

NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan *February 23rd & 24th, 2019* Detroit,

PASTOR'S PEN

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



We are truly grateful to welcome Nativity's newest

member of our parish:

Akira Rain Buford

Akira is the daughter of Rashid and Airika Buford and sister to Rashid (RJ) and Airik. Akira will be baptized on Saturday at the 4pm Mass this weekend. Every time we have a little one welcomed in through the waters of baptism, we are all blessed to have a new child to share our faith. May we inspire Akira with our faith and love for Christ and one another. Akira, please know how grateful we are to have you with us. May you always know that the Lord loves you and walks with you all the days of your life and that this community will support you in any way we can. Rashid and Airika, thank you for bringing Akira to be baptized and allowing us to be part of your joy!

The Gospel today seems to be a wonderful way to introduce Akira to the teachings of Christ. These words on love and forgiveness are hard words to hear, let alone put into practice. How many of us have had the feeling of being duped by someone? We were sure they were being honest with us and then found out later they were scamming us. It's such a violation of trust and leaves us defensive the next time someone asks us for something. The call to "love your enemies and do good to them and lend without expecting anything back" almost seems naïve. None of us want to be taken advantage of or used. As the saying goes, "don't mistake my kindness for weakness." In our efforts to protect ourselves from being used, we can become pretty hard and judgmental.

The last part of today's gospel is always difficult for me to read. I will be judged by the same measure with which I judge. I think of how many times I have judged someone unworthy of my help because I was afraid they were taking advantage of me or were being too greedy or not grateful enough for the "wonderful" things I had done for them. Yet, when I think about how many chances I've been given by Christ even though I have been ungrateful and greedy and dishonest, I am embarrassed. His mercy continues to surround me in spite of myself. As I think of it now, I'd rather feel I was taken advantage of because I tried to do the right thing with love than that I possibly stopped loving for fear that I would be used. Let's not measure our generosity and sparingly hand out our love but let's be extravagant in our love and care for one another. Let's make our measure huge and overflowing!

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: 2-23: Giuseppina (Jo) Darolfi, 2-23: Sean Kohloff, 2-24: Zach & Jacob Bezel, Terrell Jones, 2-29: Carol Frattini, 3-01: John Deisinger

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**March 2nd & 3rd
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Next week's Readings:
Sirach 27:4-7
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

Lectors:

4:00 Mark Miller
9:45 1. T. Roberts 2. C. Sutton

Ushers:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 Mary Miller
9:45 1. L. Cunningham 2. C. Gillespie
3. M. E. White 4. J. Shovlin

Ministers of Service:

4:00 D. Wois
9:45 1. C. Estes 2. C. Scott

MASS INTENTIONS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, February 23, 2019

4:00 Rose Thomas (Family)
Tom Mudloff (Family)

SUNDAY, February 17, 2019

9:45 Peter DeMaire (Fran Kaucic)

THURSDAY, February 28, 2019

11:00 Carol Frattini (Friends of Nativity)

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, March 2, 2019

4:00 The Nativity Family

SUNDAY, March 3, 2019

9:45 Tom Mudloff (Family)

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OPENING HYMN

OPENING PRAYER

God Most High, merciful and kind even to the ungrateful, you have revealed in your only Son the full measure of your love, boundless and unconditional. Create in us a new heart, that we may love even our enemies and bless those who do us wrong. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. AMEN.

1st READING:

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and merciful.

2nd READING: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia ...

3rd READING: Luke 6:27-38

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, David Denomme, Kevin Dietz, Katie Estes, Diane & Dolores Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Willie Harris, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Theresa Hill, Billie Jean Jackson, Patrick Jansen, Liz Janutol, Journee 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, Nikki Zapinski, Maura Corrigan's sisters, Pat & Mary Therese, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Jan Shovlin's sister, Joan & son Bradford, 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.....

ONLINE GIVING

You can sign up for online giving by going to: giving.parishsoft.com/nativity. You choose "First Time" in the upper left for New Registration. The money goes directly into the Nativity bank account and your tax deductible contribution is recorded automatically. If you have any questions, contact Chris McLaughlin.

Are you a Kroger shopper? Did you know you could link your Kroger Rewards to Nativity and we would benefit? Currently we have 31 families that have chosen Nativity as their Community Rewards Organization. Our last quarterly reward check was \$114.51. This does not do anything to your fuel points, and is an easy way for the parish to benefit.

Ready to go? Then go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com Click "Enroll", Enter the required information, then click Enroll again. On the next page, scroll to the bottom and click on "Community Rewards" Enter your contact information and click "Save" On the next page enter BT041 or Nativity of Our Lord and hit Enter Choose the correct organization, then click Enroll. You are now enrolled! (If you are having an issue with your password and or email address please call 1-800- KROGERS, press 5 for customer service, press 5 to speak to a customer service representative.)

OUR ORGANIZATION NUMBER HAS CHANGED IF YOU ARE ALREADY REGISTERED. PLEASE CHECK TO SEE IF YOUR ACCOUNT IS STILL LINKED. NEW NUMBER IS BT041

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Next Saturday is the Parish Mardi Gras Party. It will begin after Mass. It will be a fun family night. Catch up with friends, meet new ones, and enjoy good food.

PRAYER PARTNERS

Next weekend, March 2nd and 3rd, if you wish to participate, you will fill out the prayer partner card and also pull out one name. Please remember, you fill out only one card and the person who selects your name will pray for you and your intentions - God knows the rest!

Can you believe that March 6th is Ash Wednesday. The Mass schedule is: 10:30AM at St. Charles and 7:00PM at Nativity.

BRICK PAVERS

Are you planning on ordering a Brick Paver for the Father Singer Memorial Garden? We have heard people that say: "I need to get my paver order in." Well, now is the time. If you want your paver to be installed this spring, your order needs to be in no later than March 17th. We need to submit our order to the company to ensure a spring installation.

Save the Dates

March 15th-17th: Homeless Shelter Weekend. More details to come.