

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *April 13th & 14th, 2019* Detroit, MI

PASTOR'S PEN



Today we begin the pilgrimage through the streets of Jerusalem singing, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." The crowd that welcomes Jesus into Jerusalem expects Jesus to be a powerful King like those they've seen in the past. They want him to use his power to take care of their friends and destroy their enemies. They want a King who will oppress their enemy and finally take revenge on those who have oppressed them. This King Jesus is not like that as he uses his power to bring good news to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind. This is the King who calls them to forgive their enemies and do good to those who hurt them. This week will change dramatically because the king that they've hoped for is not this Jesus. This week we will hear stories of betrayals, denials, agonizing torture, fearful followers, hypocritical religious leaders and the worst aspects of our human nature. At the cross we will see the power of evil in our world. It's the evil that murders innocent people and makes good people fearful to speak up when they know something is unjust. It's the evil that can touch any of our lives and bring us to dark places but this evil is not the whole story.

We will also hear stories of tenderness and love as we see a mother stand by her beloved son as he faces the pain of Calvary. We will see help coming from an unlikely person (Simon of Cyrene) who steps up to help Jesus carry his cross. We will also hear the courage and love in the dying voice of Jesus as he cries out, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." This week we will see the best and worst of who we are and we'll be challenged to allow God's grace into those areas of darkness in our own lives. It's courageous to allow grace into our brokenness but we can do this because we know the end of the story. Easter celebrates not only Christ's victory over death but also the victory of love over selfishness, courage over the fear to do what is right, compassion over apathy, and grace over sin. We will be reminded that redemption is always possible as we witness the faith of the good thief. Yes, today is the day to shout Hosanna and wave our palms because we have victory in Christ!

Holy Week schedule for those who only read the front page:

Holy Thursday begins at 6pm with a meal and then 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper.
 Good Friday begins at Noon with Stations followed by Good Friday Service.
 Good Friday Service at 7pm at St. Charles.
 Easter Vigil will be at St. Charles at 8:30pm.
 Easter Sunday Mass at 9:45 (Nativity) and 11:30 (St. Charles)

MISSION STATEMENT

Nativity is a diverse and inclusive Catholic Faith Community on Detroit's eastside dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and sharing God's love through commitment to social justice, service to the neighborhood, the community and each other.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: 4-15: Charisse Hurt, 4-17: Diane Ferschneider & Michael Kent, 4-20: Jordyn Barnes

WORSHIP SCHEDULE April 21st EASTER SUNDAY

Next week's Readings:
 Acts 10:34, 37-43
 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
 John 20:1-9

Lectors:

4:00
 9:45 1. D. Scott 2. C. Sutton

Ushers:

4:00
 9:45 J. & K. Alderman, L. Canty,
 M. Johnston

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00
 9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. D. Scott
 3. G. Scamihorn 4. J. Brooks

Ministers of Service:

4:00
 9:45 1. A. Clark 2. W. Adams

MASS INTENTIONS PALM SUNDAY

SATURDAY, April 13, 2019

4:00 Judee Danielak
 (The Nativity Family)

SUNDAY, April 14, 2019

9:45 Fred & Eleanor Carbery (Family)

THURSDAY, April 18, 2019

6:00PM Pot Luck Supper
 7:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

SATURDAY, April 20, 2019

8:30 PM Easter Vigil at St. Charles

SUNDAY, April 21, 2019

9:45 The Nativity Family

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OPENING HYMN

LET US PRAY

Almighty, ever-living God, you have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled your will by becoming man and giving his life on the cross. Help us to bear witness to you by following his example of suffering and make us worthy to share in his resurrection. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1st READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

2nd READING: Philippians 2:6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honor to you Jesus Christ,
Glory to your name.

GOSPEL: Luke 22:14-23:56

OFFERTORY HYMN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION HYMN

BIBLE EXCHANGE

CLOSING HYMN

We pray for God's healing for:

Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Bob Campernel, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Gabriel Crowe, Tom Davis, Kevin Dietz, Katie Estes, Diane & Dolores Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Theresa Hill, Billie Jean Jackson, Patrick Jansen, Liz Janutol, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, Debby Kinsel, Dolores Killewald, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Mickala Lewis, Clarence Lewis, Vicki McCuish, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathe, Andrea Milligan, Jennifer Mondalek, Joe Oldani, Allan Patterson, Sharon Povlitz, Anne Purrenhage, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Phyllis Treece, Sr. Jolene, Pat Wimble, Nikki Zapinski, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Jan Shovlin's son Bradford, Sr. Ellen's niece Carole, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline, Kathy Walsh's sister, Mary Ann, Joyce Shahady's granddaughter, Edith, The Benigni and Chida Families

YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

THIS SUNDAY!

The Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir will present "Worthy Is the Lamb" at 3:00PM. Our own Kim Milligan has a solo in this performance. It is a free will offering event. It will be at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. 19800 Pembroke, Detroit, 48219.

The Finance Council wants to report to the parish on the status of Offertory collections as we finish the 3rd quarter. The Archdiocese is on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30 and not the calendar year.

For the 3rd quarter, January, February, and March:

Actual Offertory Collection: \$34,540
Offertory Collection budget: \$38,750
We were 11% or \$4,210 short this quarter.

For year to date combined, July-March:

Actual Offertory Collection: \$100,800
Offertory Collection budget: \$116,250
We are 13% or \$15,450 short of our budget.

While we are not making our budget, we want to thank everyone for your generosity and know that it is appreciated.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FILLING EASTER BASKETS

We will be filling the Easter baskets this Tuesday, April 16th at 10:00AM in the church if you want to help.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 18th: Holy Thursday Pot Luck, 6:00PM Dinner, Mass at 7:00PM. We will celebrate Dinner and Mass here at Nativity with our St. Charles Family.

April 19th: Good Friday, Stations of the Cross 12:30PM, Service 1:00PM at Nativity, 7:00PM St. Charles

April 20th: Easter Vigil 8:30PM St. Charles-No Mass at Nativity

April 21st: Easter Sunday Mass 9:45AM Nativity, 11:30 St. Charles

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY

April 28th: 9:45 Mass

A TOAST TO LITERACY

Saturday, April 27th 6:00PM

Epiphany Education Centers

11th Annual Fundraiser

Sacred Heart Activities Center

3451 Rivard, Detroit 48207

Tickets: \$30.00

Call 313-451-0301

The 2019 Father Singer Memorial Scholarship process has begun. There are applications with guidelines in the back of the church, and applications for Higher Education scholarships available on the website. The deadline for submission is June 2nd. If you have questions, please contact Harry Wimble at: 586-872-7425.