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



REFLECTIONS WITH FRAN

March 10, 2024 4th Sunday of Lent

For God
SO
Loved the world,
He gave his only
begotten Son,
that whosoever
believeth in Him
should not perish,
but have
everlasting life.

"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world.... whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God." John 3:19,21.

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, I am struck by these words in today's Gospel about the Light who is Jesus Christ as well as the discussion about our actions in the light of day. I am sure it is a coincidence, but today is also the first day of Daylight Savings Time. We are looking forward to the months ahead when we will be able to enjoy extra light in our daily lives. We may feel our spirits lifted by the extra time of light. We may even realize that the light makes us feel more hopeful. We may choose to enjoy the extra light by spending more time outside gardening, taking walks, playing sports, or visiting people we haven't seen during the winter months. We may simply enjoy sitting outside in the evenings by ourselves or with family and friends. The extra light will surely bring more energy with it that may nudge us in the direction of some postponed volunteer work or another kind of service that is calling our name. What better time than Lent to hear our loving Christ calling us into His light.

Here are some thoughts on the subject of "light" that resonate with me, so I share them with you in the hope that one or more may inspire you or bring you comfort.

"You often feel tired, not because you've done too much, but because you've done too little of what sparks a light in you. — Alexander Den Heijer,

"Light and shadow are opposite sides of the same coin. We can illuminate our paths or darken our way. It is a matter of choice. — Maya Angelou

"As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way."— Mary Anne Radmacher

"I will love the light for it shows me the way, yet I will endure the darkness because it shows me the stars." — Og Mandino

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."— Desmond Tutu

Your Cincinnati Parishioner who misses all of you,

Fran Pelham Carnaghi

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 10th 9:30 AM Mass live streamed, Presider: Fr. David Preuss

Monday, March 11th 7 PM Detroit Lower Eastside Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next Sunday's reading. Pls email Joni Scott @ <u>jlscott820@gmail.com</u> or Hermenia Adams @Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link]

Tuesday, March 12th [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

Wednesday, March 13th

[Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ <u>ilscott820@gmail.com</u> to receive the Zoom link]

Thursday, March 14th Nativity church basement 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass Presider: Fr. Dave Buersmeyer

Friday, March 15th [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

Saturday, March 16th [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 17th 9:30 AM Mass live streamed, Presider: Fr. Don Archambault

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second Reading:

Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel Reading:

John 3:14-21

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm

Create a clean heart in me O god.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel Reading:

John 12:20-33

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 the church and drop it in the collection basket.

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or religious education programs?
Contact Joseph Taylor at the Parish House at 313-922-0033.

Evangelization Committee Bible Question of the Week

Today's Gospel sums up the Good News. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." Those who receive eternal life are those who by faith choose to believe in His Son Jesus. Several themes are in this Gospel: light and darkness; belief and unbelief; good and evil; salvation and condemnation. Do you ever struggle with choosing between one or the other? If so in what ways? Go back and read today's 2nd reading, where Paul writes, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast." He also writes of the great mercy and love Jesus has for us.

References: <u>Jn 3:14-21</u>; <u>Eph 2:4-10</u>

2024 FATHER SINGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Application Submission Period: March 15, 2024 - June 1, 2024

How to Obtain Applications: Application forms can be downloaded and printed from our Nativity website at nativitydetroit.org (click on the About Us / Work tabs; select appropriate application)

Donations can be submitted at <u>Give (parishsoft.com)</u> under the Fr. Singer Memorial Scholarship Fund. We thank you in advance for your support.

For further questions, please contact Charvala Adams-Wheeler via phone 313-590-2172 or email nativityscholarshipinfo@gmail.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food Pantry Items Needed This Week: Many thanks for your generosity! This week we need Spaghetti Noodles and Sauce, Pork & Beans.

Please bring items for the Easter Bags next Sunday. Your generosity is amazing.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH SOUP

SUPPER: Every Friday rotating with St. Charles You can sign up to attend and/or bring soup to either church.

March 15th: Nativity March 22nd: St. Charles (If there is any change, we will let you know)

LENTEN FAITH SHARING GROUPS:

MONDAY, February 19th: 7:00 PM: Email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com or Hermenia Adams @Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link

SATURDAY Mornings: Parish House 9:30 AM beginning February 17- March 30th.

Easter Triduum/Mass Schedule - 2024

Holy Thursday at St. Charles 6:00PM

Good Friday 12:30PM/Stations 1:00PM Service

Easter Vigil at Nativity 8:30 PM Mass

Easter Sunday 9:30 AM Mass

Please Join Us! Strangers No Longer 3rd Annual **Banquet**

Sunday, April 14th Time: 1:00-3:30

Ukrainian Cultural Center 26601 Ryan Road Mi 48091 Donation: \$30.00 per person

For tickets contact: Linda Cunningham (313) 8192867

Mike Clyne (313) 5701471 or jmclyne@comcast.net

Share in a celebration of SNL's achievements and growth with friends, food, entertainment, and fundraising baskets and auction.



WE PRAY FOR GOD'S **HEALING FOR**

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brandon Adams, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Michele Bezel, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brotherin-law, Ed, Erin Cronin, John Deisinger, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Jansen Family, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, George Kent, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Clarence Lewis, Olga Ludwick, Deborah Marshall, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Melvin & Theresa McCoy, Jennifer Mondalek, Richard Morecki, Gail Northcutt, JoAnne Novara, Allan Patterson, Helen Randall, Yvonne Rottach, Phil Scamihorn, Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Jim Singer, Sheila Starke, John Stuart, Marianne Szymanski, Jim Turnbull, Sr. Jolene, Barron Scott's mom, Vicky, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, the Benigni and Chida Families, and Mia Halthon-Jones' mother-inlaw. Victoria, and all those who need our prayers. (Please notify Anne Crowe at the Parish Office when a name should be removed from this list.)



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

On the Rise Bakery Cafe

At the Solanus Casey Center 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9:30AM to 4:00PM **GLUTEN FREE TREATS AVAILABLE ALSO**

REMINDERS:

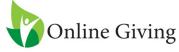
The Live-stream 9:30 Sunday Mass is on the Parish Facebook site: https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit Sunday Mass can also be viewed on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/@NativityofOurLord-cm8we

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

Coins for Haiti Jug: Donations are welcome. The jug is located in front of the church near the collection basket

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

Parish Instagram Page: https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch detroit/



DONATE HERE or go to the giving site at: https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity



Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024

Willie Clay (The Nativity Family)

Brian Talley (Bakery Friends)

Fran Kausic (Frances Carnaghi)

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

Trudy Shiemke (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Dorothy Scamihorn (Family)

Diane Reece (Ben & Anita Flores)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK10/08

3-10: Mark Miller **3-11:** Sierra Jones

3-13: Evelyn Bledsoe & Airyana Robinson



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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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 a commitment to social justice, and service to the neighborhood, the community, and each other.