

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



A CUP OF JOE

May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday



Christ wants you!

It is 50 days after Easter and now we celebrate Pentecost, the day in which the gifts of the Holy Spirit were sealed on the Apostles. They then went forth with that power to minister and guide souls to Christ. The Holy Catholic Church was also born on this day. Mary and the Apostles had completed a *novena* which is nine consecutive days of persistent prayer, and it was on the final day that the flame of the Holy Spirit fell upon them. We started the Easter season with water that marked a new birth and washing of our sins. Now we celebrate the receiving of the fire of the Holy Spirit and we are to go forth and set the world on fire carrying the message of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit was sent to guide the apostles and to grant them gifts and if we open our hearts, we too can share in the mystery of these gifts. These gifts include *wisdom* to know the truth, *understanding* to see things as others do, and *knowledge* which allows us to see things as Christ sees them. We also are gifted with *counsel* that grants us the ability to make good decisions, *fortitude* for courage, *piety* for proper reverence for God and the last is *Fear of the lord*, which is the fear of offending God.

The Holy Spirit also gives us the 12 Fruits of the Spirit and we can be as branches full of fruit to bear spiritual nutrition to souls who are deprived. Those fruits are *charity, joy, peace, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, kindness, patience, goodness, and chastity*.

Here is a story about one priest who used the gifts and fruits that the Holy Spirit gave him to win the soul of a famous drug dealer who grew up Catholic and lost his way by choosing a path of greed and self-indulgence. After years of avoiding the church, the man's wealth and power controlled all the drug dealers in the country. He was visited by his childhood priest. That priest approached the gentleman and recited the phrase, "*Christ wants you*". After many visits by the priest with that phrase, the gentleman continued to deny all invitations to repent and choose Christ. The last time the priest approached him, the man grew violent and punched the priest, leaving the priest covered in blood. The man told the priest that he wasn't going to leave all his valuables behind and he didn't want the priest coming back. The priest told him it was his final time seeing him and he had one more thing to tell him, "*Christ wants you*."

A few weeks later the drug dealer was arrested and sent to serve an 8 year prison sentence. In his suffering, he remembered the phrase the priest gave him, "*Christ wants you*." He prayed and that night the man reported that Jesus had appeared and told him that he was the priest that he had punched because the priest was following His commands. The man repented and started to live his life for Christ

That priest used all the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit to win over the most powerful drug dealer in that country. The priest exercised *self-control, kindness, and patience, etc.* Now the man's soul was on fire for Christ. Christ wants us all to be true servants and to bring his warmth to a world that has gone cold. May God help us this Pentecost to trust in his plan for our lives.

Prayer: *Lord let your flame of love purge us and the whole world of unruly desires. AMEN.*

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Pentecost Sunday, May 19th: 9:30 AM live streamed,
Presider: Fr. David Buersmeyer

Monday, May 20th: 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 21st: [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

Wednesday, May 22nd: 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 23rd: In Church 8 AM Holy Hour and 9
AM Mass Presider: Fr. Dave Buersmeyer

Friday, May 24th: [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

Saturday, May 25th: [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Trinity Sunday, May 26th: 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 on Pentecost Sunday, we hear about the
outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the early church. In
the 1st reading, the disciples were together in one
place, “And suddenly there came from the sky a
noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the
entire house in which they were. Then there
appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and
came to rest on each one of them.” They were filled
with the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim the
mighty acts of God. In the 2nd reading, Paul urges
the church in Galatia to live by the Spirit because
human desires are opposed to those of the Spirit.
“Now the works of the flesh are obvious:
immorality, impurity, lust, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds,
rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of
selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy,
drinking bouts, orgies, and the like.” And “In
contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control.” In the Gospel, Jesus refers
to the Holy Spirit as Advocate and Spirit of Truth.
How have you come to know the Holy Spirit at work
within you? How has He manifested in your faith
journey?

**THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

Pentecost

First Reading:

Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm

*Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the
earth.*

Second Reading:

Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel Reading:

John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

**NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

Holy Trinity

First Reading:

*Deuteronomy 4:32-34,
39-40*

Responsorial Psalm

*Bless the people the Lord
has chosen to be his own.*

Second Reading:

Romans 8:14-17

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 28:16-20

**THANKS TO RELIGIOUS ED STUDENTS/YOUTH PARISH
SERVICE VOLUNTEERS, CATECHISTS, PASTORAL
MINISTER & DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Youth: Sara, Eli & Owen Johnston; Sarah & Jessica
Awan; and Serenity & Terra Jones

Catechist: Hermenia Adams, Barbara Taylor (St.
Charles), Doris Allen (St. Charles);
Joni Scott (DRE, St. Charles Borromeo)
Joseph Taylor (Pastoral Minister)

**Sign up by Mary’s Altar to bring up the Offertory
gifts or to be a Eucharistic Minister.**

Thank you!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food Pantry

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

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.

BRICK PAVERS ORDERS DUE THIS SUNDAY

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.

2024 Father Singer Memorial Scholarships

The submission period for applications for this year's scholarship 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

Embracing Soul Care:

The Eucharist, Broken and Beloved

The Annual Urban Parish Retreat is being held at Manresa Jesuit House in Bloomfield Hills on May 31st - June 2nd. For more information see flyers or contact Manresa at (248- 644-4933). You may also talk to Joni Scott 313- 330-4145 for more details.

CSA

OUR GOAL: \$18, 347.00

Please help us reach our goal.

Be sure you are clicking on 2024 CSA when donating on line. Thank you.



WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR

Mary Jane Accavitti, Frank Accavitti, Jr., 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

Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024

Mary Frattini (Family)

Mae Johnston (Family)

The Kresmery Family (Family)

Sam Scamihorn (Family)

Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024

Mr. & Mrs. Al Mudloff (Family)

Greg McCaffrey (Friends at Nativity)

Don Burkhardt (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novera)

Darius May & Stephen May (The May Family)

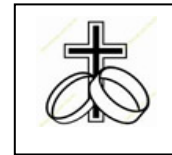
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

5-19: Mina Adams

5-20: Brandon Wilmer

5-22: Airik Buford & Candyce Estes

5-23: Zaine Kent



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

5-19: Jerry & Delores Susko

5-21: Mike & Loretta Peralta

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

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Fr. David Preuss, Priest in Solidum

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Anne Crowe, Parish Secretary

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Mashauna Adams

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Jerry Burns

Tish Colett

Maura Corrigan

Linda Cunningham

Norma Danzie

Willie Lewis

Chris McLaughlin

Kim Milligan

Mark Miller

Sharon Mudloff

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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.