

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



February 20, 2022

7th Sunday of the Year



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

Good Morning, Parish Family!

Jesus continues to preach to us from the Sermon on the Plain. He teaches today as the best of the *sopherim*, the teachers of wisdom in Israel. As a teacher of wisdom, Jesus teaches us lofty ideals and He teaches us about how not to embarrass ourselves at a formal dinner (Luke 14:8). Today, after exhorting us to honorable choices, Jesus tells us the reason, **For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.**

Prayer request. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Bell, who passed away last week. Joan was able to receive the Sacrament of the Sick and the apostolic pardon, great comforts for her and her family. The memorial Mass is scheduled for Saturday, February 26th.

Projects around the parish. With the return – well, at least for a while – of warmer weather, we can think about the projects needing to be done in the parish. We're planning on plaster and paint repair in the church, as well as some roof and plaster repairs (then painting) in the rectory. Also, looking forward to getting out and inviting people to the parish. Thank God the COVID19 numbers are going down. Let's keep on praying for the health care workers who have done such good work in caring for people.

Rosary. Last weekend, no one showed up for the Zoom meeting on how to pray the rosary (not a problem), so I decided to do a Facebook livestream on why we pray the rosary. It turns out that's a good way to communicate: 512 people were reached on the St. Augustine/St. Monica Facebook page. It was a last minute, not quite ready for prime time video, but it seemed to work well enough. We're working this week so that I can do a similar kind of 5 minute intro to the Rosary on the Nativity Facebook page. We'll do another Zoom rosary, especially for us at Nativity on February the 26th. It's great to do some things together with the other parishes, and people from the other parishes are welcome to take part, but we also need some time to connect with one another as a parish.

Why the rosary as a way to pray? Two reasons: 1.) it allows us to pray together and 2.) allows us to pray both kataphatically and apophatically. What do those words mean? Kataphatic prayer is prayer that uses images and thinking. At times, we are able to pray and imagine the mysteries, or imagine and think about the person for whom we are praying. At other times in life, we pray apophatically, which is to say that our imaginations and thinking are not enough anymore. In these times, we pray by focusing our love directly on God through the prayers. We don't think, we just focus our love and attention.

Sacrament of Reconciliation. How long since your last confession? Give Jesus another try. Confessions today from 8:45 until 9:15. If you would prefer to try another place, please call the Monastery or check their website. I really like the Capuchins as confessors myself.

Weekday Masses. We continue to be blessed by God with the Mass on Thursday at 11. Hope you can come. Also, hoping the livestream works! Other weekday Masses in our family of parishes: Tuesday at Sacred Heart at 5 PM; Wednesday at St. Augustine/St. Monica at 9 AM; Fridays at St. Charles at 11 AM.

Grateful to Father Tim for being with us next Sunday.

With a prayer,
Father Dan

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

Seventh Sunday

First Reading:

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13,
22-23

Responsorial Psalm

*The Lord is kind and
merciful.*

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading:

Luke 6:27-38

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

Eighth Sunday

First Reading:

Sirach 27:4-7

Responsorial Psalm

*Lord, it is good to give
thanks to you.*

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading:

Luke 6:39-45

WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!

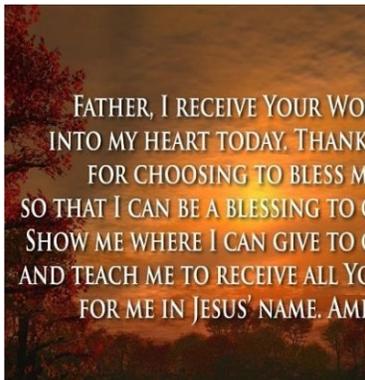


How Do I Join Nativity Parish?

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.



**Evangelization Committee
Bible Question of the Week**

In today's Gospel,
Jesus shared a standard for behavior with
His disciples.
What are we asked to do and why?

Souper Bowl of Caring <http://www.tacklehunger.com>

To our Parish Family: thank you for supporting our young people who took on the challenge to speak about hunger and homelessness over the two weekends of February 6th and 13th. Their goal was to raise money by asking for a dollar or more for the Pope Francis Center <http://www.popefranciscenter.org>. Our youth selected the Pope Francis Center after reading about the work that this agency does daily in treating individuals with dignity and respect especially during the most challenging time in their life.

To our teens Evan Kent, Owen Johnston, and Sara Awan: thank you for giving your time, talents, and gifts. Because of your participation on February 6th, we collected \$331.31 and on February 13th, 428.97. This gave us a grand total of \$760.28. **Touch Down!!**

Amazing Peace,

Joni Scott, Director of Religious Education

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall embrace ~Psalm 85

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Parish Family Mass schedule: We are now in a schedule where once a month Father Dan will be here for Mass on Sunday. One of the Capuchin friars or Father Tim McCabe will be here on the other Sundays. Fr. Dan will say Mass every Thursday at 11:00AM if we don't have funerals. In our family, Mass is offered at Sacred Heart on Tuesday evenings at 5, on Wednesdays at St. Augustine/St. Monica at 9:00AM, and each Friday at St. Charles at 11. We are grateful for your support of our wonderful parish during these months.

This Wednesday: The Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance Spirit Awards Ceremony will be held on February 24th at 6 p.m. This year, Norma Danzie will be the Nativity Award winner. Congratulations and our thanks to Norma. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the event will be limited to pastors, awardees and invited guests. All others can view the awards from the Alliance's webpage: www.dcpasite.com

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

Food Pantry Items Needed This Week: The pantry continues to be busy. In January we served 105 families, which was 305 people. We were closed the first week of February due to weather, but the second week we served 43 families, which was 109 people. As you can see by our numbers we are busy. With the help of your donations, we are keeping up with the demands. This week we need: Fruit, Pork & Beans, Pancake Mix & Syrup. Many thanks for your generosity!

Prayers Needed: The Immigration Hearing for Luz Ramos & her family is on March 14. Please keep them in your prayers.

SOLANUS CASEY CENTER LENTEN SERIES

Beginning Wednesday, March 9, 2022, from 12:00-2:00PM. During Lent each year we set aside six Wednesdays to offer a noon Mass followed by a light lunch of soup, bread, and a beverage along with a talk. Our talk is held in the dining room while the people enjoy their lunch. The talk lasts about 20 minutes and develops one aspect of the theme.

<https://www.solanuscenter.org/events/>

The Solanus Casey Center is looking for a full time Gift Shop Clerk. For more information: <https://www.thecapuchins.org/who-we-are/employment-opportunities>



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, John Deisinger, 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, Lily Saith, 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/



Online Giving

DONATE HERE or Go to giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

MASS Intentions

Seventh Sunday of the Year

February 20, 2022

Doris Pelham (Frances Carnaghi)

Eighth Sunday of the Year

February 27, 2022

Tom Mudloff (Family)

Carol Frattini (The Nativity Family)

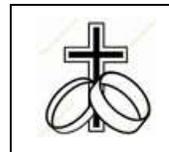
Lucille Marine (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

2-21: Sharon Estes & Adrian Gabriel

2-22: Giuseppina Darolfi

2-24: Terell Halthon



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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Charvala Wheeler

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.