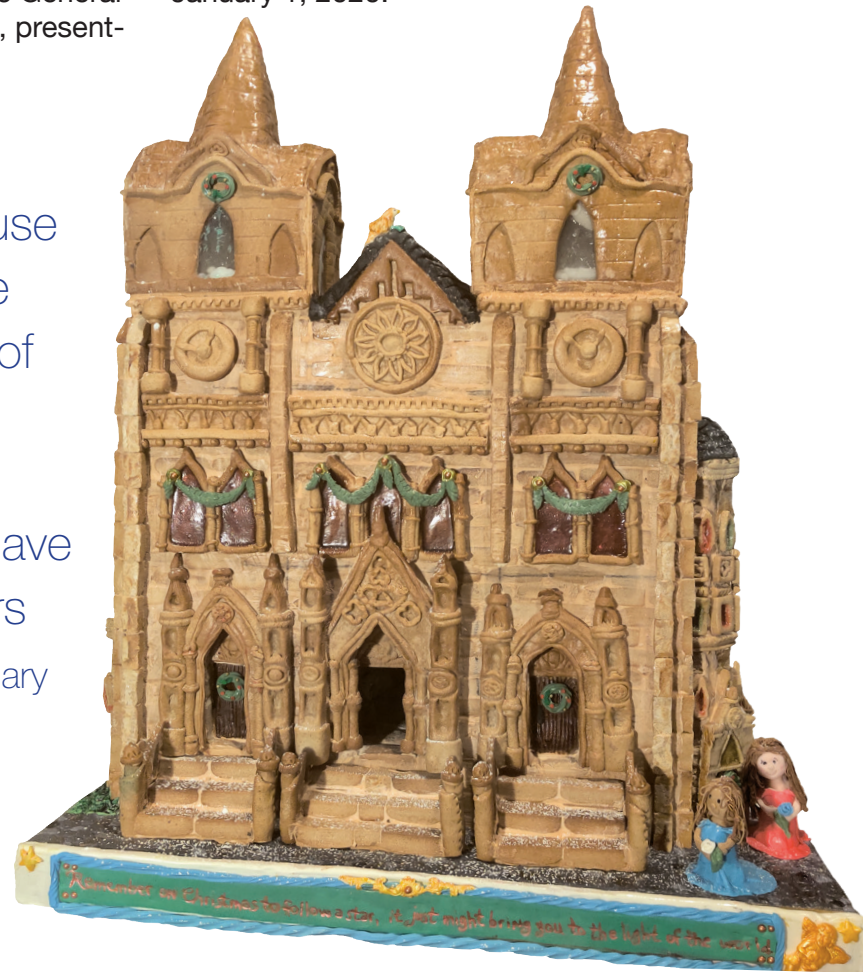


30TH ANNUAL BELLEVILLE GINGERBREAD CONTEST

Looking for some Christmas season fun? Take a trip to downtown Belleville's Main Street and see the winners in this year's gingerbread contest. Of special interest is Vanda Loughary's "Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church," displayed in the front window of Hair on Main. Vanda's creation won first place in the General Category and the Celebrity's Choice Award, presented by John Pertzborn of Fox 2 News.

"I choose your church because I see it every afternoon at the end of my day and it is kind of like a beacon of light to me. I wish I could explain it more than that... it's just I always have a smile when I see the towers in the distance." – Vanda Loughary



When Robin Feeherty gave Vanda a tour of our church she was in awe of its beauty. After the tour of the interior, Vanda continued outside to take photos, enjoying every moment of preparing for the contest.

All the winning entries will be on display through January 1, 2020.

Most Holy Trinity Parish

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*It is the hour now
for you to awake from sleep.*

Romans 13:11



AWAKE PREPARE

HOW AM I AWAKE TO THE CALLS OF CREATION How am I prepared to see God everywhere

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Food Pantry/Utility Assistance:

Provided by OLPH Food Pantry/ St. Vincent de Paul. Serves residents of zip 63107, 63115 and 63147. OPEN: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 9am-noon, located on 4335 Warne Ave. 314.535.9794.

Note: phone answered only during operating hours. For information on donating or volunteering, please go to www.helpstlouis.org.

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MISSION:

We are a people graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Parish Mass Schedule: 4 PM Saturday Mass/Eucharistic Prayer Service in Rectory Chapel
9:30 AM Sunday in Church | 9:15 AM Wednesday School Mass in Church (during school year)**

It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.
– Romans 13:11

Advent. Enter. To “come to.” To wake up. To enter life, here and today. Let God enter it all and now. And let us enter it all, now with God.



When we go into our lives and invite God to enter with us, then we see clearly, even in the night. Today’s readings call us to watch for God’s many ways of coming into our lives. We respond, day by day, by creating the world God envisions, an everlasting realm of peace.

We pray this verse with the prophet, Zechariah, who fostered hope in the people of Israel:

*In the tender compassion of our God
The dawn from on high breaks upon us
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
And the shadow of death,
To guide our feet into the way of peace.*

– Sister Janice

LITURGICAL ROLES:

Saturday, December 7, 4:00 pm

Lector: Hazel Hosea

Sunday, December 8, 9:30 am

First Lector: Carol Nowak

Second Lector: Melita Long

Eucharistic Ministers

Doris Speed

Brenda Tillman

Hattie Towles

Michelle Towles

Acolyte: Patty Whaley

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING FOR: Helen Barber, Vickie and Ed Deason, Mary Green, Mary Lee Howard, Joetta Lukowski, Ronnie Russell (the brother of Barbara Russell), John Towles, Ethel Long, Diana Schmidt, Tom George (a donor), and the needs of the Tracy and Usanga family

THE ZUNIGA FAMILY: Every Sunday in December the family joins us in celebration of their deceased loved ones. We welcome them and pray that our support gives them comfort and peace.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:

This campaign allocates funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD and the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church.

Seventy-five percent of every donation goes to national projects that address the root causes of poverty and 25 percent stays here in the St. Louis Archdiocese to empower those living on the margins. Please read the enclosed flyer for information concerning grants and the annual report.

THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS whose work prepare us to begin this season of Advent, the season celebrating God’s coming to us and our coming to God.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING after Mass today.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
and God’s Blessings**

DECEMBER

- 1 Kim Tolbert
- 8 Patty Whaley
- 15 Ryan Grayson
- 21 Daecia Lindsay
- 22 Tim Ohmeyer
- 24 Carol Nowak
- 28 Rosalind Robinson

JANUARY

- 1 Ann Russek



STEWARDSHIP 11/17/1209

\$ 1,027.00 Parishioner Envelopes
62.00 Cash Contributions
\$ 1,089.00 Total – Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 1, 9:30 am
Zuniga Family

Wednesday, December 4, 9:30 am
Joanne George

Saturday, December 7, 4:00 pm
World Peace

We welcome all who are visiting today!
We invite you to join us every Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 9:30am.

CONGRATULATIONS SISTER GAIL!

Sister Gail was honored as a GUIDING LIGHT by the Gamaliel Foundation for her work in organizing and developing NTOSAKE, a women’s leadership training project. This program, begun in 1933, trains women to be community and faith leaders, to build political power and create organizations that unite people of diverse faith and race.

NTOSAKE is a South African word which means “She who walks with lions and carries her own things.”



The program helps women overcome the internal and external obstacles faced on the journey to becoming powerful and effective leaders. This is an opportunity for women to freely explore life as a leader in their communities.

Sister Gail, Most Holy Trinity is grateful for the Guiding Light that you are. Your effectiveness as a leader shines here and in the neighborhood community. You generously share the ‘fire of faith’ with all.

A WEEK of FEASTS:

DECEMBER 3

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER,

College Church at Grand & Lindell is named after this missionary.

DECEMBER 6

ST. NICHOLAS

The popular December saint; our neighbor church on Eighteenth Street is named after him.

DECEMBER 7

ST. AMBROSE

The church on the Hill, takes the name of this saintly man.

DECEMBER 7

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY. This day honors the 2,403 U. S. citizens who perished in the attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii in 1941.

DECEMBER 8

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be celebrated during Mass. Several priests will be available for confessions following the Liturgy of the Word. An examination of conscience will take place during the Penitential Rite.

St Nicholas, holy patron of children, saintly and generous bishop, inspire us to give gifts of ourselves and our time. Give us your blessing so that we might fill with sincerity each greeting we speak and send. Smiling saint of sweets and toys, help us stay youthful and mirthful, playful and joyful so that we can celebrate every day as Christmas.

Patron Saint of generosity, arouse us to an evergreen extravagance in loving and in giving gifts to those we love and to the poor. Patron of the un-thanked, who always slips away before you can be thanked, incite us to be like you.”

by Fr. Edward Hayes

