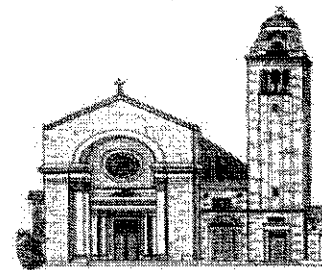


# NATIVITY NEWS

5900 McClellan \* August 25-26, 2018 \* Detroit, MI

## PASTOR'S PEN



Sr. Anne Stein 9-01  
Liam Dombrowski 9-03  
Terri DeHem 9-04  
Loreen Kendricks 9-05  
Linda Cunningham 9-06  
Ruth Duddy 9-06  
Barbara Gabriel 9-06  
Karl Schwartz 9-06  
Dick Couture 9-07  
Zettie Kelly 9-07  
Evan Kent 9-07  
Carmen Houston 9-08  
Sara Bezel 9-11  
Cheryl Dandridge 9-11  
Katie Mae Estes 9-11

### BIRTHDAYS

Bob Dandridge 9-12  
Joyce Shahady 9-12  
Malcolm McIntyre 9-13  
Bert McAlister 9-14  
Anne Crowe 9-15  
Renee Heimes 9-15  
Marty Gulewicz 9-16  
Mia Halthon 9-19  
A. J. Blair 9-20  
Mary Beth Acoff 9-20  
Gail Kinsel 9-20  
Sharon Bezel 9-21  
Emile Wheeler 9-21

Debbie Frohriep 9-23  
Michael McIntyre 9-23  
Jarel Adams Jr. 9-24  
Jerry Alderman 9-24  
Owen Johnston 9-24  
Kori Schwartz 9-28  
Peter Iwu 9-29  
Roslyn King 9-29  
Andrea Milligan 9-29  
Lenore Mondalek 9-29  
Marcus Morrison 9-29  
Cookie Kulchy 9-30

### AND ANNIVERSARIES

Barbara and Adrian Gabriel 9-30

September 2

#### 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

Next week's Readings:  
(Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8,  
James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27,  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

#### Lectors:

4:00 C. Kulchy  
9:45 1. T. Novara 2. Sr. Elaine

#### Ushers:

4:00 R. Miller & S. May  
9:45 M.J. Accavitti, J. Deisinger,  
R. Duddy, C. Gillespie

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

4:00 Mary Miller  
9:45 1. Cunningham 2. Gillespie  
3. S. Elaine 4. Shovlin

#### Ministers of Service:

4:00 1. S. Wois  
9:45 1. L. Bartnik 2. J. Dupre

#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, August 25, 2018

4:00 Vincent & Rose Merlo and  
Peter & Effie Mondalek (Family)

SUNDAY, August 26, 2018

9:45 Denise Bailey (Kim Milligan)

THURSDAY, August 30, 2018

12:00 Dan Henry (Therese McGratty)

##### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, September 1, 2018

4:00 Doris Pelham (Fran Carnaghi)

SUNDAY, September 2, 2018

9:45 Bill Burkhardt (Therese McGratty)

#### 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.*

Joshua has the Israelites decide whether they will serve other gods or truly serve the Lord. Joshua gives them his answer: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." We've seen that verse on plaques and posters and other religious items and because it's so familiar it may cause us to overlook the power of the question. Will we truly serve the Lord or not? Are we on the fence in our commitment to Christ? Will we allow Christ to change our routines, our habits and, ultimately, our whole lives. This weekend we are beginning to register our children for Religious Education. This is always a source of stress for all of us. As Joni Scott and the teachers prepare for a new year, they agonize on how to make the program most successful and reach the most children. We all know parents and children are busy these days. We really don't want to make your lives more difficult but we also know that passing on the faith is one of the most important things we can do for our children. Will we serve the Lord or not?

We have tried to accommodate the busy schedules of our parents by offering Religious Education on the 2nd and 4th Sunday after Mass at each parish. We are also asking parents to fill out a survey about possible times for a family faith and friendship program that would bring together parents and children for a few hours monthly to learn more about the faith. The Family Faith and Friendship days would be times to come together as a family with other families and share a meal, talk about your faith and support each other in the journey of our lives. Here's how it would look:

#### Religious Education on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

**Classes at Nativity after 9:45 Mass (11am—Noon)**

**Classes at St Charles after 11:30am Mass (1245 – 1:45p)**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3-6 year olds will be held at St. Charles Atrium in the rectory basement. Classes will be after the 8:15am Mass (9:30am—10:30am) and after the 9:45am Mass at Nativity (11:30am—12:30pm). Classes will be offered on each Sunday. Parents, there will be coffee and pastries in the rectory during this time.

As Joshua says today, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Let our households come together and re-commit ourselves for the sake of our children and one another. Let's be a shining example of what it means to be a community of faith. Jesus asks us today, "Do you also want to leave?" Let's be able to say with Peter, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Let's re-commit ourselves to Christ and the Gospel in Nativity and St. Charles this year!! Let's witness what happens as the Spirit is unleashed in this place!

## OPENING HYMN

## OPENING PRAYER

God, help us to seek the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world. In our desire for what you promise make us one in mind and heart. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**1<sup>st</sup> READING:** Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING:** Ephesians 5:21-32

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

**GOSPEL:** John 6:60:-69

## OFFERTORY HYMN

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

## LAMB OF GOD

## COMMUNION HYMN

## BIBLE EXCHANGE

We will hear Your Word one in love.  
We will live Your Word one in love.  
We will spread Your Word one in love.

## CLOSING HYMN

### We pray for God's healing for:

Clara Allen, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Jacob Bezel, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Randy Clarke, Tom Davis, David Denomme, Kevin Dietz, Barb Dubiel, Katie Estes, Dolores Ferschneider, Patty Godin, Rosa Gracey, Willie Harris, Art Hill, Theresa Hill, Billie Jean Jackson, Patrick Jansen, Liz Janutol, Journee Jones, Lee Keenan, Alex Kelly, Debby Kinsel, Dolores Killewald, Clarence Lewis, Vicki McCuish, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Beth McLaughlin, Traver Meathe, Andrea Milligan, Jennifer Mondalek, Joe & Rosemary Oldani, Allan Patterson, Sharon Povlitz, Kathleen Rivard, Emmie Roth, Phil Scamihorn, Margaret Sebastian, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Nancy Silveri, Jim & Marie Singer, Sheila Starke, Phyllis Treece, Sr. Jolene, Mary VanPoucker, Nikki Zapinski, Maura Corrigan's sisters, Pat & Mary Therese, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Joni Scott's mom, Annie, Roseann Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Jan Shovlin's sister, Joan & son Bradford, Shivaun Wois' mom and student Jacqueline

## ARE YOU PLANNING A FAMILY REUNION?

SATURDAY, Sept. 29, 2018 FREE  
Sound Board – MotorCity Casino Hotel, 2901 Grand River Ave., Detroit, MI 48201  
8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Seminar Highlights Include:  
Reunion Planning 101  
Social Media 101  
Genealogy 101  
Suggested reunion activities and events  
How to receive free items for your reunion  
Free planning kit and a chance to win prizes!  
For more information, call 313-202-1985 or email us at [reunions@visitdetroit.com](mailto:reunions@visitdetroit.com).

Nativity of Our Lord Class of 1966 is having a 70th Birthday Party Celebration October 13, 2018 at Villa Penna Banquet Hall. For more information please contact Janet Briggs Mitten (586-709-3829) or Rina Babusci Martinez (586-260-3401)

## Servants of Mary - Servites Celebrating 125 years of Compassion Presence in the United States.

Servite Mob Mass  
September 16th, 11:00a.m.  
St. Clare of Montefalco Church  
Mack and Whittier

We welcome everyone, but especially all who know a Servite Sister or Associate, all former parishioners or graduates of St. Juliana or St. John Berchman Parishes and graduates of Servite High.

## Faith Formation

Registration Forms are available this weekend to register your children for Faith Formation classes.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the Social Committee for all their work to make the parish picnic a success. Many hours of hard work before, during and after were given to make this a success. It was a great afternoon.

### Nativity Blood Drive

Sunday, September 30th

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sign up at: [redcross.org](http://redcross.org)

(put in Nativity at Find a Blood Drive)

### DCPA Fundraiser

Silent Auction

Shed 5 - Eastern Market

Wednesday, September 19th at 6:00 PM

Tickets: \$50 each

If you want to sit at Nativity table, let Chris McLaughlin know by September 5.

Don't forget that on Friday nights we gather at the corner of McClellan and Gratiot at 9:00PM to pray for the end of violence in the city.

The Office of Black Catholic Ministries is once again sponsoring: "We Are Witnesses (Taking Back the Night-Taking Back Our Community)" September 4-7 2018—Nativity Parish We meet at 9:00pm. Together we pray for and with the people of God.)

If your September birthday or anniversary is not listed on the back of the bulletin, please let Anne know. Thanks.