

NATIVITY NEWS

**Nativity of Our Lord
Catholic Church**
5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

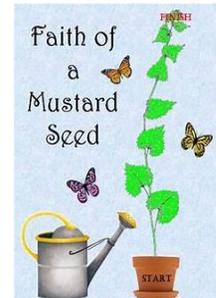
Nativity:
Sunday 9:30 AM

St. Charles:
Sunday 11:30 AM



June 13, 2021

**12th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



PASTOR'S PEN

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last year, I was given Marigold seeds from a family that had planted them all around their home. The seeds sat on the ledge of the window sill in the rectory all winter and I didn't think much about them. To be honest, I was pretty skeptical that these little wisps of fragments and seeds from other flowers would really do anything but die in the soil. The other part of this equation is that I am a terrible gardener. There is no green thumb on either of these hands! I'm not sure that anything I've touched has turned green before going to the brown side and withering away.

A couple of weeks ago, I planted some of the marigold seeds in the side garden near the rectory door and nothing happened and my skeptical self said, "See, I knew it...no marigolds!" Well, I wanted to make sure I was giving the seeds the benefit of the doubt, so I tried putting some in a pot just to see if anything would come. I knew it wouldn't, but I wanted to prove that these frail little seeds wouldn't produce a flowering plant. This week I saw some growth in the pot. It looks like the green leaves of the stalk are coming up. What?? Part of me is saying that it's just a weed, but what if it is a plant? What if God has been working on that little plant all winter long and has been waiting on me to plant the seed? What if God sees the potential in what looks like fragments? What if God can grow whatever God wants and wherever God wants? What if God sees in our frailty and brokenness great potential? What if God not only sees the seeds, but can see the future plant when we only see the small collection of seeds?

Maybe we are all like those Marigold seeds. We are no longer sitting on the ledge of our lives waiting to be planted. Christ has planted us in the soil. As we say, we have been buried with Christ so that we might also rise to new life. Some of us are flowering into beautiful flowers and plants. We have allowed ourselves to let go and follow the sunlight. We have broken through the soil of our doubts and fears and felt the wonder of the deep love of God. As a community of believers, we continue to encourage one other to see the potential in each of us. God sees great potential in all of our lives. God is waiting for all of us to sprout and bloom and bring beauty to the world. Let's follow the sunlight of Christ's love!!

Nativity's 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.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

First Reading:

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Responsorial Psalm

*Lord, it is good to give
thanks to you.*

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading:

Mark 4:26-34

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

First Reading:

Job 38:1, 8-11

Responsorial Psalm

*Give thanks to the Lord, his
love is everlasting.*

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading:

Mark 4:35-41

WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!



How Do I Join Nativity Parish?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please call the Parish Office at 313-922-0033 or complete a registration form available in the back of church and drop in the collection basket.

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or religious education programs?

Contact Joni Scott, Director of Formation at the Parish House at 313-922-0033.



CSA 2021

Many of you have received a mailing from the Archdiocese about the 2021 CSA. Our target for 2021 is \$18,236, which means if as many people give as are able to give, it would equal about \$200 per family. If we don't make our target, we have to pay the difference from parish funds. If we go over our target, the amount is returned to the parish. Anything you can do will be greatly appreciated. There are 3 ways to give: return what you received in the mail, go online at our website, nativitydetroit.org and choose CSA to give online or, if you don't want to do either of those, you can put your contribution in the regular collection basket. If you put it in the collection basket, please put it in a separate envelope and mark it CSA. Thanks for whatever you can do!

The Archdiocese of Detroit Black Catholic Ministry presents: Juneteenth Celebration!

Join us Saturday, June 19, 2021, from 2pm – 6pm, for the First Annual Juneteenth Celebration. This year's Celebration will be held at St Charles Lwanga Parking Lot on Stearns (Livernois and Grand River). Enjoy Free Food, Live Entertainment, DJ, Hustle Dance and Fun for all ages.

Buy Black at the Ujamaa Marketplace (cooperative economics) where we build our own businesses and shops to meet the people's needs, and then reinvest profits in the community.

Juneteenth is the day in 1865 when federal troops arrived in Texas to take control of the state and to ensure that all enslaved people be freed.

Sponsored by The Archdiocese of Detroit Black Catholic Ministry and The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance.

Vendor opportunities still available: go to <https://www.dcpasite.com/Juneteenth> for more details.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Samaritan AA Meetings (in church basement)

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 7:00-9:00 PM

Friday, June 18, 2021 at 7:00-9:00 PM

Parish Council Meeting: Monday, June 28, 2021, at 7 PM

Weekly Family Rosary: Wednesdays at 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive weekly notices with the Zoom link.

Weekly Friday Night Prayer Team: If you are able to commit to pray at home for one hour weekly between the hours of Friday 9 PM - 9 AM Saturday, you are welcome to join this ministry. Please contact Hermenia Adams at (313) 410-0871 for more information or to be added to the schedule.

Food Pantry Items Needed This Week

You are fantastic. Thank you for your continued support. The few things we need this week are can openers, packets of Kool-Aid and sugar and pancake mix and syrup.

HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

On the Rise Bakery: <https://www.cskdetroit.org/bakery>

Open daily from 9 AM – 4 PM, closed Sundays & Mondays

Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance

Recently Keir Ward, Minister of Music at Sacred Heart Church and Music Director for the Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir released a new project: "Love Will Reign."

The project is available on apple music, amazon music and all streaming platforms. The project will also be available on CD and can be pre-ordered now for \$10.00

CD Pre-order at www.keirward.com or download

<https://music.apple.com/us/album/love-will-reign-ep/1565552382>

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLf181j7gLikZWPBZR8csnRSQYL1hoQtgB>

Let us support our brother as he has given his life to service in our Archdiocese.

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

As we transition into Families of Parishes across the archdiocese, join a gathering with your family parishes to get to know each other and discover your role in the new family structure.

Our Third Meeting is an outdoor meeting with music, food, speakers and new information.

Monday, June 14, 7:00 PM-St. Augustine/St. Monica

Register at: <https://www.familiesofparishes.org/gatherings>



WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Gabriel Crowe, Tom Davis, John Deisinger, Bill Dietz, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Barbara Gabriel, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Linda, Joe and Patrick Jansen, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Clarence Lewis, Deborah Marshall, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Jennifer Mondalek, Allan Patterson, Helen Randall, Yvonne Rottach, Phil Scamihorn, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Rose & Tom Sheehy, Jim Singer, Sheila Starke, John Stuart, Marianne Szymanski, Phyllis Treece, Sr. Jolene, Pat Wimble, Nikki Zapinski, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Barron Scott's Mom, Vicky, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, The Benigni and Chida Families

(Please notify Anne Crowe at the Parish Office when a name should be removed from this list.)



A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, you are the source of health and healing. In you there is calm and true peace. In pain, anxiety or fear, teach us to yield ourselves to your care knowing that your love and power surround us to give us health and strength through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen



REMINDERS:

The link for the livestream Sunday Mass is on the parish web site: Nativity - 9:30 AM & St. Charles - 11:30 AM

Church Library: Feel free to take and use books and other resources available in the back of church.

Coins for Haiti Jug: Donations are welcome. Jug is located in front of the church altar.

Parish Website: <https://www.nativitydetroit.org/>

Parish Face Book Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit>

Parish Instagram Page: https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch_detroit/



[DONATE HERE](https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity) or Go to giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

MASS Intentions

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 13, 2021

Mert Kroetsch (Family)

Joann Gunn (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Tom Zarro (Family)

Tony Morici (Dec'd) & Betty (Legein) Morici
(Nativity Class of 1964)

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 20, 2021

Alfred Pelham & Joseph Carnaghi (Frances Carnaghi)

The Men of Nativity

Fathers and Father Figures in our Lives

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

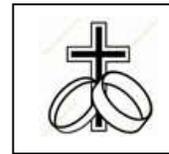
6-14: Maura Corrigan

6-15: Edwards Banks

6-16: Kori Gabriel

6-17: Evan Crowe & Clarence Lewis

6-19: Keith Crowe



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

6-16: Mark & Lisa Miller

6-17: Ken & Gloria Stamper

If you are a registered member of the parish and your birthday or anniversary isn't listed, please let us know.

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Michele Johnston

Wiley Adams

Kim Milligan

Michele Bezel

Mark Miller

Maura Corrigan

Denise Stambaugh

Judy Dupre

Charvala Wheeler

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