

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30 AM



July 23, 2023

16th Sunday of the Year



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

Praised be Jesus Christ! Jesus continues to preach His Sermon on the Kingdom of Heaven, telling us about how Heaven becomes present on Earth through our relationship with Him.

We thank the Lord for last Tuesday's Mass for Fr. Clarence Williams, CPPS. Bishop Battersby offered Mass and spoke of knowing Father Clarence as a teacher. The combined choir was inspiring. Other Detroit area Catholics traveled to Masses in Ohio for Father Clarence to pray for him and thank God for him.

As a family of parishes, we recently completed our Missionary Strategic Plan, the plan which gives goals for the coming years for our service in the Lord. Among the hopes is to offer combined training for all the Bereavement Ministries in the five parishes. Is this something the Lord might be calling you to serve in? There will be further information about parts of the plan in the weeks ahead. Two weeks ago, Sacred Heart and St. Elizabeth had their joint Mass and picnic on Belle Isle. St. Augustine/St. Monica had its outdoor Mass and picnic last Sunday. This Sunday, St. Charles is closing off the street on Baldwin with Mass followed by a picnic at 11:30. Our own outdoor Mass and picnic will be on Sunday, August 13th at 1 PM. Jesus preaches that the goal and foundation of our service as parishes is the Kingdom of Heaven. Let's stretch ourselves and walk out in confident faith. We'll look for ways to serve the Kingdom as parishes and other ways as a family of parishes.

Please pray for me this week; I'll be on retreat!

*With a prayer,
Father Dan*

SAVE THE DATE

PARISH COMMUNITY PICNIC

AUGUST 13th AT THE 4-H CENTER YARD (ON MCCLELLAN two blocks from church)

MASS IN THE YARD AT 1:00PM (9:30 AM Mass in church too)

THE SIGN UPS ARE BY MARY'S ALTAR TO DONATE SOMETHING

FAMILY WEEKDAY MASSES

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time/ July 23rd 9:45 Mass
livestreamed/ Presider: Father Dan and Preacher: Deacon
John

Tuesday, July 25th [Mass at Sacred Heart, 5 PM]

Wednesday, July 26th [SSAM 8 AM Holy Hour, 9 AM
Mass with Capuchin friar /Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email
Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom
link.]

Thursday, July 27th Nativity 8 AM Holy Hour; 9 AM
Communion Service with Deacon John; Emergency Food
Pantry: Open 1:00-4:00 [SSAM 8:15 Holy Hour for priests
and vocations]

Friday, July 28th [St. Charles 11 AM Mass with Capuchin
friar]

Saturday, July 29th No Holy Hour or Mass

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time/July 30th /9:45
Mass livestreamed: /Priest and preacher: Fr. David

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 Joseph Taylor at the Parish House at 313-922-
0033.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN UPDATE

All priests, deacons, employees, and volunteers who
completed a Protecting God's Children workshop prior to
January 1, 2020, are required to update their certification by
completing the Protecting God's Children Online Awareness
Session 4.0 with Vulnerable Adults Training 2.0 combined
module. The module is self-paced and takes approximately two
hours to complete. Individuals may pause, save, and resume
their position in the training if they cannot complete it in one
sitting.

Please see Joseph Taylor with any questions:

Evangelization Committee Bible Question of the Week

In today gospel, Jesus speaks again to crowds in
parables. "The kingdom of Heaven may be
compared to a man who sowed good seed in his
field. While everybody was asleep, his enemy came
and sowed weeds among the wheat." The man told
his laborers to let the weeds grow with the wheat
until harvest time to avoid destroying wheat while
attempting to pull up the weeds. You can go back to
read the other two parables. After dismissing the
crowds, Jesus explains the parables to His disciples:
"He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field
is the world, the good seed the children of the
kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one,
and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The
harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are
angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up
with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son
of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out
of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all
evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery
furnace where there will be wailing and grinding of
teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in
the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears
ought to hear." What are your thoughts after
reading this? What image of God appears from these
three parables? Is this your image of God?

Reference: **Mt 13:24-43**

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

16th Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm

*Lord, you are good and
forgiving.*

Second Reading:

Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 13:24-43

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

17th Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, I love your command.

Second Reading:

Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 13:44-52

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Thank you to those who came to organize the donations for the Christmas program. We were able to get it all sorted and stored and the basement tables are empty once again.

Food Pantry

We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we are asking for Vegetables, Tuna, and snacks or candy for the kids.

The St. Charles Neighborhood Festival

This Sunday, July 23rd from 1:00 PM-5:00PM.
1419 Baldwin, 48214.

CSA 2023

Thank you to those who have made a donation or a pledge to the CSA. Our target for 2023 is \$18,343. As of this week we are at about 48% of our goal with 34 families donating. Sometimes people have a good year and sometimes not. We are grateful for all gifts. Anything you can do will be greatly appreciated. If you have not received the mailing from the Archdiocese, there are extra forms by all three entrances. The forms have Nativity of Our Lord Detroit 612 on the top. Please use the form so we get the credit if you are paying by check. **Checks should be made out to the Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA.** Directions for giving online are at: www.givecsa.org if you prefer to give that way, and if you do, make sure you choose Nativity of Our Lord Detroit 612.

If you put your donation in the collection basket, please put it in a separate envelope and make the check out to the Archdiocese of Detroit - CSA. Thanks for whatever you can do!



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, 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, George Kent, Genevieve and Rosy Krembel, Clarence Lewis, Olga Ludwick, Deborah Marshall, Kathy McDonald's Granddaughter, Ryan, Melvin & Theresa McCoy, Jennifer Mondalek, Richard Morecki, Gail Northcutt, JoAnne Novara, Allan Patterson, Helen Randall, Yvonne Rottach, Phil Scamihorn, Joyce Shahady, Larry Shelton, Trudy Shiemke, Jim Singer, Sheila Starke, John Stuart, Marianne Szymanski, Jim Turnbull, Sr. Jolene, 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, 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
GLUTEN FREE TREATS AVAILABLE ALSO

REMINDERS:

The Live-stream 9:30 Sunday Mass is on the Parish Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit>

Sunday Mass can also be viewed on YouTube at [NativityofOurLordDetroit-cm8we](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NativityofOurLordDetroit-cm8we)

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/



Online Giving

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

MASS Intentions

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 23, 2023

Thurman Bailey (Patty Adams)

Kevin Dupre (Nina Zarro)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 30, 2023

Br. Ray Stadmeyer (The Nativity Family)

Luz Ramos (Cookie & Jim Kulchy)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

7-24: Michele Bezel, Anthony Griggs, and

Br. Ray Stadmeyer

7-25: Wendy Bryant

7-26: Aimee Sergent

7-28: Wilma Wilmer



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams

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Kim Milligan

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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.