

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30 AM



March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of
Lent



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

Praised be Jesus Christ! The preface today refers to Jesus taking us from darkness to the light of faith. The man born blind sees again and Jesus opens us up to the light of truth through our celebration of the Eucharist this Sunday. How? By His miraculous power working through those who will believe. If our hearts are sluggish, we need to stir them to faith so that we can receive the vision and the light that Jesus wants to give us.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19th 8:45 AM Confessions/9:30 Mass livestreamed/ Presider and Preacher: Father Dan

Tuesday, March 21st [5 PM Mass at Sacred Heart] [SSAM: SVDP Food pantry/6 PM Men's Faith Sharing]

Wednesday, March 22nd [SSAM 8 AM Adoration, 9 AM Mass/Presider: Father Dan, Preacher: Deacon Chris] Zoom Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

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

Friday, March 24th [St. Charles Borromeo church: **NO** 8 AM Holy Hour, 11 AM Mass followed by social, Preacher and presider: Father Dan/Stations after Mass]; [SSAM: 6 PM Stations of the Cross]

Saturday, March 25th SSAM: NO holy hour or Mass

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

Prayers. Please continue praying for our catechumens and candidate for full communion as they get ready for the Easter sacraments.

Thank you for your prayers these past weeks. I gave some talks at a gathering of seminary faculty for a few days two weeks ago. Last week was dedicated to helping out at Sacred Heart and St. Elizabeth.

Thank you to all of our parishioners who supported the Sacred Heart and St. Elizabeth parishioners last week. It was nice to see so many of us at the services for Father Thomas. Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Please see the list of bible studies and faith sharing groups in the bulletin.

*With a prayer,
Father Dan*

FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

GET A TICKET TODAY!

NATIVITY SUPER RAFFLE

Did you know that we still have tickets left? Cost: \$30.00

They would make a great Easter Gift, basket stuffer or a gift for your hostess.

There will still be 38 drawings including the week after Easter.
114 chances to still win.

STRANGERS NO LONGER SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 23 Strangers No Longer Banquet Ad Book

As you know, the Strangers No Longer Annual Banquet will be held on Sunday, April 23rd. This year, tickets cost \$30.00 each and include entertainment, speakers and lunch. In addition, we will have a 50/50 raffle and a raffle for themed baskets. We will be meeting at the Ukrainian Cultural Center at 26601 Ryan Road in Warren.

A large part of this fundraiser is the production of an Ad Book which promotes our local businesses and service organizations. We need your help! If you, or someone you know, owns or operates a small business or organization that might purchase an Ad for the book, please contact Judy Brooks (586 322-7239) or Nancy Silveri (586 929-3415). The price and size of the Ads vary, starting at \$125.00 for business card size. Thank you for your continued support!

LENT^{'23} BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY FAITH SHARING

Journey of Conversion-SHMS. Participants will watch the Dr. Patricia Cooney-Hathaway podcasts and discuss what they watch each week with Sister Ellen facilitating the reflections. **Sundays** after the 9:30 AM Mass in person, **Fridays** by Zoom.

Pilgrim's Way and Inspired Bible Passages. Facilitator lead discussion of Bible verses. People from each parish are welcome to either group. Two groups meet simultaneously. If you are interested, please call the parish at (313) 921-4107. **Sundays** after the 10 AM Mass (ca 11:45). Facilitators, Gerry Zelinski, Gloria Page, Peggy Bell and Clarisa Piecuch.

Little Rock Bible Study Three Week Series, Lent: Season of Transformation. People from each parish are welcome. A Zoom link will be sent once people have expressed their interest and given their contact information. **Sundays** at 4 PM.

Lectio Divina. **Mondays**, 7 PM. Pray in a contemplative style of prayer with the Sunday Gospels via Zoom. Please contact Hermenia or Joni for the ZOOM link info.

Men's Faith Sharing. **Tuesdays** at 6 PM, Deacon Chris Rabaut leads sessions which focuses on the Sunday's readings. Deacon serves at St. Augustine/St. Monica and welcomes men from all of the parishes. If you are interested, please call the parish (313) 921-4107.

Sunday's Gospel. **Tuesdays** at 7 PM, Kevin and Clarisa Piecuch. At their home (Grosse Pointe). Will use the readings for the coming Sunday. Kevin and Clarisa belong to St. Augustine and St. Monica and welcome people from all of the parishes.

Blessed is She Lenten Program: New Wine. **Wednesdays**, 11:30 AM. A women's prayer group. New Wine is a Lenten program that encompasses meditation on Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, praying with corresponding Scripture passages, enter into our writer's stories, and sitting with sacred art. Artensia belongs to St. Augustine/St. Monica and welcomes women from all of the parishes. Read more at blessedishe.net.

Women's Bible Study on the Book of Revelation. **Thursdays**, 6:30—7:45 PM ends mid March. At the SSAM rectory. Genevieve is the Evangelization Coordinator at St. Augustine/St. Monica and welcomes women from the other parishes. Please contact Genevieve at the parish at (313-921-4107).

Series on the Gospels and Epistles. 6 or 6:30 PM an evening (not Tuesday or Thursday) to be determined by the group, for an hour. Alex Harvey will lead. The group will meet in the St. Catherine Room of the SSAM rectory. Everybody from the three parishes is welcome. Please call Alex at (313) 736-1306.

Nativity Parish and ZOOM

5900 McClelland, Detroit 48213
Sr. Ellen Burkhardt, O.P., Facilitator
(517) 775-4450

St. Augustine and St. Monica Parish
4151 Seminole, Detroit 48214

ZOOM Only
Mary Martin, Facilitator

ZOOM Only Hermenia Adams, hermenia32@yahoo.com, Joni Scott, jjscott820@gmail.com, Facilitators

St. Augustine and St. Monica Parish
Deacon Chris Rabaut
(313) 921-4207

Kevin and Clarisa Piecuch
Please contact Clarisa at clarisa.piecuch@gmail.com or (313) 655-4244

St. Augustine and St. Monica Parish
Artensia Wynn, Facilitator
Contact (313) 784-9605

St. Augustine and St. Monica Parish and ZOOM
Genevieve Kocourek, Facilitator
(313) 921-4207

St. Augustine and St. Monica Parish
Alex Harvey, Facilitator
(313) 736-1306

2023 Father Singer Memorial Scholarships

The submission period for applications for this year's scholarship begins March 15, 2023 and ends June 1, 2023. Application forms can be obtained by downloading and printing from the About Us/Our Work section of the Nativity website: Nativitydetroit.org

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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

Samuel 1:1, 6-7, 10-13

Responsorial Psalm

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

Second Reading:

Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Reading:

John 9:1-41

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

*Ezekiel 37:12-14 Samuel 1:1,
6-7, 10-13*

Responsorial Psalm

*With the Lord there is
mercy and fullness of
redemption.*

Second Reading:

Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Reading:

John 11:1-45

Evangelization Committee Bible Question of the Week

The 1st Sunday of Lent, we heard how Jesus after fasting 40 days, was tempted by Satan who knew He was the Son of God. The 2nd Sunday Jesus took Peter, James, and John up a mountain where he was transfigured. He was revealed by the voice of God as his Son. Last week Jesus encountered a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. She eventually asked him if he was the Messiah, and he responded, "yes." Today, we hear how a man who had been blind from birth was healed by Jesus and is able to see. Unlike the experience of the Samaritan woman where many came to believe Jesus was the Messiah, there is great debate by those who knew the blind man and the Pharisees. They questioned if he had truly been blind and whether Jesus was from God. But, like the Samaritan woman, Jesus reveals himself to the healed man as the "Son of Man" and "Lord." Jesus asked him, "*Do you believe in the Son of Man?*" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "*You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he.*" Jesus was asked many questions throughout these Gospels. How have these scriptures spoken to you? Do you have unanswered questions for Jesus? If so, during this Lenten journey is a good time to ask him.

Reference: [Jn 9:1-41](#)



EASTER PROJECT



We will be passing out Easter baskets and Easter bags again this year to children in church on Easter Sunday and the pantry families.

If you would like to donate to the project, we are in need of chocolate bunnies, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, items for teens, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and individually wrapped candy, cookies, chips, fruit snacks etc.

Basically we are asking for items you would put in a basket for a family member.

If you would like to fill a basket or bag on your own, or donate to the project, please bring it to church by April 2nd. Thank you for your support for this project.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Update on Parish Offertory Envelopes:
They're here - On the Table by the Elevator.**

Thank you for your patience!

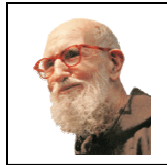
PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AFTER MASS

Hosted by the Ushers

Food Pantry

We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we need Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce and Spaghetti Noodles or other pastas. Again, thank you never seems to be enough, but THANK YOU!

The Solanus Casey Center Annual Lenten Series!



In coordination with the Capuchin Retreat Center in Washington Twp, the Capuchins at the Monastery will be hosting a six-week, Wednesday afternoon lecture series called:

"The Gracious Gift of Lent"

On Wednesdays, through April 5th, they will host a Noon Mass in St. Bonaventure Chapel followed by a simple lunch of soup and bread in the cafeteria and a presentation by one of their speakers. Unable to make it during the day? They'll also be hosting the same talks in the evening at the Capuchin Retreat Center just an hour north of us along with dinner, Mass, and confession.

This Wednesday's presentation is March 22nd:

The Gracious Gift of Lent

Director of the Solanus Casey Center, Br. Steve Kropp,
OFM, Cap

For More information: <https://solanuscenter.org/>



**SATURDAY MORNING
FAITH SHARING GROUP
9:30 AM PARISH HOUSE
Led by: Deacon John**

**Meets every other Saturday.
Next group is April 2nd.
All are welcome!**



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, 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](#) or go to the giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

MASS Intentions

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

Chico Mondalek (Jim & Cookie Kulchy)

Barbara Gabriel (Nativity Family)

Mary Beth Dietz (Bill & Mickey Dietz)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

Tony Foust (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

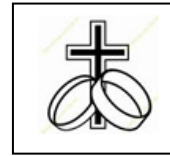
Robert Patrick (Patty Adams)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

03-19: Jessica Awan, Lisa Miller, Debra Marshall,
And Brenda Banks

03-23: James Turnbull

03-24: Gail Urso



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

03-21: Jim & Ruth Duddy

03-25: Danny & Shivaun Wois

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

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Jerry Burns

Mark Miller

Maura Corrigan

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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.

The Detroit Lower Eastside Family of Parishes

presents a **1 Day**

Lenten Revival

*I Know Something
About God's Grace*



Speaker:

DEACON MICHAEL HEARD

Son of Presentation Our Lady of Victory

*Currently ministering at Our Lady of Sorrows,
Farmington*

Sunday, March 26, 2023

2:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

1000 Eliot St. | Detroit, MI 48207

Music † Prayer Teams † Confession †

Fr. Norman P. Thomas, Host Pastor

Msgr. Dan Trapp, Family Moderator

Fr. David Preuss, OFM Cap., Priest in Solidum