

# 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



March 31, 2024  
Easter Sunday



## Easter Greetings

**Jesus Christ is risen!! Alleluia!! Alleluia!!**

The joy of our faith echoes out this Easter weekend. Death, sin, discouragement, despair, and evil do not have the final say. The cave that entombs and the stone that seals have been broken open and will never have victory over the God of life! May the reality of Easter give you and your families the strength and joy to face all that comes your way. Thank you for all the ways you make this parish the community of welcome and life that it is.

### **\*Easter**

Easter is the feast of feasts for us Christians. The Word of God, sharing the love of the one we call Father, is spoken by God as a “Yes” out into the freedom of creation. The Word is now able to become—helped by and shaped by the Spirit of God—a free “yes” spoken back to the Father when creation’s energy and matter erupt into living, intelligent, embodied spiritual beings (humanity), who become aware of themselves and of their responsibility to all of life. But it is also a Word that can be freely rejected or distorted by humanity’s “No”. It is a Word active and present in human history, as the Spirit takes all of humanity’s “Yes’s” and “No’s” and brings them together into a special people who know themselves to be the people of God (Israel).

This is a people who, in the fullness of time, bring forth the one who is both the complete “Yes” of God to creation in human form and the full, obedient, Spirit-shaped “Yes” of creation back to God (Jesus). The one, who in obedience to the mission and ministry Abba God has given him, accepts the personal consequences of humanity’s “No”—death on the cross as an innocent victim. But also the one who reveals the definitive, unstoppable “Yes” of the Father’s love as he is raised from the dead. All of that is celebrated this Easter day. The feast of feasts, encompassing Jesus’ life, mission and ministry, suffering and death, and of course his resurrection, ascension and sending of the Spirit to us. All summed up by our proclamation this day: “Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!”

### **\*Catholic Services Appeal Reminder**

In early May each household registered in the parish will receive a mailing about this year’s C.S.A. Because we have a number of guests each Easter, I also want to remind you that even those not registered here can make a big difference in the parish’s financial well-being by contributing to this annual appeal. As long as you designate the parish’s name, you can make a contribution here or in more than one parish. Please remember that, even though the money is primarily to help the Archdiocese fund its ministries, every dollar of your C.S.A. contribution actually helps the parish 100%. Your contribution either helps us reach the mandatory target (which we would otherwise have to pay out of our other operating funds) or, hopefully, as we go over that target, it comes back to us 100% for our own use, with no tax taken out. Plus, how much we collect during the C.S.A. has no affect on future targets. I especially appeal to those who have the ability to make more significant contributions. The most effective way to do so is through the annual C.S.A., designating this parish as the intended recipient of your gift. It helps the parish more than any other type of contribution and enables us to continue to support the ministries and do the repairs necessary for this parish’s well-being. Thank you.

**Fr. David Buersmeyer**  
Administrator

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE  
READINGS**

**Easter Sunday**

**First Reading:**

*Acts 10:34, 37-43*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*This is the day the Lord  
has made; let us rejoice  
and be glad*

**Second Reading:**

*1 Corinthians 5:6-8*

**Gospel Reading:**

*John 20:1-9*

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE  
READINGS**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading:**

*Acts 4:32-35*

**Responsorial Psalm**

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

**Second Reading:**

*1 John 5:1-6*

**Gospel Reading:**

*John 20:19-31*

**WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!**

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

Contact Joseph Taylor, Pastoral Ministry Coordinator, at the Parish House 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 it in the collection basket.

**FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES**

**Easter Vigil: 8:30PM** live streamed, Presider: Fr. David Preuss

**Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:** 9:30 AM live streamed, Presider: Fr. David Preuss

**Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>:** 7 PM Detroit Lower Eastside Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next Sunday's reading. Pls email Joni Scott @ [jlscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) or Hermenia Adams @Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link]

**Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** St. Augustine/St. Monica 8:00AM Holy Hour, 9:00AM Mass [Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ [jlscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link]

**Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>:** NO MASS

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>:** [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

**Second Sunday of Easter, April 7<sup>th</sup>:** 9:30 AM Mass live streamed, Presider: Fr. Dave Buersmeyer

**2024 Father Singer Memorial  
Scholarships**

The submission period for applications for this year's scholarship began March 15, 2024 and 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](http://Nativitydetroit.org)

**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.*



### WHAT'S HAPPENING

We would like to thank everyone who came to the Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers. It was wonderful to see a crowd at both churches each week worshipping and getting to know each other a little better.

#### Food Pantry

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

#### Please Join Us!

#### Strangers No Longer 3rd Annual Banquet Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> Time: 1:00-3:30

Ukrainian Cultural Center 26601 Ryan Road Mi 48091 Donation: \$30.00 per person

For tickets contact: Linda Cunningham (313) 8192867 Mike Clyne (313) 5701471 or [jmclyne@comcast.net](mailto:jmclyne@comcast.net)

#### BRICK PAVERS FOR THE FATHER SINGER MEMORIAL GARDEN ANNUAL ORDER

Each 4X8" paver sells for \$100 and has space for three lines of dedication, fourteen characters 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. Orders are due by May 19th.

#### Evangelization Committee Bible Question of the Week

Alleluia! Jesus is alive! Today's Gospel recounts the discovery of Jesus' empty tomb. St. Matthew is more detailed and shares the following: *"After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning,\* Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead.'" The empty tomb is a powerful symbol of Jesus' victory over death and sin! We can rejoice in the knowledge that Jesus has conquered death and paved the way for our resurrection and eternal life. As we move from our Lenten journey and Jesus's Passion and Resurrection, how will you share this amazing news as a disciple of Christ? The angel told them to "go quickly" ♥*



### WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brandon Adams, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Michele Bezel, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Erin Cronin, John Deisinger, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, George Kent, 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 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, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, the Benigni and Chida Families, 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*

#### On the Rise Bakery Cafe

#### REOPENED!

At the Solanus Casey Center  
1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207  
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9:30AM to 4:00PM

**REMINDERS:**

Sunday Mass is streamed on the Parish’s FB Page: Nativity - 9:30 AM & St. Charles – 11:30 AM  
Church Library: Feel free to take and use books and other resources available in the back of church.  
Coins for Haiti Jug: Donations are welcomed. Jug is located in front near the church altar.  
Parish Website: <https://www.nativitydetroit.org/>  
Parish Face Book Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit>  
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>

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Jerry Wilmer	4-01	Anjanne Kennedy	4-12	Ken Stamper	4-21
Shivaun Wois	4-04	Michele Johnston	4-13	Denise Stambaugh	4-22
Lisa Bartnik	4-05	Jodie Kulchy Barnes	4-13	Hermenia Adams	4-24
Therese McGratty	4-05	Charlie Gillespie	4-13	Barron Scott	4-24
Coleman Ward	4-05	Charisse Hurt	4-15	Alauna Hardaway	4-27
Chevonne Wheeler	4-05	Diane Ferschneider	4-17	Genevieve Krembel	4-27
Ruby Gatson	4-07	Jordyn Barnes	4-20	Melvin McCoy Jr.	4-27
Raymond Hardaway, Jr.	4-10			Anita Flores	4-29

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY: 3-31: Sr. Beverly Pettke & Nancy Silveri**

**APRIL ANNIVERSERY: 4-22: Pam & Arthur Ford**

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The Nativity Family



**Second Sunday of Easter  
April 7, 2024**

Justin Carnaghi  
(Frances & Laura Carnaghi)

Fran Kaucic  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Mary Beth Dietz (Bill & Mickey Dietz)  
Glennis Deisinger (Family)

**PARISH DIRECTORY**

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Hermenia Adams

Mashauna Adams

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Jerry Burns

Tish Colett

Maura Corrigan

Linda Cunningham

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