

NATIVITY NEWS

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

July 30, 2023
17th Sunday
In Ordinary Time



WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30 AM

St. Charles:
Sunday 11:30 AM



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

A Cup of Joe

Greetings church family and especially those who view by live stream. You are not forgotten! In today's readings, there is a heavy emphasis on having an understanding heart, discerning that we have a purpose in this life, and working for the Kingdom of God by being an image-bearer of Christ. In the first reading, we can examine the power of Solomon prayer to God. God comes to him in a dream and asks him to make a request. Solomon humbly makes his intentions known. In his prayer, Solomon is concerned about the insecurities that he has about himself and his upcoming duties. Those duties included governing as God's chosen King to lead God's chosen people.

Solomon says,

"O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father, David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

How wonderful it was for Solomon to know his limits and recognize the difficult task at hand. God made the request; Solomon beautifully extended his prayer. And it wasn't a prayer about material things or long life. It was an understanding heart that he desired so he could better serve God. We can see parallels of this in 1st Samuel, chapter 12 when God told Solomon's father David that he was a man after his own heart and he would appoint him over his people. This should make us ponder? Am I after the heart of God?

God had a purpose for Solomon, just like he has a purpose for each one of us. In this world, life can make us so confused and flood our hearts with fear and confusion and make us forget our purpose. But if we work according to God's purpose we will be justified, glorified and we also know from the second reading that God can make all things good for those who love him.

We are reflections of the goodness and mercy of God. We must ask God for an understanding heart to better govern our daily tasks in our homes and our workplaces. Our primary ambition as followers of Jesus is to be for 'the kingdom of heaven'. We should invest a great deal of ourselves with confidence in knowing that Christ loves us and will move us with purpose and we can bury shame, fear, guilt and confusion. As we bury those things, let us then pick up honor, calmness, shamelessness, certainty and order. These are the treasures that will help us become image-bearers of Christ and get us to the Kingdom of God.



WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or religious education programs?
 Contact Joseph Taylor at the Parish House at 313-922-0033.



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.

**Evangelization Committee
 Bible Question of the Week**

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues to teach His disciples about the kingdom of heaven. He likens it to a treasure buried in a field and a pearl of great price. A person sells all he has and buys the field and a merchant sells all he has and buys the pearl. He likens the kingdom to a net thrown into the sea that collects every kind of fish and when hauled ashore, the good fish are put into buckets and bad fish are thrown away. Jesus goes on to say, "Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." This reminds us of last week's gospel where the weeds grown among the wheat are separated and burned. Jesus asked the disciples if they understood the things He spoke and they replied yes. He then replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "Seek first the Kingdom of God." There is treasure to be found in the Old and New Testament and old and new experiences. Has your view of the kingdom of God changed? Will you study the scriptures to seek out its treasures?

References: [Mt 13:44-52](#); [Matt 6](#)

TODAY'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

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Second Reading:

2 Peter 1:16-19

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 17:1-9

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

7-26: Aimee Sergent

7-28: Wilma Wilmer

7-30: Louise McKenzie

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food Pantry

We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we are asking for Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles, Side Dishes, and Soup.

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 51% of our goal with 36 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 we do not reach our goal, the balance must be paid by the parish.

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.)**



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 surrounds 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:

Sunday Mass is streamed on the Parish's FB Page: Nativity - 9:30 AM & St. Charles – 11:30 AM

Church Library: Feel free to take and use books and other resources available in the back of church.

Coins for Haiti Jug: Donations are welcomed. Jug is located in front of the church altar.

Parish Website: <https://www.nativitydetroit.org/>

Parish Face Book Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit>

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>

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Rosa Gracey	08/02			Diane Wingo	08/24
Wiley Adams III	08/03	Andrea Liss	08/16	Nina Zarro	08/24
Neidra Halthon	08/03	Charvala Adams	08/18	Bill Dietz	08/26
Wendy Kent	08/04	Marty Gulewicz	08/20	Mary Crawford	08/27
Pat Dombrowski	08/08	Terri Wilson	08/21	Benjamin Schmitt	08/29
Anita Reddick	08/09	Melissa Elmore	08/22	Tyrone Kelly	08/30
Vanden Dombrowski	08/13			Denise Reddick	08/30
Lisa Brancato	08/14				

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Aimee Sergent	08/01	Bill & Judy Brooks	08/12
Jerry & Wilma Wilmer	08/01	Keith & Anne Crowe	08/18

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Br. Ray Stadmeyer (The Nativity Family)
Luz Ramos (Cookie & Jim Kulchy)
Lisa Miller (Cookie & Jim Kulchy)

MASS Intentions

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 6, 2023

Marty Carnaghi
(Frances & Laura Carnaghi)
Sid Johnston (Family)
Patricia O'Grady
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

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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.