

## 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:** May 19: Mina Adams, 5-29: Zachary Schmitt, Deborah Fish, 5-30: Gloria Stamper & Laurie Murphy

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** 5-28: Rashid & Airika Buford

***We pray for God's healing for:*** Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Gabriel Crowe, Tom Davis, John Deisinger, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Patrick Jansen, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Mickala Lewis, Clarence Lewis, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathe, Andrea Milligan, Jennifer Mondalek, Allan Patterson, Helen Randall, Yvonne Rottach, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Marianne Szymanski, Phyllis Treece, Sr. Jolene, Pat Wimble, Nikki Zapinski, Tom Zarro, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline, Kathy Walsh's sister, Marianne, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, The Benigni and Chida Families

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Ascension of the Lord SUNDAY, May 24, 2020** Bernice Ross (Family & Friends) Judee Danielak 1Year Anniversary Kirtis III & Rose Thomas (Family) Grace Vitale (Family 7 Friends)

**Pentecost Sunday SUNDAY, May 31, 2020** May Johnston (Family) Mr. & Mrs. Al Mudloff (Family) Carl Williams (Family & Friends)

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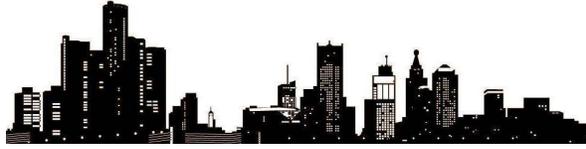
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# Pastor's Pen



It is with great joy that we welcome to St. Charles our newest member, Michi liu Sawyer lee. Michi is the daughter of Marcia Y Sawyer lee and Ian Rei Sawyer lee. Many of us remember the New Years' Eve Mass to celebrate the marriage of Marcia and Ian and now they have a beautiful daughter. This may be the first livestream baptism in the history of St. Charles or Nativity!! We are so grateful to welcome Michi to our community and pray that she experiences the power of Christ in the love of her family, in the goodness of this community and in the strength of faith and prayer she experiences when she is among us. May Michi always know how deeply she is loved by God, by our love for her.

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This will be a different kind of Memorial Day weekend. For most of us, there will be little traveling to families, no large barbeques or get togethers. No, it will be a rather quiet day for most of us. Maybe, that is a good thing. Maybe it will give us a little time to remember sacrifices people have made to save others. We usually devote this holiday to our veterans and those who gave their lives fighting for freedom. They are heroes and deserve our praise and admiration. What seems to happen is that we forget the sacrifices made and the holiday just becomes a time for food, family and some fun. This year is different, though. We have been through our own war these last months. We have seen victims fall from this terrible virus. And we have also seen tremendous heroes. I was thinking of the doctor in China who first blew the whistle on this virus and was silenced by the government. He later died from COVID 19. What courage it must have taken to stand up to a government who said he was lying. We have seen everyone from doctors and nurses, nursing assistants and EMTs, firefighters and police officers, grocery store workers and delivery people giving up their lives in this pandemic. As I think of young people going off to war, I often wonder how much they realized the terror and pain of what they were embarking on and how it may cost them their lives. Maybe today, we can take a few moments to call to mind in prayer all of those people who have faced the hell of war and pandemics and all kinds of battles and refused to run. On this feast of the Ascension when Christ promised to send the Spirit among us, may we cry out for that Spirit that led these heroes. They stood there firmly and did not let fear rule them, but found that inner strength to keep going. May we thank God this Memorial Day for all of those heroes who have given up their lives so others might live. May they rest in peace.

***Next week our public Masses will be 9:30am at Nativity and 11:30am at St. Charles***