

# 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 23, 2024  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the  
Year



## A CUP OF JOE

This Sunday readings are a testament to us recognizing God's power and trusting in his love and care. In life, there are certain expectations and one of them is that good and bad things are going to happen to us. Undoubtedly we will experience all types of suffering. In Matthew 5, It states *"that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous"* Meaning that there are difficult things that we will all will face in the world. "Normally. When things are going the way we intended, we respond well. But, As Christians, the proven genuineness of our faith is in those trials. How do we prescribe to the bad things that happen to us? How do we respond when the storms of this life seem to overwhelm and overtake us? It is known that we can only understand the true value of a person on how they respond to adversity. We will be challenged and, in that moment, will we trust in God's care?

Our God, the author of life, he has power over all things. He is in control. If we trust that he is in control, and accept that his love and care for us is bountiful, we have nothing to fear. In the first reading, God confronts Job with a whirlwind. It is truly amazing to comprehend the extent of God's power over all creation. The image of God communicating through the wind is a powerful reminder of His omnipresence in our lives. Just as the wind blows and we can feel its presence, we can imagine God being present with us at all times, communicating His message of love, care, and reassurance. It's comforting to know that we are never alone and that God is always there, guiding us through the storms of life.

In the Gospel, Jesus comes to the aid of his disciples during a storm at sea. He shows his power by commanding the storms to cease. Two things come to mind; despite him being asleep and at rest in this intense storm, He immediately came to the aid of his terrified disciples. Their fear and anxiety were the opposite of Jesus' calm demeanor making clear he had no worries. His disciples hadn't recognized the authority he had over all things including the forces of nature.

Jesus is always doing something for us and is all present. Sometimes we might not to see or understand him. But God is beyond anything we understand, we must trust, amid our worst moments; calling on Jesus in those moments can have an astounding effect on us. So how do we handle storms that come over us? We handle them by having faith knowing that we will get through them if we recognize God power and he is with us standing in the rain. He is in the struggle alongside us. He is in our boat and his presence can calm anything if we trust him.

Prayer: Padre Pio's prayer for peace; *Oh my Jesus, give me your strength when my weak nature rebels against the distress and suffering of this life of exile, and enable me to accept everything with serenity and peace. With my whole strength, I cling to your merits, Your sufferings, Your expiation, and Your tears, so that I may be able to cooperate with You in the work of salvation. Amen*

Faith on  
stormy days

## FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

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

**Monday, June 24th:** 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 25th:** [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

**Wednesday, June 26th: 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 27th: In Church 8 AM** Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass Presider: Fr. Dave Buersmeyer

**Friday, June 28st:** [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

**Saturday, June 29th:** [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

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

## 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 we hear a familiar gospel about the time when Jesus was in the boat with His disciples. Leaving the crowd, Jesus said to them, "Let us cross to the other side." A violent storm came up and waves were breaking over the boat and it was filling with water. Jesus, however, was in the stern asleep on a cushion. They woke Him and said, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Jesus asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" After all, Jesus had assured them they would arrive on the other side. Have there been times when Jesus could ask you the same question? Have you ever allowed fear to be greater than your faith? Did you question if Jesus cared? What did you learn from those times? Reference: [Mk 4:35-41](#)

### THIS 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*

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### 13th Sunday

#### First Reading:

*Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24*

#### Responsorial Psalm

*I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

#### Second Reading:

*2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15*

#### Gospel Reading:

*Mark 5:21-43*

## 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: Spaghetti Sauce, Tuna, Noodles.

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. 28 families have donated or pledged \$11,844.00. We are \$6,503.00 away from our goal.

Please help us reach our goal.

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

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Next Sunday we will be recognizing our High School Graduates. Please plan on staying for cake, coffee and donuts after Mass as we celebrate Jessica Awan and Evan Kent.

### FATHER SINGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship committee is planning something for later this summer to recognize the recipients of the scholarship.



## 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

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

Dr. Devon Hoover (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Barbara Gabriel (Carol Frattini & Lenore Mondalek)

Pat Wimble (Family)

### Thirteenth Sunday of the Year June 30, 2024

Our Graduates

Renta Simone (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

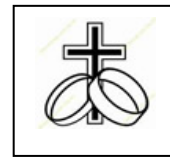
Sharon Wrocklage (Frances Carnaghi)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**6-23:** Joni Scott

**6-28:** Joseph Taylor

**6-29:** Patrick Elmore & Deborah Morrison



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams

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Jerry Burns

Tish Colett

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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.*