

# NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan \*June 23rd & 24th, 2018\* Detroit, MI

## Pastor's Pen

### *Nativity of St. John the Baptist*



Today we celebrate John the Baptist, the herald of good news for the world. John speaks of the coming of the Messiah and reminds people that he is not worthy to untie the straps of his sandals. He is the messenger but there is one greater than he who is about to come. For John, it was never about his own fame but about the Christ. What a powerful witness of humility! What a powerful witness of what it means to be a faithful disciple! You see, it's not supposed to be about us and our goodness and our talents and our good deeds and our church work and etc. No, it supposed to be about Christ.

John, at a later point says, "He must increase while I decrease." That should be the motto for all those who follow Christ. We become messengers of a love and mercy beyond ourselves. If people can only see us and our good deeds and are not inspired to see the Christ beyond our good deeds, then we have failed as disciples. All of us enjoy a pat on the back and a "well done," but if our discipleship stops at that point, we will never see the wonder of God's grace and the power of His love in other people's lives. When our good deeds stop at our own ego, then the measure of the good that we do will be measured by the appreciation of others. When others don't appreciate all of our hard work, we will become resentful and hurt. When we practice compassion and minister for Christ, then our egos will not be involved and we can do things without expecting a lot of thanks and appreciation. We are doing it for Christ and not for the appreciation of others. That's pretty hard but it is the path to a wondrous freedom. We no longer count the success of our work from our vantage point but we just remain faithful to our part and allow Christ to do the rest. When we find ourselves being hurt because things don't go as we had planned and our work is not appreciated, let's use John's mantra: "**He must increase while I decrease.**"

## 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:** 6-23: Joni Scott 6-25: Willie Harris & Ray Miller  
6-27: Sr. Elaine Hartnett 6-29: Deborah Morrison

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** 6-23: Kyle & Charisse Hurt

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 30th & July 1st  
Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

Next week's Readings:  
(Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24,  
2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15,  
Mark 5:21-43)

### Lectors:

4:00 Mary Miller  
9:45 1. M. Peeples 2. J. Brooks

### Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller  
9:45 M. J. Accavitti, A. Calati,  
J. Deisinger, R. Duddy,  
C. Gillespie

### Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 C. Kulchy  
9:45 1. L. Cunningham 2. C. Gillespie  
3. Sr. Elaine 4. J. Shovlin

### Ministers of Service:

4:00 S. Wois  
9:45 1. H. Adams 2. W. Adams

## MASS INTENTIONS

**BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
**SATURDAY, June 23, 2018**

4:00 Patricia Cichowski (Family)

**SUNDAY, June 24, 2018**

9:45 Brittany Rivers  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

**THURSDAY, June 28, 2018**

11:00AM Immigrant Families

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
**SATURDAY, June 30, 2018**

4:00PM Sharon Wrocklage (Fran Carnaghi)  
Brother Robert Wotypka  
(The Nativity Family)

**SUNDAY, July 1, 2018**

9:45 Frank Kaucic ( Fran Kaucic)

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## OPENING HYMN

### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** Isaiah 49:1-6

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I praise you for I am wonderfully made.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** Acts 13:22-26

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

**GOSPEL:** Luke 1:57-66, 80

### OFFERTORY HYMN

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

### LAMB OF GOD

### COMMUNION HYMN

## BIBLE EXCHANGE

We will hear Your Word one in love.  
We will live Your Word one in love.  
We will spread Your Word one in love.

## CLOSING HYMN

Don't forget that on Friday nights we gather at the corner of McClellan and Gratiot at 9:00PM to pray for the end of violence in the city.

### We pray for God's healing for:

Clara Allen, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Randy Clarke, Tom Davis, David Denomme, Kevin Dietz, Katie Estes, Juanita Farley, Dolores Ferschneider, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Willie Harris, Art Hill, Theresa Hill, Billie Jean Jackson, Patrick Jansen, Journee Jones, Lee Keenan, Alex Kelly, Debby Kinsel, Dolores Killewald, Gary Krueger, Clarence Lewis, Vicki McCuish, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathe, Andrea Milligan, Jennifer Mondalek, Joe Oldani, Allan Patterson, Sharon Povlitz, Emmie Roth, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Chris Turnbull, Sr. Jolene, Mary VanPoucker, Willie Williamson, Maura Corrigan's sister, Pat, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Roseann Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Jan Shovlin's sister, Joan & son Bradford, Shivaun Wois' student Jacqueline

## CSA

**Good News Nativity Family! We have reached our CSA goal for the Archdiocese. Even better news: all money that we collect from now on will stay in the parish. This couldn't come at a better time since we have repairs on the front and roof of the Church that need to be done. Thanks to all of our generous parishioners!**

**Brother Robert Farewell  
June 30th**

**We hope everyone can join us for the 4:00 Mass next Saturday and the pot luck dinner to follow in honor of Brother Robert. Please sign-up on the list by Mary's altar for what you are bringing and the number attending. Let's make this a great thank you and send off for Brother Robert as he moves to a new ministry in Milwaukee.**

### ST. CHARLES DINNER DANCE

Friday, September 21, 2018 Cocktail Hour: 6pm - 7pm Dinner: 7pm Assumption Cultural Center 21800 Marter Road St. Clair Shores. Ticket Pricing Information: Early Bird (March 1, 2018 - August 1, 2018) \$55 per person OR \$500 for Table of 10. Call Rhonda: 313-331-0253 for more information.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

We would like to thank the ladies who put on a fabulous breakfast for Father's Day. Your time, effort and talent is greatly appreciated.

Vacation Bible School begins Monday. We will feed the children breakfast, lunch, and a snack. There is a sign up if you are able to help by bringing fresh fruit next Sunday for the second week of VBS. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Mary's altar if you are able to help.

### SAVE THESE DATES

**Vacation Bible School:** June 25-July 20 (first 2 weeks at Nativity, next 2 weeks at St. Charles)

**June 30th:** Thank You and Good Bye Pot-Luck for Brother Robert after Mass.

**July 16-August 3:** Summer Peace Camp Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 4930 Connor Call: 313-822-8606 Ext. 221, 222, or 224.

### AA Meetings in Church Basement:

Monday's at 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday's at 7 PM

Friday's at 7 PM