

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



May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter



A CUP OF JOE

"The redeeming love of God can do what we can't"

Today's readings call us to have a greater commitment and understanding of the love that God has for us. Christ commands us to love our neighbor as he loves us and the readings also proclaim that we are no longer slaves, but friends who are to go out and bear the fruit of Christ's sacrificial love to others.

Several years ago, I was given the privilege and opportunity to lead spiritual gatherings for our brothers who were locked up and facing hard times at a Milwaukee detention center. It was my first-time doing prison ministry, so I thought and wondered what type of inspiration I could bring to the gentlemen that were now placed in a hopeless situation. Happily, it was the other way around. The gentlemen brought light into my life. I recall most of the gentlemen explaining how they had experienced a lack of love somewhere in their lives and that lack of love seemed to have led these gentlemen to become slaves to their passion. After understanding that, my heart has a deeper understanding of Christ's love for me. Many people in the world make bad decisions because of the lack of love they have experienced their whole lives.

I now realize why Love is God's greatest commandment. God's love is enduring and redeeming and it can go where our love is limited. Where this is an absence of love, there is the presence of fear. Fear can be the precursor to other emotions like despair, brokenness, lack of self-control, and sorrowfulness. On the contrary, In Thomas Aquinas's *Summa Theologica*, he states that fear can lead to love.

"He states that fear can give rise to love; insofar as, for instance, through fear of God's punishments, man keeps His commandments, and thus begins to hope, while hope leads to love"

When Jesus states that there is one commandment and it is love, we can recognize that if we keep and honor that commandment, we overcome fear and give birth to hope and other virtues. Thomas a Kempis' *Imitation of Christ* states, "We should recognize that Love can be the greatest virtue, it's our walk with love that resembles Christ the most. Love is all the virtues like patience, courage, prudence and strength merging into one."

The Franciscan nun, Mother Angelica, in her book, *In the Shadow of his light*, gives a short list of ways we can love our neighbor as Jesus loves us,

- Putting our neighbor at ease by answering a situation
- Weeping with those who weep and laughing with those who laugh
- Protecting our neighbor's good name by not manifesting their faults to others
- Loving the sinner, though hating the sin
- Helping those in need without making them feel we are being condescending

Lastly she states, knowing everything in life is passing and loving Jesus is a very important part of our lives.

Short Prayer

My God, I love Thee above all things, and in all things, with my whole sou because Thou art worthy of all love!

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5th: 9:30 AM live streamed,
Presider: Fr. David Buersmeyer

Monday, May 6th: 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, May 7th: [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

Wednesday, May 8th: 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 9th: In Church 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM
Mass Presider: Fr. Dave Buersmeyer

Friday, May 10th: [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

Saturday, May 11th: [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Ascension of the Lord, May 12th: 9:30 AM live streamed,
Presider: Fr. David Preuss

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 follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that His disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus leads to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others. This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. Jesus tells his disciples, "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Jesus gives us the greatest example of this kind of love and service. He laid down his life for his friends, his disciples, and for us. Jesus goes on to say, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another." The disciples were chosen and commanded to bear fruit, We have been chosen and appointed with the same purpose – to love and bear fruit through sacrificial service. Does today's Gospel help you to better understand Jesus as the true vine and his Father as the vine grower, and how we are able to obey the command to live with intentional love and service? If so, how?

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ascension of the Lord

First Reading:

Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading:

Ephesians

Gospel Reading:

Mark 16:15-20

STRANGERS NO LONGER

Mark your calendars. On Sunday 5/19, SNL is hosting the weekly dinner after the 11:30 mass @ St Charles. We are inviting you to join us for Mass & dinner. At Mass, Darius Bartolon, one of the mueras (women) members of SNL will share her story of her journey from Guatemala to America with her two young daughters, the oldest having a physical handicap. It's a touching account of faith, bravery & a mother's love. Please come & listen. She will be available at the dinner for conversation & questions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food Pantry

Your continued support of the pantry is truly a blessing. This week we need: Peanut Butter, Cereal, and Spaghetti Sauce.

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.

PANTRY FOOD FACTS

Each week the pantry pre-packs for 50 families.

Weekly we need about 50 boxes of cereal to pack.

BRICK PAVERS FOR THE FATHER SINGER MEMORIAL GARDEN ANNUAL ORDER

Each 4X8" paver sells for \$100 and has space for three lines of dedication, fourteen characters including spaces 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! Pick up forms by Mary's Altar. Orders due by May 19th.

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

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.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

If you have a High School, College, or Trade School graduate, we will celebrate graduates at Mass on June 30th. Please let the office know if your graduate will be attending.



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.)**



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. 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.

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>

MASS Intentions

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Jeannie Scherlinck (Friends)

Mike Lepoudre (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Anita Pearl Gosney (Ben & Anita Flores)

Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 2024

Sr. Barbara Johns, IHM (Frances Carnaghi)

Albertina Tristan & Lizzie Colombo
(Dr. Charles & Reyna Colombo)

Mary Spina (Mary Rose Spina)

The Women of Nativity

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

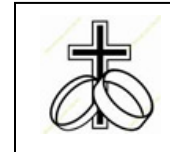
5-05: Adrian Gabriel

5-06: Sara Johnston, John Urso & Harry Wimble

5-07: Kentrell Gabriel

5-11: Paul Schmitt

5-12: Olivia Thompson



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

5-05: Kathy & Jerry Alderman

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

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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.