

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



July 11, 2021

15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



PASTOR'S PEN

In the first reading today, Amos is the reluctant prophet. He is a “dresser of sycamores.” He’s an average guy who has no idea what it means to be a prophet. For him, the prophets were a different class of people and he was certainly not part of that group. He was a humble laborer and couldn’t imagine why God would want him for such a task. But God saw in him something Amos didn’t even see in himself. God saw tremendous potential and the ability to lead people to repentance and grace. We are all like Amos in a lot of ways. We can’t believe that we are anything special, but God sees so much more in us. If God didn’t see that wondrous potential, would he trust us with the whole world? Would God give us the children and grandchildren we have if he didn’t trust us? Would he entrust the education of students in the hands of us who teach if he didn’t trust us? Would God give us the responsibility of caring for the wonder of creation if God didn’t think we could handle it? Think of the many responsibilities in our lives. They are sacred tasks for us to be busy about, but most especially, to witness how the wonder of God comes through all our efforts.

The Gospel reminds us that we are to make the journey of our lives without a lot of “stuff.” We accumulate a lot over the years. We all have too many physical possessions, but I also think we carry a lot of brokenness from all the events of our lives. Some of us carry painful childhoods, others carry low self-esteem, still others carry anxieties and worries of all kinds, while others carry paralyzing fears. Our relationship with Christ should ease some of those burdens and help us walk a bit lighter. Maybe this is very simplistic, but I think the message of the Gospel is Good News for all of us. It should help us to let go of those things that keep us from being the “prophets.” Christ wants us to experience the joy of just being alive. The Gospel should give us the freedom to love more genuinely and to see ourselves and others the way Christ sees us. Remember, Christ sees in us much more than we see in ourselves! My Prophetic brothers and Sisters, let’s travel lighter this week and allow the wonder of God into our midst! Then we will bring the world the Good News!

St. Charles: *the Memorial Mass for Mary Cunningham will be on Saturday the 17th at 10:00am here at St. Charles. Mary was a kind, wonderful and gentle presence at St. Charles. She always made sure our front garden was beautiful and took care decorating the altar with flowers at Christmas and Easter. She is sorely missed and it would be great to have a lot of folks at church to bid her a fond farewell.*

There is also a Memorial Mass for Norbert Kidd on the same day at the same time! (Sat the 17th at 10am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church). Norbert, for the last years, was truly the foundation and pastoral presence for so many at Rosary. As was seen on TV, Norbert was not only that Pastoral presence at Rosary but among all his students. He will truly be missed by so many. May both of these Saints now rest from the labors in the arms of our God.

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.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

First Reading:
Amos 7:12-15

Responsorial Psalm
*Lord, let us see your
kindness and grant us your
salvation*

Second Reading:
Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading:
Mark 5:21-43

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

First Reading:
Jeremiah 23:1-6

Responsorial Psalm
*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall
want.*

Second Reading:
Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading:
Mark 6:30-34

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 church and drop in the collection basket.

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or religious education programs?
Contact Joni Scott, Director of Formation at the Parish House at 313-922-0033.



PRAISE be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has **BLESSED** us in the heavenly realms
with **EVERY** spiritual blessing in Christ.
For he **CHOSE** us **IN HIM** before the creation of the world
to be holy and blameless in his sight.
-Ephesians 1:3-4

CSA 2021

Many of you have received a mailing from the Archdiocese about the 2021 CSA. Our target for 2021 is \$18,236, which means if as many people give as are able to give, it would equal about \$200 per family. If we don't make our target, we have to pay the difference from parish funds. If we go over our target, the amount is returned to the parish. Anything you can do will be greatly appreciated. There are 3 ways to give: return what you received in the mail, go online at our website, nativitydetroit.org and choose CSA to give online or, if you don't want to do either of those, you can put your contribution in the regular collection basket. If you put it in the collection basket, please put it in a separate envelope and mark it CSA. Thanks for whatever you can do!

Severe Blood Shortage

The state's blood supply has dropped to a critically low level with less than a day's supply of life-saving blood on shelves to supply hospitals throughout the state. Ideally, a three-day supply of blood is what is needed to reduce shortages.

How can you support? Blood donors are needed immediately to help ensure that life-saving blood is available for those in need. One donation of blood, which takes less than one hour, can help save up to three lives. Contact the American Red Cross to make an appointment if you are able to donate. <https://www.redcross.org>

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Samaritan AA Meetings (in church basement)

Wednesday, July 12, 2021 at 7:00-9:00 PM

Friday, July 16, 2021 at 7:00-9:00 PM

Weekly Family Rosary: Wednesdays at 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive weekly notices with the Zoom link.

Weekly Friday Night Prayer Team: If you are able to commit to pray at home for one hour weekly between the hours of Friday 9 PM - 9 AM Saturday, you are welcome to join this ministry. Please contact Hermenia Adams at (313) 410-0871 for more information or to be added to the schedule.

Food Pantry Items Needed This Week

Without your support, we couldn't be doing what we do. Thank you. The few things we need this week are cereal, family size peanut butter, and spaghetti noodles.

HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

On the Rise Bakery: <https://www.cskdetroit.org/bakery>

Open daily from 9 AM – 4 PM, closed Sundays & Mondays. Dine-in allowed now. Let's support the Café and meet a friend for lunch there.

St. Augustine St. Monica First Saturdays Street Fair:

Come on by! From 9:30 until 11:30 am, on Saturdays: August 7th, September 4th and October 2nd.

Gratiot Woods Alive

At the Brighter Detroit Community Center
(Formerly known as the 4H Center & Nativity's Gym)
5710 McClellan

Friday, July 16 8:45pm - 11:00pm Family Movie

Night: TBD ** Bring your chair or borrow a chair, enjoy Pop corn and drinks as we watch this movie on the big screen

Friday, July 23 8:45pm - 11:00pm Family Movie Night:

Friday, July 30 6:00pm - 8:30pm Kuumba

"Creativity" Night FREE Food and talent from the community

Friday, August 6 6:00pm - 8:30pm "Praise In the Park"

** Join community faith leaders for an evening of prayer, praise and worship. As we pray for an end of violence and for the young people in the community and across the city.



WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Gabriel Crowe, Tom Davis, John Deisinger, Bill Dietz, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Barbara Gabriel, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Linda, Joe and Patrick Jansen, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Clarence Lewis, Deborah Marshall, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Jennifer Mondalek, Allan Patterson, Helen Randall, Yvonne Rottach, Phil Scamihorn, Geoff & Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Rose & Tom Sheehy, Jim Singer, Sheila Starke, John Stuart, Marianne Szymanski, Phyllis Treece, Jim Turnbull, Sr. Jolene, Pat Wimble, Nikki Zapinski, Carolyn Sutton's friend, Molly, Barbara Gabriel's sister Pearl, Barron Scott's Mom, Vicky, Rosanne Schwartz's grandson, Gavin, Joanne Pierick's sister, Suzanne, The Benigni and Chida Families, Mia Halthon-Jones's mother-in-law, Victoria.

(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 surround us to give us health and strength through Jesus Christ,



REMINDERS:

The link for the livestream Sunday Mass is on the parish web site: 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 welcome. Jug is located in front of the church altar.

Parish Website: <https://www.nativitydetroit.org/>

Parish Face Book Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit> (Mass is also livestreamed on this site.)

Parish Instagram Page: https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch_detroit/



Online Giving

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

MASS Intentions

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Doris Sterrett (Frances Carnaghi)

Zia Clementia (The Silveri Family)

Connie Candela (Marsha Adams)

Virginia Parisi
(Josie & Sal Ciaravino)

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 18, 2021

Peter Parsi (Family)

Cathy O'Hara-Kidd (Therese McGratty)

Earl (Butch) Gafke (Mary Rose Houde)

Patrick Giffer (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

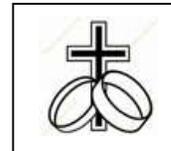
7-11: Tiana Kennedy

7-14: Christopher Banks

7-15: Tamara Ragland

7-16: Ed Brenner

7-17: Gala Melton-Sims



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

7-15: Paul & Kim Schmitt

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Mashauna Adams

Michele Johnston

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Kim Milligan

Michele Bezel

Mark Miller

Maura Corrigan

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