

# 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



June 16, 2024  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the  
Year



## A Few Thoughts from Fr. Buersmeyer

### Fathers' Day

As we recognize and honor all our fathers this weekend, let us pray for them as well. We give God thanks for all the time and energy they sacrifice for their families. We acknowledge their leadership and strength in forming our lives. We rejoice in their protective care for us. We entrust them to God's loving care.

Being a father is to embrace a relationship with God who is Father of all. Dads, pray to God for the wisdom, strength, and love you need each day. If there have been times and situations where you did not live out your fatherly role properly, ask for the grace of forgiveness—that your family might let go and forgive and that you might acknowledge any sin and harm done and seek forgiveness. Say yes to all the responsibility and sacrifice being a father demands.

One way to do so is to seek the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of all fathers. A few years back there was an article in *America* magazine by Tom McGrath called "A Father's Faith" which offered four ways he as a father and fathers in general can draw wisdom from St. Joseph. (1) Like Joseph, "*every difficult family situation is best met with compassion*". Joseph did not divorce Mary or expose her to shame because of her pregnancy, but he was compassionate. Fathers need to draw upon their compassion and not simply their righteous anger when dealing with difficult situations. (2) "*Expect God to speak to you and be willing to listen.*" Joseph seemed to take for granted that God wanted to speak to him in his dreams. Think about it. Fathers should expect God to speak to them in various ways. We need to pay attention and be willing to listen. (3) "*Practice your religion; it will help you discover who you are and why you are here.*" Do not underestimate what it does for everyone in the family when a father prays, attends worship, gets involved in parish formation and outreach. (4) "*We are all here to do some work.*" Being a father is work and not always enjoyable, but trust that being a father is always a work of God.

Finally, for all our fathers who have died, may they come into a communion with the one God and Father of all and so receive full healing and joy. Thank you, Dad. Thank you all dads and all who have been fatherly mentors to us.

## FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

**Eleventh Sunday of the Year, June 16th: 9:30 AM** live streamed, Presider: Fr. David Buersmeyer

**Monday, June 17th:** 7 PM Detroit Lower Eastside Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next Sunday's reading. Please email Joni Scott @ [jlscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) or Hermenia Adams @Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link]

**Tuesday, June 18th:** [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

**Wednesday, June 19th: 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](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link]

**Thursday, June 20th: In Church 8 AM** Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass Presider: Fr. Dave Buersmeyer

**Friday, June 21st:** [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

**Saturday, June 22nd:** [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

**Eleventh Sunday of the Year, June 23rd: 9:30 AM** live streamed, Presider: Fr. David Preus

## 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

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches the crowd in parables. He likens the Kingdom of God to a farmer's life. At that time, it was hard to make a living from farming. The land was stoney with many rough plants, not a lot rain or strong sun. Despite all that, every year the farmer would plant, trusting in the power of the seed and nature. Jesus then tells a story of the tiniest mustard seed that grows into something so big that birds can make their nests in its branches. That is what the Kingdom is like. It begins as something very small, and it grows and spreads its branches. Jesus did not explain parables to the crowd, but used the known and obvious things of life to help explain the invisible and unknown things of the Kingdom. Jesus did, however, explain parables to His 12 apostles which gives us greater insight into understanding the Kingdom. What is the "seed" that is sown? Jesus compared the size of "faith" to a mustard seed. Recently we heard Jesus say "He is the vine and we are the branches." What do you understand about the Kingdom of God from these parables?

References: [Mk 4:26-34](#); [Mark 4:3-9](#); [Matthew 17:20](#)

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### 11th Sunday

##### First Reading:

*Ezekiel 17:22-24*

##### Responsorial Psalm

*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

##### Second Reading:

*Corinthians 5:6-10*

##### Gospel Reading:

*Mark 4:26-34*

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### 12th Sunday

##### First Reading:

*Job 38:1, 8-11*

##### Responsorial Psalm

*Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.*

##### Second Reading:

*Corinthians 5:14-17*

##### Gospel Reading:

*Mark 4:35-41*

## Save The Date. You are Invited

On Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>, Strangers No Longer is planning a Procession & Mass @ Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Procession @ 2:30, Mass @ 3:30. This celebrates Pope Francis' 110th World Day of Migrants & Refugees. More information to follow.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **Food Pantry**

Your continued support of the pantry is truly a blessing. This week we need: Vegetables, Peanut Butter & Pork & Beans.

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.

### **CSA**

OUR GOAL: \$18,347.00

Thank you to those who have made a donation or a pledge to the CSA. 21 families have donated or pledged \$6, 129.00 We are \$12,368.00 away from our goal.

Please help us reach our goal.

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

### **CALLING ALL GRADUATES**

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

### **SURVEY**

We thank everyone who took the time to take the survey. Every one that was turned in helps the city parishes.

### **Solanus Casey Center**

Did you know that there are many things going on at the Solanus Casey center? Take a moment to go on their website. If nothing else, go and get lunch at the café. You won't be sorry. <https://www.solanusc Casey.org>

Happy  
Father's  
Day!



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



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

## MASS Intentions

### Eleventh Sunday of the Year June 16, 2024

The Men of Nativity  
Joseph Carnaghi & Alfred Pelham  
(Pelham and Carnaghi Families)  
Chico Mondalek (Family)

### Twelfth Sunday of the Year June 23, 2024

Dr. Devon Hoover (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)  
Barbara Gabriel (Carol Frattini & Lenore Mondalek)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**6-16:** Kori Gabriel

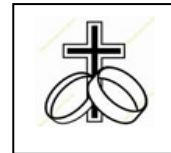
**6-17:** Evan Crowe & Clarence Lewis

**6-19:** Keith Crowe

**6-20:** David McIntyre & Kelly McVay

**6-21:** Airika Buford & Juliana Sergent

**6-22:** Christine Adams, Kyle Hurt, Kim Milligan, &  
Jeffrey Woodfork



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**6-17:** Ken & Gloria Stamper

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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Fr. David Preuss, Priest in Solidum

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams

Mashauna Adams

Sr. Ellen Burkhardt

Jerry Burns

Tish Colett

Maura Corrigan

Linda Cunningham

Norma Danzie

Willie Lewis

Chris McLaughlin

Kim Milligan

Mark Miller

Sharon Mudloff

Charvala Wheeler

## 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.*