

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Nativity:

Sunday 9:30 AM



August 13, 2023

19th Sunday of the Year



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

A CUP OF JOE!

Last Sunday, the church celebrated the Feast of the Transfiguration. In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus is described as having his face as bright as the Sun and his clothes white as light. This Sunday, we learn about how distractions caused Peter to sink after walking on water. So here is the question for today. Can we still trust and be obedient to Christ and his messages in the midst of our personal storms?

In today's Gospel reading, Peter and the disciples saw Jesus walking on water and were terrified. Jesus spoke to them stating, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter responded by saying, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you." Jesus commanded Peter to come and Peter did so. Then the storm got worse, Peter got frightened and began to sink. Peter immediately cries out, "Lord save me." And Jesus did so.

There are so many lessons to learn from this Gospel reading. We can easily focus on the things Peter did wrong, but what about the many things Peter did right?. First, Peter tested the spirit. He made sure it was Jesus. He said, " Lord, if it is, you command me to come." 1st John 4:1 tells us, "Do not trust every spirit but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God," Secondly, Peter was obedient to Jesus. He did what our lord commanded. His obedience allowed him to walk on the raging waters in the storm to be with Jesus.

When we are asked to walk in faith with Jesus, quite often we are discouraged or distracted by the storms that we have in our life. Those storms can consist of bills, negativity, workload, relationships, anxiety and past pains. We often get paralyzed by fear of what may happen next, but the gospel calls us to focus on Christ. It calls us to have courage and to call on Christ in distress. Our flesh is weak and sometimes we can only take so much, but our spirit can take more than we can imagine if we focus on Jesus and keep ourselves connected to him. Those of us who have given ourselves to God should recognize that we get our strength from the Lord and that strength will get us through the daily storms of life. We all have had moments when we had to walk on water, meaning our faith had to outlast our fear. We were able to do so because we focused on Jesus and his messages of trust. We must be in constant dialogue with him with constant prayer and attendance at the Holy Mass.

Understand Jesus wanted to be with his friends in the midst of their suffering and fears. He proved this when Jesus concluded his prayers and walked on water to physically be with them. Jesus is always spiritually with us, so like Peter; we must trust in God and be obedient to his call. Today let's pray for peace in our hearts and that the personal storms are settled. Let us also pray for a successful picnic and hope that we can win souls over to Christ.

Welcome
FAMILY & FRIENDS

Community
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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.

**Evangelization Committee
Bible Question of the Week**

Today's Gospel takes place just after Jesus learned of John the Baptist's death. He withdrew in a boat to a deserted place to be by himself. However, crowds followed him on foot. When He went ashore and saw the vast crowd, He was moved with compassion and cured their sick. After feeding them (with five fish and two loaves), He made the disciples get into a boat to precede Him to the other side while He dismissed the crowds. He then went up a mountain by himself to pray. Meanwhile the boat with the disciples was a few miles offshore being tossed about by the waves. "During the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw Him, they were terrified and thought he was a ghost and cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was, he became frightened and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those in the boat said, "Truly, you are the Son of God." Do you doubt the Lord's presence during difficult times? Does fear keep you from coming out of your comfort zone when He calls to you to be used in some way?

Reference: [Mt 14:22-33](#)

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

19th Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading:

Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 14:22-33

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

20th Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm

O God, let all your nations praise you.

Second Reading:

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 15:21-28

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Serve the Parish as a member of the Parish Council

We are looking for dedicated parish members to serve on the Parish Council. The Parish Council assists the Pastor in making decisions for the benefit of the parish. Members of the Parish Council collaborate, coordinate, and facilitate the participation of the Nativity family to carry out our parish mission. The Parish Council meets four times per year and the meetings are held by Zoom. Members serve for two-year terms.

Council members will be selected by a drawing after prayerful discernment at Mass on September 10. We will be drawing six names to fill expiring terms. If you are interested in serving as a member of the Parish Council, please submit your name to the parish office by email (nativityol@sbcglobal.net) or phone (313-922-0033) no later than 5:00 pm on September 6, 2023.

Food Pantry

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

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 about \$7000.00 short of our goal with 42 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.



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

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 13, 2023**

9:30AM: The Nativity Family

1:00PM: The Nativity Community

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20, 2023**

Sr. Elaine Hartnett (Mary Ellen White & Sr. Beverly Pettke)

Natalie Valdez (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

The Crowe Family (The Nativity Family)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

8-13: Vanden Dombrowski

8-14: Lisa Brancato

8-16: Andrea Liss

8-18: Charvala Adams



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

8-18: Keith & Anne Crowe

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams

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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.