

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30 AM



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

September 3, 2023

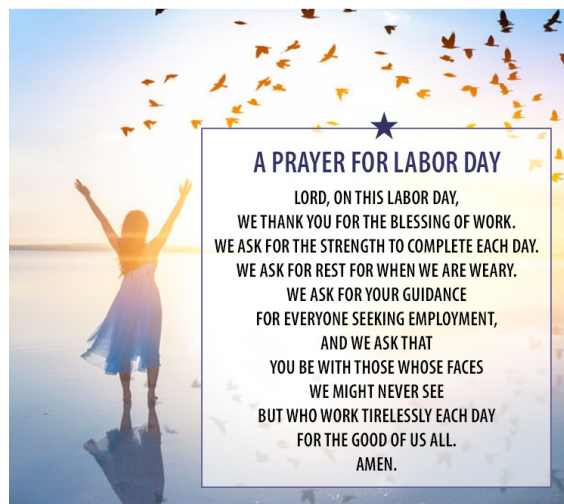
22nd Sunday of the Year



Thoughts from your D.J. Deacon John

We have probably heard or maybe spoken the phrase “No Pain, No Gain”. It seems that it is usually connected to trying to improve some athletic prowess like running or gym work outs. However in today’s Gospel, Jesus is explaining to his disciples what he will face as they are traveling to Jerusalem. We know what that means! He has pain in His future crucifixion which will result in the gain of the joyful Resurrection. We’re all like Peter hoping this pain will not happen! Sometimes it happens without notice, and we can gain great things. Whenever I participate in the Stations of the Cross, I’m typically drawn to Simon of Cyrene who was just passing by and he is pulled in and receives the cross from Jesus in order to help Him. I’m confident when we hear from Jesus today, “we must deny ourselves and take up the cross and follow Jesus,” we can think of Simon of Cyrene. He found a way to help Jesus up the hill. We can find ways to do that ourselves for those in need and when we do so, we will gain an embrace from Jesus and whomever we are helping in His name. When we feel that pain of the cross for Jesus, we will gain the love of God! The Labor we celebrate this weekend gains satisfaction for our work! No pain, no Gain!

Peace, Deacon John



**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time/
September 3rd:** 8:45 AM Confessions/9:30 AM
Mass: /Priest and preacher: Fr. David
Tuesday, September 5th: [Mass at Sacred Heart, 5
PM]
Wednesday, September 6th: [SSAM 8 AM Holy
Hour, 9 AM Mass] [Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni
Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link]
Thursday, September 7th: **Nativity**, in the church
8 AM Holy Hour; 9 AM Mass; Emergency Food
Pantry: Open 1:00-4:00. [SSAM 8:15 Holy Hour
for priests and vocations]
Friday, September 8th: [St. Charles 8 AM/ Holy
Hour/11 AM Mass]
Saturday, September 9th: [SSAM 8 AM Holy
Hour and 9 AM Mass]
**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/
September 10th:** 8:45 Confessions/9:30 Mass:
/Priest and preacher: Fr. Dan



Church Library - Hold on Donations

Thanks to everyone who donated books or use the church library. For now, no more donations are needed. That includes other religious items other than books. Please continue to use the available resources.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

22nd Sunday

First Reading:

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Responsorial Psalm

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading:

Romans 12:1-2

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 16:21-27

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

23rd Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart.

Second Reading:

Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 18:15-20

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus begins to show his disciples that he must suffer greatly from the elders, chief priests, and scribes and be killed and raised on the third day. He goes on to tell them what is required of those who choose to follow Him with these words. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" The message is the same for Christians today. Our faith journey must be one of self-denial, taking up our cross, and following Jesus. This is not a one-time event, but a life-long process. Everyone has been given a measure of faith to begin the journey. Following the will and mission of His Father was not an easy journey for Jesus. Following Jesus will not always be easy for us either.

You may want to spend some quiet time reflecting on where you are on the journey.

When and how have you practiced self-denial?

When and how have you taken up your cross?

In what way have you progressed on your journey to follow Jesus?

Reference: [Mt 16:21-27](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Serve the Parish as a member of the Parish Council

WE ARE DRAWING NEXT WEEK!

PLEASE GET YOUR NAME IN BY WEDNESDAY!

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 Peanut Butter, Side Dishes, and Soup.

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 is the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance Annual Harvest Dinner. It will be held at Eastern Market Shed 5 from 6:00-9:00PM. Tickets are \$75.00 each or a table of 8 for \$550.00. If you are interested in going, please let Anne know. Checks need to be made out to Nativity. Let's try to fill a table to reduce our individual cost.

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

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Mae Johnston (Family)

Carol Sanfilli

(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

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Dennis Novara (Cookie & Jim Kulchy)

Lisa Miller (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

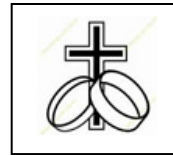
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

9-03: Liam Dombrowski

9-06: Linda Cunningham, Ruth Duddy, & Karl Schwartz

9-07: Dick Couture, Zettie Kelly, & Evan Kent

9-09: Rob Dege



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

9-02: Ned & Diane Impastato

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Deacon John Wright

Joseph Taylor, Pastoral Minister Coordinator

Anne Crowe, Parish Secretary

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams

Norma Danzie

Mashauna Adams

Willie Lewis

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.