

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30 AM



February 19, 2023



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

Praised be Jesus Christ! Jesus continues to preach to us from His Sermon on the Mount, about how we are to be salt and light by our strength in front of abuse, by our love of neighbor. Jesus preserves the world through His disciples and brings light in the darkness through us if we stay as living members of His Body, given life by the Holy Spirit and then can stand up to abuse and treat our neighbor with grace.

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

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 19th 9:30 Am Mass livestreamed/ Presider and Preacher: Father Dan/Youth Mass!/Thank God for Anne Crowe!

Tuesday, February 21st [SSAM: SVDP Food pantry, Men's Faith Sharing/6 PM Men's Faith Sharing]

ASH Wednesday, February 22nd Nativity 8 AM Adoration, 9 AM Mass/ Presider and Preacher: Father Dan/[SSAM 11-4:30 PM Fish Fry and 12 PM Mass] [St. Charles Mass at 6 PM] [SSAM 7 PM AA meeting in the social hall.] Zoom Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

Thursday, February 23rd Nativity church: 8 AM Adoration, 9 AM Mass, Presider: Fr. Dan, Preacher: Deacon John Wright/ 10:30 Bible Study training church sacristy. Nativity: Emergency Food Pantry: Open 1:00-4:00/ [SSAM 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study on Revelation/8:15 Holy Hour for vocations and for priests]

Friday, February 24th [St. Charles Borromeo *rectory*: 8 AM Holy Hour, 11 AM Mass followed by social, Preacher and presider: Father Dan]

Saturday, February 25th [SSAM: 8 AM Holy Hour/9:AM Mass]

First Sunday of Lent, February 26th 9:30 Mass livestreamed with social distancing/Priest and preacher: Fr. David

This Sunday, February 19th, we will have our monthly youth mass, instead of on the fourth Sunday. Thank God for the generous youth of our parish and to Joni Scott

THIS SUNDAY, we will thank God for twenty-five years of service given to the parish by Anne Crowe. Please come down to the hall and greet Anne during coffee and doughnuts.


Mass times? Some members of the Parish Council of Nativity and parishioners of St. Charles have asked that we review the times of Masses for our parishes. Some time ago, the decision was made to have Mass at Nativity at 9:30 and Mass at St. Charles at 11:30. With that schedule, there was time for the priest to meet with people after Mass at Nativity and before Mass at St. Charles. Some of the members of both parishes have asked that we have Mass later at Nativity and Mass earlier at St. Charles. So, this week, we will poll parishioners about their preferences. Both I and Father David can adjust our schedules 15 minutes either way. There are no other priests available so that we would have a different priest at each of the three parishes (that is, 10 and 11 will not be possible). So, our choice will be to either have Masses at our current times, or at 9:45 at Nativity and 11:15 at St. Charles. So, if you are a registered parishioner sixteen or older, please either 1.) take a sheet after Mass and note your preference, 2.) send an email to the office with your preference and name by Tuesday at noon; or 3.) or call in your preference, making sure to leave your name by this Tuesday, the 21st noon.

Black History Month. Detroit's recorded Black history began with a notice in the sacramental register of Sainte Anne's church of a *petite fille*, a baby girl who had been baptized in 1735 and was buried in 1736. Please see the posters around the church about early Detroit Black History. Please also see the beautiful display in front of the altar.

Lent begins on Wednesday. For Lent, please consider joining a bible study, taking part in daily Mass, fasting and almsgiving. In our family of parishes, we will have the stations of the cross each Friday after the 11 AM Mass at St. Charles and at 6 PM at St. Augustine/St. Monica. We will have a special Stations of the Cross for our parish here at Nativity on Friday, March 17th, followed by a soup supper.

Lenten Bible Study. We will ask for volunteer leaders this Sunday to lead bible study/faith sharing during the season of Lent. Please sign up at Mary's altar (needed: willing to host/facilitate at your home, on Zoom or at the parish). There will be a training session for hosts and facilitators this Thursday at 10:30 in the church sacristy.

Covid 19 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 and wear masks. Because of the possibility of passing the virus through the chalice, we will stop sharing the chalice for a while. When we receive Jesus in the sacred host, we receive the whole Christ, not just a part of Him.



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SONGS OF FREEDOM:
CELEBRATING THE SACRED MUSIC
OF AFRICAN AMERICAN COMPOSERS

A Sacred Symphonic Choral Concert

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023 | 6PM
CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK, BLOOMFIELD HILLS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023 | 6PM
ST. ANNE'S BASILICA, DETROIT
IN-PERSON PERFORMANCES
(ALSO LIVESTREAM ON FACEBOOK)

William S. Harrison Chorale, Rackham Choir, Cody High School
Women's Ensemble, Rooted, and the
Songs of Freedom Orchestra
William S. Harrison, Sr, Conductor

Sponsored by: Office of Black Catholic Ministry, Archdiocese of
Detroit & Christ Church Cranbrook

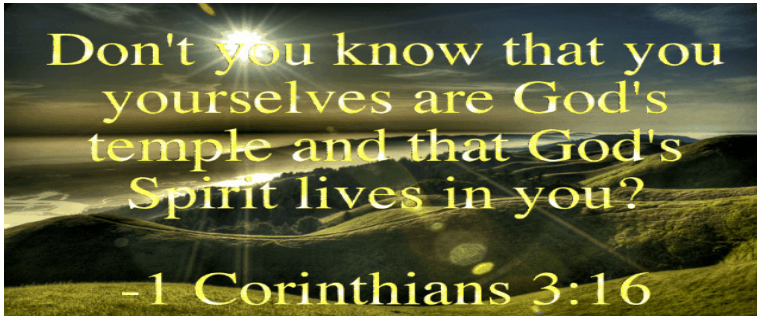
For Details call: OBCM 315-596-7103

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Encounter Jesus in the Eucharist

I AM
HERE

FEBRUARY 23rd 8:00 AM
HOLY HOUR
For more Information:
<https://www.iamhere.org/>

Anyone interested in submitting a testimony can do so via <https://www.iamhere.org/submit>



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Seventh Sunday

First Reading:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:38-48

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading:

Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 4:1-11

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 the 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.

**Evangelization Committee
Bible Question of the Week**

Today's gospel continues with Jesus' sermon on the mount. When He says, "You have learnt how it was said", he is referring to the Old Covenant, the Law of Moses. His listeners are faced with something entirely new from someone who claims authority over the Law of Moses. He is requiring of them a new allegiance and making way for a New Covenant. Jesus takes the "law of love" to another level, "You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way, you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what rights have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must, therefore, be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect." In today's 2nd reading, Paul says, "Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? Do you consciously acknowledge the Holy Spirit within you and surrender to His transforming power to create in you a heart that reaches beyond human love? How do these scriptures make you feel? How will you respond?"

References: [Mt 5:38-48](#); [1 Cor 3:16-23](#)

Strangers No Longer Drive Safe Advocacy Day

Strangers No Longer (SNL) invites you to Advocacy Day. On February 28, we will be heading to Lansing to meet with our State Representatives & State Senators to encourage them to vote for the passage of the "Drive Safe" bills that are going to be introduced in the State House and Senate. These bills will allow immigrants to get driver's licenses and state ID's regardless of immigrant status (as they were able to do until 2008 and as 18 other states currently allow.) If you are inspired to participate, please register and join us in this important effort. Feel free to share this info with others who may be interested. You can register @strangersnolonger.org.

There will be bus transportation to Lansing. We will keep you posted.

For more info contact: Judy Brooks 586 322 7239 or

Nancy Silveri 586 929 3415.

Link to find your state representative: <https://www.house.mi.gov/>

Link to find your state senator: <https://senate.michigan.gov/>

WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Update on Parish Offertory Envelopes:
Still Waiting! Looking like March.**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AFTER MASS

This week, Norma Danzie and the Ushers are hosting

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ash Wednesday is February 22nd.

The Mass schedule is:

9:00 AM Nativity

12:00 PM St. Augustine/St. Monica

6:00 PM St. Charles

Food Pantry

We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we need Pork & Beans, Side Dishes and Macaroni & Cheese. Again, thank you never seems to be enough, but THANK YOU!

THE JOURNEY OF CONVERSION

SUNDAY, February 26-SATURDAY, April 8

In this FREE online, self-paced course, Dr. Patricia Cooney Hathaway will illustrate this journey to our true selves in God through the compelling life stories of Thomas Merton, Dorothy Day, Oscar Romero, and Ety Hillesum. Their journeys of conversion illuminate and provide guidance for our own!

Learn more and register at shms.edu/lent.

NATIVITY WEEKEND RETREATS

LAST CALL

Women: February 24-26, 2023 / **Men:** May 5-7, 2023

Theme: Seeking Peace: Becoming Peacemakers

Location: St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center

See additional information posted in church.

Contact Hermenia Adams with questions.

(313-410-0871). To register:

visit: <https://www.stpaulretreat.org/>

Sponsored by: Nativity Evangelization Committee



WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brandon Adams, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Michele Bezel, Christine Bookmyer, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Erin Cronin, Gabriel Crowe, The Dehem Family, John Deisinger, Diane Ferschneider, Douglas Frattini, Rosa Gracey, Neidra Halthon, Bart Houston, Art Hill, Jansen Family, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Fran Kaucic, 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, 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, Ashley Dale Family 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 Live-stream 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 the church.

Coins for Haiti Jug: Donations are welcome. The 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](https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity) or go to the giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

MASS Intentions

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 2023

Doris Pelham (Frances & Laura Carnaghi)

Luz Ramos (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Carol Frattini (The Nativity Family)

First Sunday of Lent February 19, 2023

Tom Mudloff (Family)

Mary Marshall (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

02-21: Sharon Estes, Adrian Gabriel

02-22: Giuseppina Darolfi

02-24: Terrell Halthon

02-25: Christine Pentrack



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Monsignor Daniel Trapp, Pastor

Deacon John Wright

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Joni Scott, Director of Faith Formation

Anne Crowe, Parish Secretary

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams

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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 a commitment to social justice, and service to the neighborhood, the community, and each other.



FOP – DETROIT LOWER EASTSIDE FAMILY

Lent and Easter Triduum/Mass Schedules - 2023

ST. AGUSTINE/ST. MONICA

- Ash Wednesday 12 NOON
 Fridays 6 PM Stations
 Holy Thursday 6 PM Mass
 Good Friday 12 PM Stations/Rosary/
Passion
 Easter Vigil 8:30 PM Mass
 Easter Sunday 10 AM Mass
Monsignor Daniel Trapp, Pastor
4151 Seminole St., Detroit, MI. 48214
313.921.4107
www.saintamparish.org

SACRED HEART

- Ash Wednesday 12 NOON & 5 PM
 Fridays 12 NOON Stations
 Holy Thursday 5 PM Mass
 Good Friday 12 NOON Mass
 Easter Vigil 5 PM Mass
 Easter Sunday 8 AM Mass & 10 AM Mass
Father Norman P. Thomas, Pastor
1000 Eliot St., Detroit, MI. 48207
313.831.1356
www.sacredheartdetroit.com

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

- Ash Wednesday with Sacred Heart
 Fridays with Sacred Heart
 Holy Thursday with Sacred Heart
 Good Friday 12 NOON in Church

- Easter Vigil with Sacred Heart
 Easter Sunday 12 NOON Mass
Father Norman P. Thomas, Pastor
3138 E. Canfield St., Detroit, MI. 48207
313.921.9225
www.stelizabethdetroit.com

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

- Ash Wednesday 9 AM
 Friday, March 17: Stations of the Cross
6PM W/ Soup Supper
 Holy Thursday 6 PM Mass
 Good Friday 12:30 PM Stations
followed by Mass
 Easter Vigil
 Easter Sunday 9:30 AM Mass
Monsignor Daniel Trapp, Pastor
5900 McClellan Ave., Detroit, MI. 48213
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ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

- Ash Wednesday 6 PM
 Fridays 11 AM Mass, then Stations
 Holy Thursday
 Good Friday 6:30 PM Mass
 Easter Vigil 8:30 PM Mass
 Easter Sunday 11:30 AM Mass
Monsignor Daniel Trap, Pastor
1491 Baldwin St., Detroit, MI. 48214
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