

# NATIVITY NEWS

**Nativity of Our  
Lord Catholic  
Church**  
5900 McClellan,  
Detroit, MI 48213

**WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE:**  
**Nativity:**  
Sunday 9:30 AM



**September 11, 2022  
23rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**



**Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!**

**Praised be Jesus Christ! In Luke 15<sup>th</sup>, Jesus teaches that God is unlike us in that God desires the lost sheep, coin, and child in a way that is beyond our ways. God speaks through His Spirit and through the spirits which are angels. Last week, we heard about how the good messengers and evil messengers can be known. For the next weeks, I'll be preaching about how to recognize the good messengers and messages. We have to learn to read the Bible. We also have to learn to read our own souls. The Holy Spirit, given by the Father and Son, helps us. If you'd like to follow when I am not here, please see the livestreamed homily at St. Augustine/St. Monica, or (better still) follow the wonderful podcast of Fr. Timothy Gallagher on Discernment of Spirits.**

(The services at St. Charles and at St. Augustine/St. Monica parishes are in parentheses)

**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time/September 11th** 8:45 Confessions/9:30 Mass livestreamed with social distancing/Preacher and Presider: Father David

**Tuesday, September 13th** (10:30-SVDP Food pantry/ 6 PM Men's Faith Sharing)

**Wednesday, September 14th** (SSAM 8 AM Adoration, 9 AM Mass Presider: Father Dan and Preacher: Deacon Chris / 7 PM AA meeting in the social hall. [ Zoom Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ [jlscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link.]

**Thursday, September 15th** 8 AM Adoration, 9 AM Mass, Presider & Preacher: Fr. Dan, Nativity: Emergency Food Pantry: Open 1:00-4:00

**Friday, September 16th** (St. Charles Borromeo: 8 AM Holy Hour, 11 AM Mass followed by social, Preacher and presider: Father Dan)

**Saturday, September 17th** (SSAM 8 AM holy hour and 9 AM Mass, Presider and preacher: Father Dan)

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ September 18th** 8:45 Confessions/9 :30 Mass livestreamed with social distancing/Preacher and Presider: Father Dan

**Condolences.** Please join the parish family in praying for the repose of the soul of Bob McKenzie. And, let's keep praying for Louise and Lisa and all the members of the McKenzie family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon Bob.

**Covid19 protocols.** The Center for Disease Control has lifted its warning about social distancing at six feet. Because a good number of our parishioners have underlying health concerns or are caring for those who have such concerns, we will continue to social distance on Mary's altar side of the church. We will all continue to wear masks in church, based on a consultation with the parish pastoral council and the fact that Southeast Michigan still has a high level of the virus being transmitted.

**Holy Communion.** Last weekend, we began again to have the option of receiving the real presence of Jesus in the chalice. The Holy Spirit made clear a thousand years ago that when we receive Jesus in only one form (usually under the appearance of bread), we receive the whole Lord. So, we don't have to receive both forms in order to be fully united sacramentally with the Lord.

*Over the centuries, for reasons such as the spread of disease, the chalice was limited to the priest; a great gift from the Second Vatican Council was the restoring of the option to receive the Lord from the chalice. This is an option. If you are ill, please do not receive from the chalice, because germs can be passed on even in Communion. (Continued below)*

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**First Reading:**  
*Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14*

**Responsorial Psalm**  
*I will rise and go to my Father.*

**Second Reading:**  
*1 Timothy 1:12-17*

**Gospel Reading:**  
*Luke 15:1-32*

## NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**First Reading:**  
*Amos 8:4-7*

**Responsorial Psalm**  
*Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*

**Second Reading:**  
*1 Timothy 2:1-8*

**Gospel Reading:**  
*Luke 16:1-13*

## 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 it 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.

*Receiving Holy Communion is a time of generous intimacy with the Lord, leading to greater intimacy with other members of His Body. So, if you are healthy, please feel free to receive, or to not receive. Receiving from the chalice is not a test to see if your faith is stronger than your fear of illness; it is a gift from God for those who are able to receive it.*

**Catholic Services Appeal.** Many of the services (including my salary) which take place in the Archdiocese are paid for by the annual CSA. If you are able to support the Appeal, please make a pledge by calling the office. Our goal this year is \$18,617.00 and we have \$11,950.00 pledged so far. Whatever we receive beyond our goal comes to the parish and is not taxed (7%) by the Archdiocese. Because of commitments to the services and communities provided by the CSA, if we do not reach our goal, we pay it out of our offertory collections. Thanks for considering a donation.

**Prayers.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Mary Elise Chapman, a Home Visitor of Mary who ministered at St. Bernard's and Patronage of St. Joseph. Sister Mary Elise's funeral was held this past Tuesday at the cathedral. **Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.**

**Family Mass schedule during the week.** Daily hearing the Word preached and receiving Holy Communion are wonderful ways of staying in union with Christ. In our family, Mass is offered on Tuesdays at Sacred Heart at 5 PM, on Wednesdays at St. Augustine/St. Monica, at Nativity on Thursdays at 9 AM, and each Friday at St. Charles at 11.

*With a prayer,  
Father Dan*

## Evangelization Committee

### Bible Question of the Week

In today's 1<sup>st</sup> reading, the Lord reacts to his people's sin passionately. They had made a molten calf to worship as their God. They violated the first and most fundamental of the commandments, the one that binds them to the Lord in a relationship of exclusive loyalty: "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). Atop the mountain conversing with God, Moses is unaware of the people's idolatry. God no longer refers to them as his people but as Moses' people. How does Moses respond to God's plan to inflict punishment by destroying the people? What was God's response to Moses? What does this tell us about the character of God and how we may approach him in prayer?

Reference: **Ex 32:7-11, 13-14**

## Religious Education Dates to Save for September

**Registration** after Mass: Please see Joni Scott

**September 18<sup>th</sup>:** Catechetical Sunday  
Blessing of our Catechists

**September 25<sup>th</sup>:** Blessing of our children  
who will begin Religious Education classes  
the first weekend in October. Children and  
their families who grew marigolds,  
sunflowers, and tomatoes over the summer  
were told that we would celebrate their  
achievements on the last Sunday in  
September.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

***There will be Coffee and Snacks after Mass today Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Evangelization Committee.***

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022 is the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance Annual Harvest Dinner. It is at Eastern Market Shed 5 from 6:00-9:00PM. Tickets are: \$60.00 each or a table for \$420.00. If you are interested in going, please let Anne know. Let's try to fill a table to reduce our individual cost. Please let us know by Wednesday this week.**

The annual "Engaging the Young Church Conference" will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. More information can be found in the link. If you have any questions, please contact Joni Scott by email or phone (313) 330-4145.

[https://www.aod.org/events/engaging-the-young-church-conference-2022? \\_hstc=196444275.e652590a54fa2c486d1c881de41f9eed.1659536952557.1659536952557.1659536952557.1&hssc=196444275.1.1659536952558& hsfp=489125127](https://www.aod.org/events/engaging-the-young-church-conference-2022?_hstc=196444275.e652590a54fa2c486d1c881de41f9eed.1659536952557.1659536952557.1659536952557.1&hssc=196444275.1.1659536952558&hsfp=489125127)

### **CAN YOU HELP? THIS MONDAY**



We have started to receive items for the Christmas Program. Yes, it's still September, but the Christmas work begins during the summer. On Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, volunteers are needed to help sort, organize, and count what we have. There is a sign up by Mary's altar with different time slots-morning, afternoon and early evening. If you can help for a couple of hours, please sign up.

***Food Pantry Items Needed This Week:*** Again, thank you never seems to be enough. Your donations help us to keep feeding those in need. This week we need: Tuna, Peanut Butter, and Vegetables. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



### **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, Gabriel Crowe, John Deisinger, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, 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, Olga Ludwick, Deborah Marshall, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Jennifer Mondalek, Richard Morecki, Gail Northcutt, Allan Patterson, Helen Randall, Yvonne Rottach, Lily Saith, Phil Scamihorn, Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, 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, and Mia Halthon-Jones' mother-in-law, Victoria, (Please notify Anne Crowe at the Parish Office when a name should be removed from this list.)



*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, 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:**

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/](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

### **24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2022**

The Nativity Community

Cheryl Dandridge

(Both are requested by Mary Jane Accavitti)

### **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18, 2022**

Dorothy Kroetsch (Family)

Barbara Gabriel (The Kulchy Family)

Chico Mondalek (Family)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**09-11:** Sara Bezel

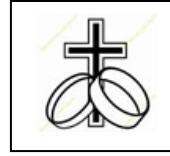
**09-12:** Joyce Shahady

**09-13:** Brooke McMahon

**09-14:** Bert McAlister

**09-15:** Anne Crowe, Renee Heimes & Linda Johnson

**09-16:** Marty Gulewicz



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Please let the Parish office know if we missed someone.

## **PARISH DIRECTORY**

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*Email: [nativityol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nativityol@sbcglobal.net)*

*Monsignor Daniel Trapp, Pastor*

*Deacon John Wright*

*Joseph Taylor, Pastoral Minister Coordinator*

*Joni Scott, Director of Faith Formation*

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

*Hermenia Adams*

*Norma Danzie*

*Mashauna Adams*

*Willie Lewis*

*Sr. Ellen Burkhardt*

*Kim Milligan*

*Jerry Burns*

*Mark Miller*

*Maura Corrigan*

*Sharon Mudloff*

*Linda Cunningham*

*Charvala Wheeler*

*Jarel Adams-Alt.*

## **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.*