

# NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan \*February 17th & 18th, 2018\* Detroit,

## PASTOR'S PEN



At Parish Council this week, the Evangelization committee submitted the document *"Unleash the Gospel"* by Archbishop Vigneron for our Lenten reading and to begin to open this up to the parish. As we begin this season of Lent, it seems a good time to look at our relationship to Christ, to ourselves, to others in our life and to the world. Two people sent me this quote from *Unleash the Gospel* which the Archbishop included in his Ash Wednesday message. I figure it must be meant for us as we begin this season. He writes:

"What do I need to leave behind in order to grow closer to Christ? How shall I let Him draw me more deeply into love? How shall I cooperate with Him in placing the Kingdom first? And so we remember that Lent isn't really a program. It's about a person. The person of Jesus Christ. The One for whom we say we would give up our lives if he asked for that. Speaking to my heart, asking me to love Him again."

This season is all about our relationships. At Mass on Ash Wednesday, I used this analogy which I didn't think much of but people seemed to like it. And since I have no other thought on Friday night, we will have to use it again! I spoke of the snow we've had and how easy it is to get stuck on one of the side roads. The panic sets in when you realize you're stuck and you hear that terrible whizzing sound of the tire stuck in a rut. Most of us try to get out by accelerating faster and it usually makes it worse. Others try rocking back and forth and sometimes it works. Most times we have to get out of the car and dig out whatever tire is stuck. Often we have to get help to get pushed out. Lent becomes the season when we admit we're stuck and realize we've been in the same rut for a long time spinning our wheels and getting nowhere. Lent is the season to get out of the car and see where we're stuck. We may have to use a shovel or get someone to help push us out but we can't just stay in the car and hope that spinning tire will come out of the rut on its own.

So where are you this year? Are you willing to look deeply into your life and see where you're stuck (addictions of all kinds, resentments, jealousies, self righteous judgments, selfishness, laziness, lack of compassion, dishonesty, pornography, and the list goes on...) or will you be content with the status quo and just stay where you are? If you stay where you are and never grow, your soul will begin to wither and die. Let's have the courage to build a deeper relationship with Christ this year and allow that relationship to free us from all that keeps us stuck. It's time to get out of the rut!

### 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: 2-17: Ewan Dombrowski & Carmen Patton, 2-19: Leila Lynch, 2-21: Sharon Estes & Adrian Gabriel, 2-24: Terell Halthon**

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 24th & 25th, 2018

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Next week's Readings:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9:2-10

### Lectors:

4:00 T. McGratty

9:45 1. J. Urso 2. M. Brooks

### Ushers:

4:00 S. May & R. Miller

9:45 R. Gatson, P. Adams, N. Danzie,  
A. Milligan, M. Peeples

### Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 T. McGratty

9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. D. Scott  
3. L. Canty 4. M. J. Accavitti

### Ministers of Service:

4:00 D. Wois

9:45 1. L. Bartnik 2. H. Adams

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**SATURDAY, February 17, 2018**

**4:00** Pat Couture (Nativity Family)

**SUNDAY, February 18, 2018**

**9:45** Miriam Moses (Nativity Family)

Frank Accavitti (Family)

**THURSDAY, February 22, 2018**

**11:00 AM** Becky Nesselhauf  
(Therese McGratty)

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**SATURDAY, February 24, 2018**

**4:00** Tom Mudloff (Family)

Rose Thomas (Family)

**SUNDAY, February 25, 2018**

**9:45** Michael Gillespie

(Therese McGratty)

Peter DeMarie (Fran Kaucic)

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Please make sure you received a hymnal on your way in and leave it at the door as you leave church. We hope this will encourage everyone to participate more fully in the singing.

### GATHERING HYMN

### GLORY TO GOD

### OPENING PRAYER

God our Creator, through our observance of Lent, help us to understand the meaning of your Son's death and resurrection, and teach us to reflect it in our lives. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** Genesis 9:8-15

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:**

1 Peter 3:18-22

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1:12-15

### OFFERTORY HYMN

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

### LAMB OF GOD

### COMMUNION HYMN

### CLOSING HYMN

### 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, Barbara 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

### YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN.....

#### FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN SERIES

Stations of the Cross

Light Meal of Soup

Jessie Cox : Weekly Speaker after Meal

February 16 & 23 St. Charles

March 2 & 9 Nativity

March 16 St. Charles

March 23 Nativity

We will begin with the Stations at 6:00.

Soup to follow

Jessie Cox at 7:00

During the series we will be praying on the corner immediately following, so 8:00ish.

#### SOLANUS CASEY CENTER LENTEN SERIES

Location: Solanus Casey Center,  
1780 Mt Elliott Ave., Detroit, MI

During this time of prayer and fasting, we invite you to reflect on the wisdom of Blessed Solanus in preparation for Easter. Join us for our Lenten Series every Wednesday from February 21 - March 28. We will begin with a Noon Mass followed by a simple meal of soup (\$3) and a Lenten reflection in the Solanus Center dining room.

2018 Urban Parish Spirit Awards Thursday, March 15, 2018, Sacred Heart Church Activities Building 3451 Rivard Street, Detroit, MI 48207

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### HELP NEEDED

The shelter next weekend, February 23-25. Due to the weather last weekend, the sign up sheets weren't posted. PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY! We will need help setting up on the 22nd, food for dinners and lunch, people to prepare and serve meals, people for shifts through the nights, and clean up. If you can help in anyway it will be greatly appreciated.

#### Nativity 400 Club Raffle

42 tickets left to sell

Are you feeling the love, the luck?

Buy a ticket, tell a friend.

A great opportunity-someone has to be a winner, why not you?

"You can't win if you ain't in"

Remember you can use a credit card. You can also buy a \$100 ticket in groups of 2,3,4, or 5.

#### Mark Your Calenders

**March 29th:** Holy Thursday Pot Luck, 6:00PM Dinner, Mass at 7:00PM NOTE

**THE CHANGE: DINNER BEFORE MASS.** We will celebrate Mass and dinner here at Nativity with our St. Charles Family.

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

**March 31st:** Easter Vigil 8:00PM St. Charles-No Mass at Nativity

**April 1st:** Easter Sunday Mass 9:45AM Nativity, 11:30 St. Charles