

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



December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of
Advent

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

Good Morning, Parish Family!

Today, John the Baptist calls us to make straight in the desert a highway for our God. The desert in the Bible is the place of silence where we encounter God and it's also the place where evil dwells. We decide who and what we will find in the desert. Let's choose Christ!

Thanks to everyone for your prayers in support of the Lower Eastside Family of Parishes. The people of St. Elizabeth, and their pastor, Father Thomas, were very hospitable to us all for the commissioning Mass on Tuesday. Thanks to those of us from Nativity who were able to be present.

This week, we celebrate the Solemn Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, who, the angel said, was "full of grace." Mary was saved before her birth by her Son before His birth. The only begotten Son of God, from eternity knew and loved the one who would give humanity to be bound forever. We humans can do great things, along with Our Lady.

This year's feast is a holy day of obligation, which means that those of us who are able to, will gather to worship and thank the One God who is Good, Beautiful and True. Mass at our parish will be at 6 PM, on the feast day itself, December 8th. A vigil Mass will be offered at 6 PM at St. Charles on Tuesday evening and a morning Mass at 9 AM will be offered at St. Augustine/St. Monica. Next Sunday, we also celebrate another great confirmation of the truth of Jesus' gospel when we celebrate the visit of Our Lady to the Aztec people through the apparitions to St. Juan Diego by Our Lady of Guadalupe.

With a prayer for the kids who died in Oxford this week, and a prayer for all the young people of Detroit who have died by violence.

A blessed week,

Father Dan

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:
Baruch 5:1-9

Responsorial Psalm
*The Lord has done great
things for us; we are filled
with joy.*

Second Reading:
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading:
Luke 3:1-6

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

First Reading:
Zephaniah 3:14-18

Responsorial Psalm
*Cry out with joy and
gladness: for among you is
the great and Holy One of
Israel.*

Second Reading:
Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading:
Luke 3:10-18

WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!



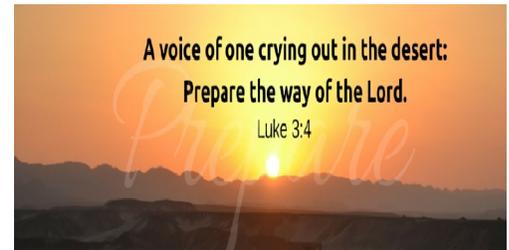
How Do I Join Nativity Parish?

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.

*Being confident
of **this** very thing,
that he which **hath begun**
a **good work** in you
will **perform it** until
the day of **Jesus Christ**.*
Philippians 1:6



TODAY!

**We begin sorting
and organizing!**

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM UPDATE:

If you took a tag in the last few weeks and forgot to bring the gift today, you can drop it off any day this week. The sooner we have everything, the sooner we will know what we still need to purchase. Someone will be around all week until 2:30 and then again from 4:00-8:30 pm.

Thank you to all who signed up to help. There are still open time slots and a 6:00-8:30pm slot has been added on some days. If you have a time you could help that isn't listed, please call Anne; she will probably be around every day and the time you could come may work. It takes a lot of help to provide Christmas for the families in our program. For everyone's safety, we are keeping the number of volunteers small per shift. We will be social distancing while in the basement, so please don't add your name if the time slot is filled.

CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: 5:00PM Nativity and Midnight Mass St. Augustine/St. Monica

Christmas Day: 9:30 Nativity, 10:00 St. Augustine/St. Monica, 11:30 St. Charles

New Years Eve: 11:00PM St. Charles

New Years Day: 9:00AM St. Augustine/St. Monica

WHAT'S HAPPENING

On Wednesday December 8th we celebrate The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are:

6:00PM Tuesday, December 7th at St. Charles

Wednesday, December 8th: 9:00AM at St. Augustine/St Monica and 6:00PM here at Nativity.

We are getting closer to reaching our CSA goal for 2021. If you have not made your contribution yet, you can do it on our website (www.nativitydetroit.org), or pick up the pledge form in church on the table next to the elevator. We are hoping not to have to make up the shortfall out of parish funds. We will be grateful for any contribution you are able to make.

Food Pantry Items Needed This Week: For the next two weeks, we are asking for spaghetti noodles, packages of cookies and bags of Christmas candies for our Christmas boxes. We appreciate your continued generosity.

Offertory Envelopes, 2022: If you do not have envelopes and would like to receive them, we can provide them for you. If you give electronically, we can assign an envelope number to you without a physical set. Please do not use envelopes if you make your contribution online. If you have questions, please contact Anne, in the office, (313) 922-0033.

NATIVITY WEEKEND RETREAT

Women: February 18-20, 2022 Men: April 29-May 1, 2022

The Nativity Evangelization Committee invites you to our first annual weekend retreat at the St. Paul Passionist Retreat Center. A \$30 non-refundable registration fee is required with the balance of the recommended donation paid at the retreat. Registration is on a first-come basis and is limited to 60 participants. Additional information is posted in church. Contacts: Hermenia Adams (313-410-0871 - women) & Danny Wois (586-863-7567- men)

To register visit: stpaulretreat.org

Family of Parishes

The registration is open at Sacred Heart Major Seminary for the free online course this Advent, Carmelite Spirituality, that starts on Sunday, November 28 and ends on Friday, December 24.

The course is based on the book *Shoeless: Carmelite Spirituality in a Disquieted World* by Dr. Wallenfang, OCSO, Sacred Heart professor who specializes in Catholic theology and philosophy, Carmelite spirituality, phenomenology, and metaphysics. The details and registration can be found at shms.edu/advent.



WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Michele Bezel, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Gabriel Crowe, Tom Davis, John Deisinger, Bill Dietz, Diane Ferschneider, Ben Flores, 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, 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' mother-in-law, Victoria, and Carol Frattini's niece, Natalie.

(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 Livestream 9:30 Sunday Mass is on the Parish Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit>
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 near the collection basket

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

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



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

MASS Intentions

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

Fr. Jerome Singer

Jeffrey Gracey (Mike & Rosa Gracey)

Marty Carnaghi (Fran Carnaghi)

Fran & Buzz Busacca & Butch Liss

(Andrea Liss)

Third Sunday of Advent

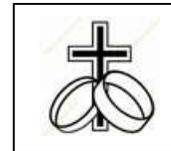
December 12, 2021

Dick Devine (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

12-05: Mary Ellen White

12-08: Billy Dombrowski & Lisa Benberry



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

If you are a registered member of the parish and your birthday or anniversary isn't listed, please let us know.

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Hermenia Adams

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Mashauna Adams

Michele Johnston

Wiley Adams

Kim Milligan

Michele Bezel

Mark Miller

Maura Corrigan

Denise Stambaugh

Judy Dupre

Charvala Wheeler

Deborah Fish