

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
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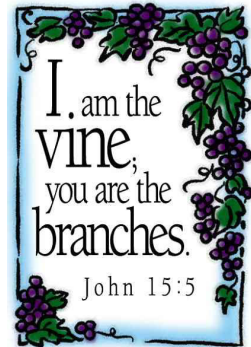
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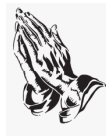
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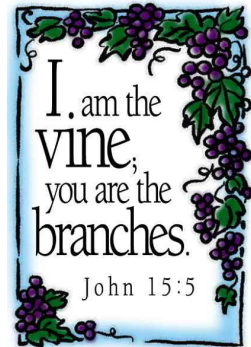
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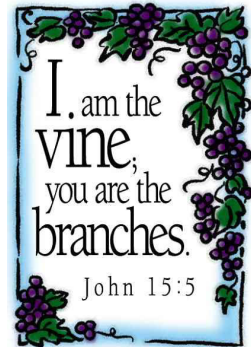
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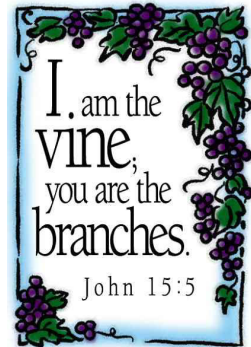
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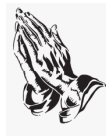
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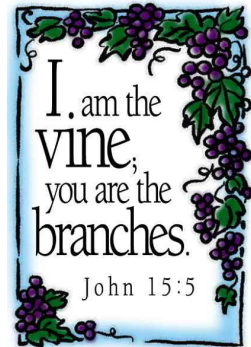
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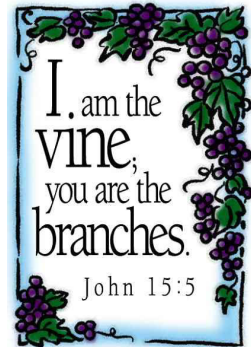
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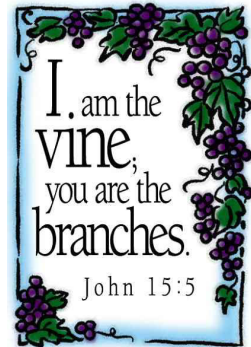
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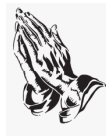
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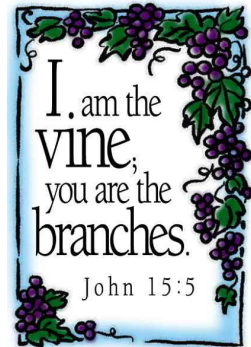
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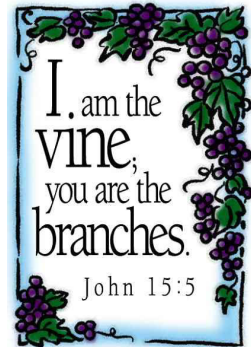
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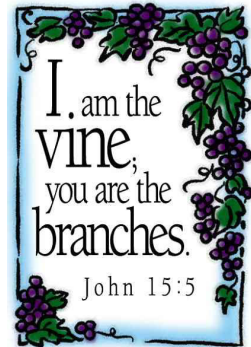
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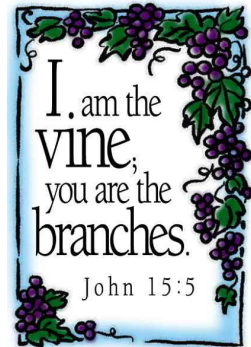
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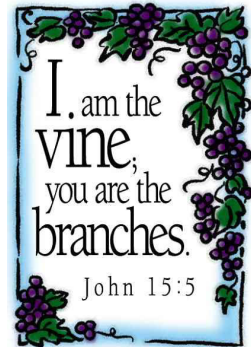
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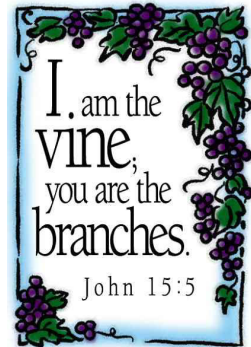
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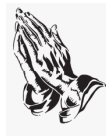
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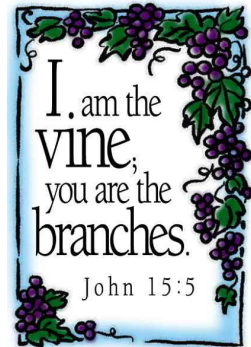
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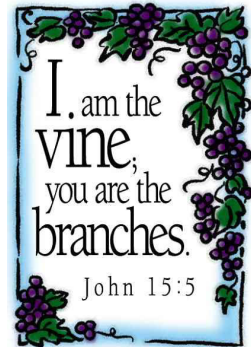
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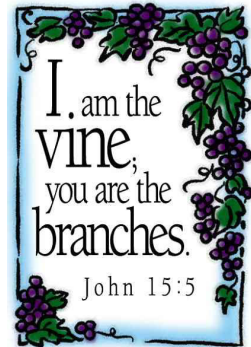
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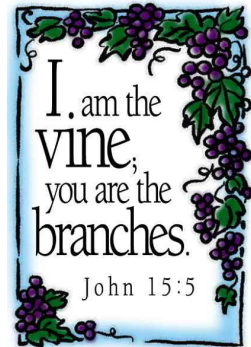
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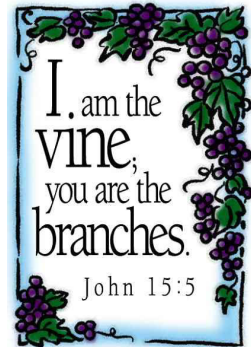
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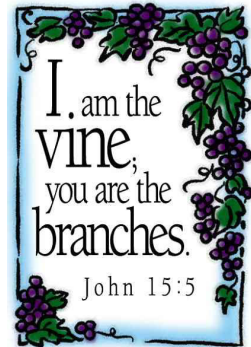
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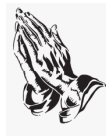
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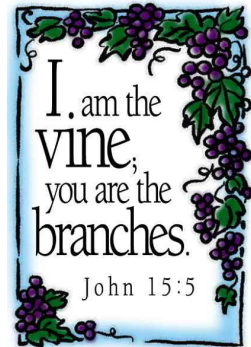
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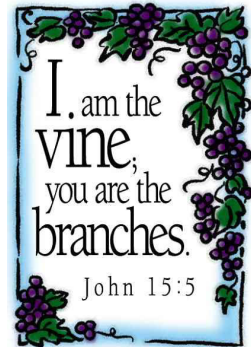
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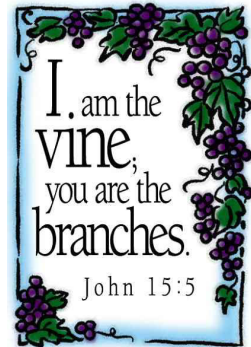
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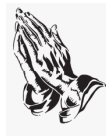
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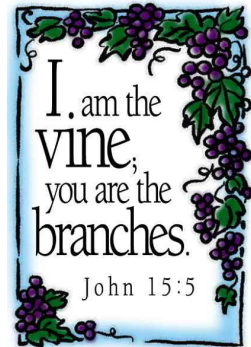
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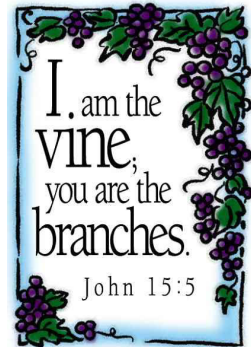
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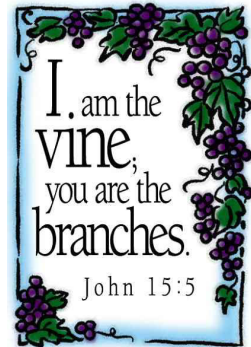
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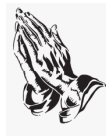
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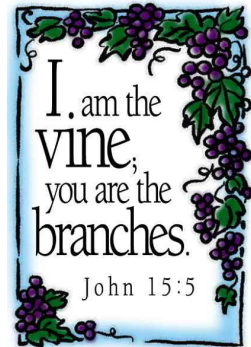
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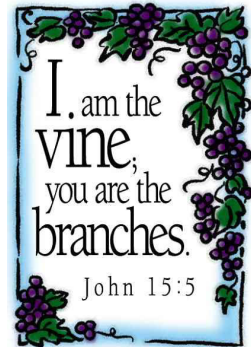
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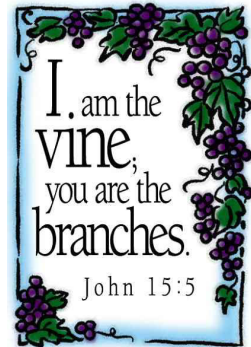
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It is rather common to see Scriptures that are based on farming truths that represent the concept the writer wants to share in the writing. There are also times the speaker in the scripture talks about how things either grow or are stifled. Knowing a bit about the culture of this part of the world where Jesus walked is important. The Mediterranean world was a world of growing what was needed! Jesus often goes in this direction. For example, in Luke's Gospel, chapter 13, we read the parable of the barren fig tree which is not bearing any fruit and when the man who had the tree planted kept seeing lack of growth of fruit, he was very frustrated and had a challenging discussion with the person taking care of the tree. That man said to the landowner be patient, "I'll get it to grow." We can respond to God's wishes in the same way.

Farming and growing takes much patience and Scripture shares with us that work can teach us a great deal!

The vine and the branches we hear about today can touch the farming community and Jesus makes a great flair of creating the concept of vine and branches being God and Jesus connecting to us all. However, the connection requires us to eliminate anything that gets in the way of that relationship. We cut that away from our lives. We can be pruned so that when we are able to have the priority in our lives of linking ourselves to God, the vine! Prune away anything that keeps us from that.

Many many years ago I had the opportunity to hear a wonderful speaker that gave a presentation at the seminary. He used another reference to growing in nature which he explained can provide us a community of the world theme.

The priest was Fr. Ray Ellis who was pastor of a church then called St. Cecilia's or for some, 'Ceciliaville'. The theme he continued to repeat was how we all have "roots and extensions." He often spoke about the roots of a tree or a plant that finds another plant to connect with. Yes, God was at the center, but he wanted us to realize we all have roots that can extend to everyone in the world around us. That theme was a teaching method for many clergy in the archdiocese who were pastors of parishes in the inner city of Detroit. That talk was focused on everyone of various races or faiths being open to having our roots and extensions connecting us to one another!

He taught by another example. As he walked up to the front of the auditorium, many of us noticed the worn spot on the knees of his pants. His roots by prayer on his knees related to God the vine.

We try to continue recognizing God's pruning hand in our lives, so we extend our roots to each other. That is love of all we learn from God's creation!

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**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading:

Acts 9:26-31

Responsorial Psalm

*I will praise you, Lord, in
the assembly of your
people.*

Second Reading:

1 John 3:18-24

Gospel Reading:

John 15:1-8

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading:

*Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-
48*

Responsorial Psalm

*The Lord has revealed to
the nations his saving
power.*

Second Reading:

1 John 4:7-10

Gospel Reading:

John 15:9-17

WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!

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

Contact Joseph Taylor at the Parish House at 313-922-
0033.



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.

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28th: 9:30 AM live
streamed, Presider: Fr. David Preus

Monday, April 29th: 7 PM Detroit Lower
Eastside Family Zoom prayer and discussion of
next Sunday's reading. Please email Joni Scott
@ jlscott820@gmail.com or Hermenia Adams
@Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom
link]

Tuesday, April 30th: [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5
PM]

Wednesday, May 1st: SS. AM 8 AM Holy Hour
and 9 AM Mass Presider: Fr. Dave Buersmeyer
[Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott
@ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom
link]

Thursday, May 2nd: In Church 8 AM Holy
Hour and 9 AM Mass Presider: Fr. Dave
Buersmeyer

Friday, May 3rd: [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the
rectory]

Saturday, May 4th: [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Sixth Sunday of Easter, April 28th: 9:30 AM live
streamed, Presider: Fr. Dave Buersmeyer

**Evangelization Committee
Bible Question of the Week**

Today, Jesus uses the analogy of the relationship of
the vine to the branches to describe His relationship
with His disciples. He said, "I am the true vine, and
my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every
branch in me that does not bear fruit and every one
that does, he prunes so that it bears more fruit.
Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch
cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the
vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I
am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever remains
in me and I in him will bear much fruit because
without me you can do nothing." Jesus told the
disciples, "*You are already pruned because of the
word that I spoke to you.*" They were already
connected to the vine, not because of their works or
adherence to the law, but based upon the Word Jesus
spoke to them. Jesus is the vine, the true source of
life for us believers. We are branches connected to
Him, drawing that life from Him as branches draw
the necessary nutrients to survive and flourish.
Pruning is an ongoing process to produce more fruit.
What does that process look like in your life and how
has it been fruitful as a branch connected to the
Vine?

References: [Jn 15:1-8](#); [Gal 5:22-23](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER MASS

We are in need of groups, families or a couple friends to host coffee and donuts after Mass. The signup sheet for May and the first Sunday in June is by Mary's altar.

Food Pantry

We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we need Vegetables, Pork & Beans/Baked Beans, and Noodles. Again, thank you never seems to be enough, but THANK YOU!

If you are not a shopper, but would like to help the pantry, a check made out to Gleaners Food Bank with Nativity Pantry 1116 in the memo line can be dropped in the collection baskets or mailed to the office. Your donation would help with our monthly bill.

Prayers for the Sick

If you have asked for someone to be on the prayer list in the petitions read at Mass and they have stabilized and can be moved to the bulletin, please let Anne know.

Saturday's Prayer Group

All are welcome to join the Prayer group on May 4th at 9:30 AM in the Parish House. The scriptures discussed are the readings that will be heard at the Sunday liturgy.

2024 Father Singer Memorial Scholarships

The submission period for applications for this year's scholarship has begun and ends June 1, 2024. Application forms can be obtained by downloading and printing from the About Us/Our Work section of the Nativity website: Nativitydetroit.org

BRICK PAVERS

LAST DAY TO SUBMIT A PAID ORDER IS May 19th

We are submitting an order for Brick Pavers very soon. Order forms can be emailed to you and are on the table by Mary's altar.

Each 4X8" paver sells for \$100 and has space for three lines of dedication, fourteen characters per line. The net proceeds from all brick sales will be used as part of our fundraising to support Nativity Parish. Please pass the word of the Commemorative pavers to all who have been a blessed part of Nativity of Our Lord Parish, be it present, past or future!



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 brother-in-law, Ed, Aaron Cole, 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 & Keith 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, the Benigni and Chida Families, the Gracey Family, and Mia Halthon-Jones' mother-in-law, 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.)**



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 surrounds 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:

Sunday Mass is streamed on the Parish's FB Page: Nativity - 9:30 AM & St. Charles – 11:30 AM

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 church.

Coins for Haiti Jug: Donations are welcomed. 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/



Online Giving

May BIRTHDAYS

Kiara Adams	5-01	Olivia Thompson	5-12	Brandon Wilmer	5-20
Willie Lewis II	5-01	Barbara Kelly	5-13	Alexandria Ragland	5-21
Adrian Gabriel	5-05	Norma Danzie	5-16	Airik Buford	5-22
Sara Johnston	5-06	Serenity Jones	5-16	Candyce Estes	5-22
John Urso	5-06	Deacon John Wright	5-16	Zane Kent	5-23
Harry Wimble	5-06	Gail Northcutt	5-17	Zachary Schmitt	5-29
Kentrell Gabriel	5-07	Mashauna Adams	5-18	Deborah Fish	5-29
Melvin McCoy	5-07	Mina Adams	5-19	Nate Standing	5-29
Paul Schmitt	5-11			Gloria Stamper	5-30
				Laurie Murphy	5-30

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Kathy & Jerry Alderman	5-05	Jerry & Delores Susko	5-19
Kyle & Michele Johnston	5-13	Mike & Loretta Peralta	5-21

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

Fr. Gary Samayoa

(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Don Burkhardt (Cookie & Jim Kulchy)

Hazel Pearl Boyd (Ben & Anita Flores)

Chris Scott (The Adams Family)



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024

Jeannie Scherlinck (Friends)

Mike Lepoudre

(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Anita Pearl Gosney (Ben & Anita Flores)

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