

# NATIVITY NEWS

May 26, 2024

TRINITY SUNDAY

## Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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Detroit, MI 48213

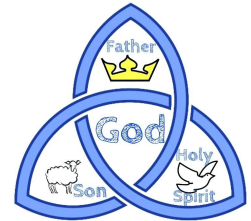
### WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

#### **Nativity:**

Sunday 9:30 AM

#### **St. Charles:**

Sunday 11:30 AM



## Some thoughts from your DJ (Deacon John)

Today we celebrate the Trinity defined as Three Persons in one God! In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the formula for Baptism which is an entrée into our faith using the Trinity as the formula. There are the temptations to try and come up with ways to explain the Trinity with symbols. Among them are the three leafed clover, playing a chord with three notes on the piano or displaying a triangle, but they don't really provide the essence of the Trinity. We come to church today to celebrate the mystery of the Trinity and how the divine persons have influenced our lives and continue to do so. God is creator, redeemer and sanctifier named as Father, Son and Spirit.

It is overwhelming to understand that before we were created and before we reached out to God, God had already decided to redeem the world. In Jesus, the creator entered human history, showed us how to live, joined in our pain and suffering and became one with us. Even though Jesus is divine, He took it upon himself to die for us and redeem us and show power over death. Then as we celebrated last Sunday, He sends His Spirit to us so we are not left on our own. He helps us and draws us to worship today.

The essence of the Trinity is a sort of ongoing generating and breathing with one another. This relationship is the ultimate relationship of love. The Trinity is the consummate display of a loving relationship where each person lives and breathes in relationship to the other two creating a oneness of love. We need to see how that applies to our lives. At the prison where I serve, during Baptism instruction classes or RCIA we talk about Scripture and I share with them that when we read scripture or talk about it, there always needs to be "so what" or what point does it make to me in what I do. In the case of the Trinity that is also true. Even as we grow to an understanding, we eventually need to think about the "so what!"

So, what does that mean and how does it apply to the feast day? The Trinity gives us a workshop on relationships. We are in the spectator seat of viewing the wonderful relationship of love. Nothing, not even the divine, exists alone and separate. This beautiful relationship that exists among the divine persons suggests to us that we can come to know God through our relationships. This happens through God's relationship with us and to the entire created world. We believe we are made in God's image and likeness, so we are created in relationship to God, one another and the world in which we live. So, if we are rooted in this loving relationship we've come to know as the Trinity, we are then called to be extensions of that love to our world around us.

So maybe we can make our relationships and our world a delight day by day! We learn from the life of the Lord Jesus, with the help of the Spirit, to help continue creation day by day. The foundation or the root of this delightful activity is the Trinity. We can function as the extension of the love we witness in the Trinity day by day.

*(Continued below)*

### ***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.*

In the book called "The Shack," there is an African American woman who is the main character that understands this concept of three persons in one God and shares "If I were simply one God and one person you would find yourself in this creation without something wonderful...Love and relationship. All love and relationships are possible for you only because it already exists within me, within God myself. Love is not the limitation; love is the flying. I am Love."

We need not worry too much about trying to understand the dogma of the Trinity. We need to work on the "so what." How do we live our lives rooted in that house of love? We can start by eating that meal of the Eucharist prepared for us by our God and then moving forth trying to extend it into all our interactions with our world, our families, our co-workers, our friends, and yes our enemies. We take that blessing and bless those around us.

## WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!

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

Contact Joseph Taylor 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

**Trinity Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 AM** live streamed,  
Presider: Fr. David Preuss

**Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>:** [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

**Wed, May 29<sup>th</sup>: SS. AM 8 AM** Holy Hour and 9 Mass

**Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>:** 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass  
Presider: Fr. Dave Buersmeyer

**Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>:** [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>:** [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

**Corpus Christi, June 2<sup>nd</sup>: 9:30 AM** live streamed,  
Presider: Br. Begashaw, OFM CAP

## Evangelization Committee Bible Question of the Week

In today's Gospel, Jesus says to His eleven disciples, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." In the 2nd reading, Paul writes, "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him." Today, we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity. In the context of today's readings, how do you view the role of each (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) in your faith journey and mission as disciples? Do you know all that you inherit as an heir of God and joint heir with Christ? If so, how can you use what you know in your mission to reach others?

References: [Mt 28:16-20](#); [Rom 8:14-17](#)

## TODAY'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*

## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Corpus Christi

#### First Reading:

*Exodus 24:3-8*

#### Responsorial Psalm

*I will take the cup of  
salvation, and call on the  
name of the Lord.*

#### Second Reading:

*Hebrews 9:11-15*

#### Gospel Acclamation

#### Gospel Reading:

*Mark 14:12-16, 22-26*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**5-29:** Deb Fish, Zachary Schmitt, Nate Standing

**5-30:** Gloria Stamper, Laurie Murphy

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### 2024 Father Singer Memorial Scholarships

The submission period for applications for this year's scholarship ends this Saturday, 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](http://Nativitydetroit.org)

### Food Pantry

We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we need Cereal, Peanut Butter, and Corn bread mixes. Again, thank you never seems to be enough, but THANK YOU!

### CSA 2024

Thank you to those who have made a donation or a pledge to the CSA. Our target for 2024 is \$18,347. Sometimes people have a good year and sometimes not. We are grateful for all gifts. Anything you can do will be greatly appreciated. If you have not received the mailing from the Archdiocese, there are extra forms by all three entrances. The forms have Nativity of Our Lord Detroit 612 on the top. Please use the form so we get the credit if you are paying by check. **Checks should be made out to the Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA.** Directions for giving online are at: [www.givecsa.org](http://www.givecsa.org) if you prefer to give that way, and if you do, make sure you choose Nativity of Our Lord Detroit 612.

If you put your donation in the collection basket, please put it in a separate envelope and make the check out to the Archdiocese of Detroit - CSA. Thanks for whatever you can do!

### HELP NEEDED DURING MASS

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

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.)**



### 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*



O God,  
by whose mercy  
the faithful departed find rest,  
look kindly on Your departed veterans  
who gave their lives in the service of their country.  
Grant that through the passion, death,  
and resurrection of your Son, they may share  
in the joy of Your heavenly kingdom  
and rejoice in You with Your saints forever.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

\* USOCC Prayer for Troops

## 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/](https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch_detroit/)



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

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Russell Stambaugh	6-01	Bill Brooks	6-11	Airika Buford	6-21
Brooke McMahon	6-04	Gary Colett	6-12	Juliana Sergent	6-21
Mickey Dietz	6-04	Kyle Johnston	6-13	Christine Adams	6-22
Mary Miller	6-04	Maura Corrigan	6-14	Kyle Hurt	6-22
Marty Gulewicz	6-05	Kori Gabriel	6-16	Kim Milligan	6-22
Eric Bezel	6-06	Clarence Lewis	6-17	Jeffrey Woodfork	6-22
Mary Traub	6-06	Evan Crowe	6-17	Joni Scott	6-23
Ric Bezel	6-09	Keith Crowe	6-19	Joseph Taylor	6-28
Mesha Adams	6-10	David McIntyre	6-20	Patrick Elmore	6-29
Judy Brooks	6-10	Kelly McVay	6-20	Deborah Morrison	6-29

## JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Gloria Stamper 6-17

### Trinity Sunday May 26, 2024

Mr. & Mrs. Al Mudloff (Family)  
Greg McCaffrey (Friends at Nativity)  
Don Burkhardt  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)  
Darius May & Stephen May  
(The May Family)

### MASS Intentions

### Corpus Christi Sunday June 2, 2024

Mert & Dorothy Kroetsch (Family)  
Trudy Shiemke (Carol Frattini)  
Betty Hiebur  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

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### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams	Norma Danzie
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