Come to Church. Participate in Mass. Say your prayers. Read your scripture. Just like a good coach will expect their players to keep up with their drills, the things we do in faith not only express our inner belief but support, and at times ignite and give life to those beliefs. When our natural tendency is to walk away from faith, this is the time to spend more time at Church and practices of prayer. Maybe change up your ministries and try something new, and absolutely surround yourself with people of strong faith. As any journey has, our walk-in faith will have its ups and downs. Sometimes the most positive thing we can accomplish is to simply take the next step.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



Do you have a child in Kindergarten to 6th grade? Each week at our 10:00 am Mass trained catechists will provide a short experience exploring the readings for your child(ren). Children are to sit with their families as Mass begins. Before the Readings the priest will offer a blessing and the children will be dismissed to the chapel with seasoned Catechists who will share with them the Readings for that weekend and then discuss with them the content so that they will understand. The children then come back into the Mass as the gifts are being brought forward and return to sit with their families. No registration is required, and ALL children are welcomed every weekend. Please consider attending the 10:00 am Mass so that your child(ren) can participate in this wonderful opportunity. **There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word on December 26th and January 2nd.** Please note: Children are **REQUIRED** to wear masks in the chapel for Children's Liturgy of the Word since this is a Catechism setting.



We would like to welcome the following newly registered families to our parish!

Garrett, Caitlin and Mac Rebain
James and Connie Gleason
Margaret Kozakiewicz
Janice Tatarian

If you are new to our parish and have not yet registered, we invite you to contact the Parish Office for information on how to do so at (734) 464-4433 or email us at parishoffice@stcolette.net

We look forward to having you join our parish family!

Meetings of the Week

Monday Dec 6, 2021

9:30am Quilter's Circle RM B
 7:00pm Advent Penance Service CH
 7:00pm Youth Group YC

Tuesday Dec 7, 2021

9:00am Mass
 9:45am Art Workshop SA

Wednesday Dec 8, 2021

Immaculate Conception
 9:00am Mass
 9:45am Mat Makers RM A
 12:00pm Mass
 1:30pm Haiti's Angels RM A
 7:00pm Mass

Thursday Dec 9, 2021

9:30am Christian Crafters RM A/B
 6:30pm KofC Refreshments AC/KIT
 7:00pm KofC Membership Mtg AC

Friday Dec 10, 2021

9:00am Mass
 9:30am MOPS AC/KIT/CL
 7:00pm KofC Euchre YC

Saturday Dec 11, 2021

Blood Drive Sign-Up GS
 Collect for Retire Religious
 Mass 4pm
 2:00pm Confessions

Sunday Dec 12, 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent
 Blood Drive Sign-Up GS
 Collect for Retire Religious
 Giving Tree-Gifts Returned
 Masses 8, 10, & 12
 10:00am CLOW CHP
 11:15am Children Christmas Choir CHP
 1:00pm Gift Sorting GS/CH/SA

Praying for the Military

Please keep these service men and women, and their families, in your prayers and continue to pray for peace:



Major James Agius	MSgt Stephen Perakes
AT1(AW) Jessica Bitell	Major John Rehberg
SRA Alexander Bryant	Major Tommy Sheep
E 1 Leyna Calice	Captain Steven Siemieniak,
Lance CPL Caden P. Dorsett	USAF
LT Brian Evanski	Major Brandon Spears
2LT Eric Hill	SSgt Alan Stackpoole
Sgt Ian Hammill	Cpl Garrett Sterling
S.A. Cole Johnson-McCall	LTJG Conor Sullivan
Captain Drew H. Kohler	HM3 Elyse Timmermann
Cpl William Kramer	PVT Kimberly Tomaszewski
SSgt Andrew Krasemann	LT Patrick J.P. Treppa
Major Matthew Massman	SRA Dylan Underwood
Lt. Col. Brooke Heintz Morrissey	SGT Junior Underwood
Major Michael T. Morrissey	
SRA Anna Nowak	

We want to be sure we are praying for all who serve our country. Please call the Parish Office at 734-464-4433 to add or to remove a name from the list.

*Heavenly Father,
 hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in your name,
 Amen*



Sweetest Thanks for your Candy

A big thank you to everyone that donated candy for the veterans. The three veterans groups appreciated your generous response in the Halloween candy donations. May God bless you.



Pray for the Sick of our Parish *The names included in the Sick List should be parishioners, their relatives and friends. If you would like to add a name, please contact the parish office. Every 4-6 months the prayer list will be updated.*

Mary Anderson	A. Michael Deller	Marie Humeniuk	Mary Micus	Bob Richter	Shirley Walz
Lori Anton	Jake Demick	Rita Jalocha	Barbara Millard	Lorriane Rockey	Rose Marie Wenderski
Karen Bayer	Sue Dersha	Julianna James	Kim Millard	Jerry Roosen	Helen Witkowski
Joseph Bermudez	Betty R. Diethorn	Ann Jesudowich	Joseph Mitchell	George Saba	Tom Yoakam
Jeanette Bickham	Virginia Dul	Joan Jurczyszyn	Lucile Moan	Jim St. Germain	Ethan Young
Patricia Blais	Beth Dutton	Diane Kaminski	Sally Mytych	Edmund Shaheen	Laurie Zielinski
Justin Boyer	Casemir Dyderski	Maureen Kelsey	Joan Nehasil	Eileen Shaheen	
Mary Brosky	Hedwig Dyderski	Linda Keimig	Loretta Nolta	Elaine Solak	
Dale Richard Brown	Dave Dykowski	Lavonne Kimmel	Vivian Nyland	Edward Stambersky	
Dale Bush	Manny Fernandez	Albert Kimmel	Maryann Olesko	Valencia Stambersky	
Susie Camel	Mario Galasso	Janice Kohler	Kathy Pardo	Laura Sudek	
Shirley Carner	Mary Galasso	Bernie Kuhlman	Kim Pardo	Msgr Dan Trapp	
Carol Cline	Oakley Geverink	Silas Kurtz	Jean Parnell	Frances Treas	
Bob Colladay	Adrienne Gilbert	Paula Mahinske	Raymond Parnell	Patrice Trisket	
Joan Colladay	Charlotte Graham	John McMahon, Sr.	Patricia Phillips	Mary C. Uchic	
Tom Compton	Anne Harrington	Carmela Mercieca	Aileen Picano	Elizabeth Urbanski	
Tom Cooney	Rose Hassell	Esther Mesner	Tryceton Pittman	John VanDyke	
Edward DeGeeter	Barbara Hattar	Rick Mesner	Chris Prentki	Janet Van Elslander	
	Dorothy Houser	Nicholas Mester	Molly Reynolds	Cecelia Walczak	

Update on the Christmas Offering

In previous years, parishioners were asked to make a significant Christmas offering to St. Colette Parish. This was encouraged because the Christmas offering is not subject to the Archdiocesan assessment of 7%. Although that is still true, the Christmas collection does factor in the parish’s CSA target calculation. The CSA target averages approximately 13% of the total of Sunday and Christmas collections for the year. Therefore, the Christmas collection isn’t truly “assessment free” but is assessed at the higher 13% rate.

Any money contributed to the CSA that exceeds the parish’s target for the year is refunded IN FULL to the parish. The refund is not subject to the 7% assessment, nor does it factor into the calculation of the CSA target for the following year. If the parish does not reach its CSA target (as we have failed to do for the past several years), the parish has to pay the difference from Sunday collections that have already been assessed the 7% and in effect paying more.

So, what are you to do? To date the parish is \$40,000 short of its 2021 CSA target of \$173,034. If you have not donated or pledged to this year’s CSA, please do so as soon as possible. If you have donated/pledged to this year’s CSA, you may want to consider adding to your donation or increasing your pledge. Consider participating in the CSA by adding the amount you would give in your Christmas envelope, so we can exceed the parish’s target.

Given the rising costs of maintaining a parish plant and all our services, every additional dollar is truly appreciated. Thank you for your generous support and consideration.

Karen Roosen, Parish Bookkeeper
Fr. Gary Michalik, Pastor



Tax Advantaged Ways to Give to Our Parish

Parishioners may consider these two ways to lower their tax bill through charitable giving at the year end.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities

Gifts of appreciated securities continue to be beneficial for donors since they offer significant tax advantages including income tax deductions and avoidance of tax on capital gains if the donor sells the highly appreciated securities. With markets remaining at high levels in spite of recent volatility, many parishioners likely have some highly appreciated securities in their portfolios. Through a gift of appreciated securities to benefit our parish, including through the Catholic Services Appeal, donors who itemize may receive an income tax deduction up to the full market value of the securities and can also avoid capital gains tax on the appreciation. In essence, you may save twice — on income tax and capital gains tax.

IRA Rollover --

Qualified Charitable Distribution

The *IRA qualified charitable distribution* (QCD) provides a way for donors 70 ½ and older to receive a tax benefit for their generosity. It is beneficial because the QCD will not be included in adjusted gross income and is therefore not subject to tax. This is now more beneficial in view of the increased standard deduction in the new tax law. A donor can make a QCD of up to \$100,000 annually directly from the IRA to a charity, and as an added benefit, the QCD satisfies the donor’s required minimum distribution. Parishioners 70 ½ or older should consult with their IRA administrator for the procedure to make a QCD to our parish.

For More Information, contact the Parish Office, or Archdiocese of Detroit Department of Development and Stewardship 313-596-7400 Development @aod.org

Please consult your tax or financial advisor. Our parish and the Archdiocese of Detroit are not engaged in legal or tax advisory service. The examples listed above are intended to provide useful information of a general character only. For specific advice and assistance please consult a qualified tax or financial advisor.



St. Edith/St. Colette
MOPS & MOMSnext would like to invite you to join them on December 10th and the meeting topic is Sacred Rest: What are you Missing?.

MOPS & MOMSnext meet at St. Colette Activity Center every 1st and 3rd Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am throughout the school year. MOPS & MOMSnext is a great support for moms of young children, birth through kindergarten. MOMSnext supports moms of older children. Childcare is provided. Try us out! Email coordinator@stecmops.org or visit us at: www.facebook.com/stecmops for more information.

POPE FRANCIS FAMILY OF PARISHES

Our Lady of Victory Church

133 Orchard Dr., Northville, 48167
248-349-2621, FAX 248-349-7329

Website: olvnorthville.org

Email: olvoffice@olvnorthville.net

Mass Times

Saturday, 5:00 pm
Sunday, 7:30 am, 9:30am, 11:30 am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30 am

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 pm

St. Colette Church

17600 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, 48142
734-464-4433, FAX 734-464-1694

Website: stcolette.net

Email: parishoffice@stcolette.net

Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 pm
Sunday, 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12 Noon
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00 am

Reconciliation: Saturday, 2:00 pm

St. Edith Church

15089 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, 48154
734-464-1222, FAX 734-464-7582

Website: stedith.org

Email: stedith.org/connect

Mass Times

Saturday, 5:00 pm
Sunday, 8:30 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, 9:00 am

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 pm

St. Kenneth Church

14951 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, 48170
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Website: stkenneth.org

Email: communications@stkenneth.org

Mass Times

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Sunday, 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30 pm

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Ordinarily baptisms are celebrated on the third Saturday of the month.

First time parent(s) need to participate in a Preparation Class

Contact: 734-464-4433 parishoffice@stcolette.net

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

A formation program for those interested in becoming Catholic

Contact: 734-464-4433 or 734-464-4435

parishoffice@stcolette.net or religioused@stcolette.net

Marriage

Arrangements must be made a minimum of six months prior to the date.

Participation in a Pre-Marriage Preparation Program is mandatory.

Contact: 734-464-4433 parishoffice@stcolette.net

Pastoral Care for the Sick and Homebound

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated in church on the first Sunday of the month. It may be celebrated anytime there is a need for it.

Contact: 734-464-4433 parishoffice@stcolette.net

Volunteers are available to visit the sick and homebound.

Contact: 734-464-4436 christianservice@stcolette.net

Liturgical Ministers for Dec. 11 and 12

	Presiding Celebrant	Altar Servers	Lectors
4:00 pm	Fr. Mike Loyson	Volunteers	Mark Kullen
8:00 am	Fr. Alex Kratz	Volunteers	Bill Chenevert
10:00 am	Fr. Alex Kratz	Volunteers	Betty Monnette
12:00 pm	Fr. Mike Loyson	Volunteers	Joanne Harshman

Mass Transit

December 5, 2021 – 2nd Sunday of Advent Baruch 5:1-9•Philippians 1L4-6, 8-11•Luke 3:1-6 Prepare the way of the Lord -Luke 3:2

Preparing for something can be a lot of work. Once, as a participant in a play we spent weeks learning our lines, creating the decorations and sets and selling tickets. Finally, on opening night all that hard work was forgotten in the excitement of enjoying the fruits of our labor. Think about what that night would have been like if we didn't learn our lines? Didn't prepare the stage? Didn't work to sell tickets? All too often we live our faith as if we were half asleep. We just do the "stuff" we are expected to do but put very little thought or enthusiasm into it. St. John the Baptist reminds us that Jesus is coming. Not only at our celebration on Christmas day but Jesus is returning at the end of time. Our job in faith is to prepare our lives for Jesus' coming and also to, like St. John the Baptist, remind others that Jesus is the only way of love and peace.

Reflection: Have you ever thought that you were called to prepare the world for Jesus' coming? What are some of the things you could do to make this world a better place?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, give me the strength and courage to make this world a better place.

Family Activity: Make a list of friends, family or neighbors who could use a little help these days. Think also of just what you can do. In the coming week set aside an evening or day and together help these people in whatever way you can.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 7

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

9:00 am †Walter Sowa by Family
 †Leonard Kasper by Family
 †Patricia Regan by DeGeeter Family
 †Sylvia Giczewski by DeGeeter Family

Wednesday, December 8

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

9:00 am For the Family of St Colette Parish
 †Lillian Pred by Denise, Wayne & Lorraine
 †Ann Collet (9th Anniv) by Christine & Mike
 In thanksgiving for blessings received and for a special favor by Ron & Bernadine
 12:00 pm For those suffering with COVID-19
 7:00 pm †Joanne Madaffer by Family of St. Colette Parish

Friday, December 10

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

9:00 am †Olga Ladoski by Diane Kaminski

Saturday, December 11

Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-1

4:00 pm †Ann Marie Potrykus by Mary Flecksteiner
 †Sylvia Giczewski by Family of St. Colette Parish
 †John Zielinski by Gloria Dick

Sunday, December 12

Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-1

8:00 am Family of St. Colette Parish & An Increase in Vocations
 †Ignatius, †Mary & †Edward Wojna by Family
 Special Intention for 93rd Birthday for Irene Waypa by Family
 †Richard Duggan by Ambers Family
 10:00 am †Lori Shalawyo (6th Anniversary) by M. Zielinski
 †James Fenech by Family of St. Colette Parish
 †Blandine Suppelsa by Family of St. Colette Parish
 12:00 pm †Stella & †John Guziatek by Usles Family
 †Leo Riva by Lisa Cavicchio
 †Josephine & †Casemire Dyderski & †Son Steven by Casemire & Hedwig Dyderski



**Children's Liturgy of the Word at
10:00 am on December 12th:
Joe Korotko and Cyndi Pierzynski**



Please remember in your prayers those who were buried from St. Colette Church during the month of November:

Daniel Lehr, Sylvia Giczewski, Ronald Kurkowski, and John Zielinski



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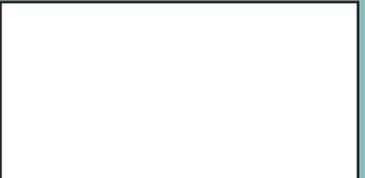
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