

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30 AM



September 24, 2023

25th Sunday of the Year



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

Thoughts from Your DJ...Deacon John

There seems to be a challenging theme in the Sunday Gospels we have read and heard recently. Jesus is often challenging as he clearly teaches how to uphold one of the “Greatest Commandments” which is to love one another as we want to be loved. The sign in front of the Nativity parish house says, “we speak out,” and it describes what Jesus is doing. Jesus wants us to be more concerned with our relationships rather than financial implications. Jesus is all about loving one another no matter what the situation is. Does this fit our world today?

The Gospel this week can somehow reinforce this way of thinking. No matter what the situation is, the landowner is taking care of the people he sees looking for work. When he notices someone needing help, he reaches out to them and helps them and hires them. The financial implication is secondary no matter who they are and when he sees them: they can all be helped. Nobody is ignored. Nobody is superior to another.

Jesus teaches that he sees all as people with the dignity of God’s presence within them. The landowner paid the ones working an hour the same wage as those working the entire day! God is Love and that can be an inspiration for our day to day lives.

One line in the Gospel I’m sure contradicts the point of this message. One of those who worked the whole day complained when he discovered the others got the same amount, “You have made them equal to us.” The landowner’s response confirms that we are all equal in God’s eyes. The landowner says he is generous to all. In our world, this teaches us to care about our family, friends and our neighbors in poverty more than we care about our financial situation. Jesus is a person of unconditional love. We should follow His path just as Dr. Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech encourages us. That speech was all about equality for all with God’s love helping us to do so! Speak out and pray about loving and caring for all people!

BLESSING OF THE PETS

As part of the celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron of animals and creation, we invite you to bring your pet or service animal to the Creation Garden at the Solanus Casey Center on Sunday, October 1st from 11:30AM -1:00PM to be blessed by our Capuchin friars. This year we will celebrate the St. Francis feast day with the Capuchins rather than at individual parishes.

Please note: Only service animals are permitted inside the Solanus Casey Center/St. Bonaventure Chapel.

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

Time/September 24th 8:45-9:15 Confessions/9:30

Mass: /Priest and preacher: Fr. Dan

Tuesday, September 26th [Mass at Sacred Heart, 5 PM]

Wednesday, September 27th [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 28th [Nativity, 8 AM Holy

Hour; 9 AM Mass; Emergency Food Pantry: Open

1:00-4:00] [SSAM 8:15 Holy Hour for vocations]

Friday, September 29th St. Charles: 8 AM Holy

Hour/11 AM Mass

Saturday, September 30th

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time/October

1st 8:45-9:15 Confessions/9:30 Mass: /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.

**HOMECOMING/ALUMNI SUNDAY
OCTOBER 8th**

**We welcome back our Alumni and Past Parishioners!
Reception to follow Mass**

Sign up to help or bring an appetizer or dessert.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

25th Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm

*The Lord is near to all who
call upon him.*

Second Reading:

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 20:1-16

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

26th Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm

*Remember your mercies, O
Lord.*

Second Reading:

Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 21:28-32

**Evangelization Committee
Bible Question of the Week**

In today's Gospel Jesus tells a parable. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard." The owner goes back to the market place four more times, every three hours or so. Each time he goes, he finds workers standing idle waiting to be picked and sends more into his vineyard promising a fair wage. Those thought to be the best workers would have been picked first. No one, it seems, has thought the last round of picks to be worthy, capable, or good enough to be put to work except this landowner. At the end of the workday, those hired last who had worked only one hour were paid first and the same amount as the workers who had toiled all day who were paid last. Those who had worked all day grumbled against the landowner as they expected greater pay than promised and felt unfairly treated compared to those who worked only one hour. The landowner replied, "My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? What if I wish to give these last ones the same as you? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first and the first will be last." What does this reveal to you about the Kingdom of Heaven? How do you feel knowing the last will be first and the first will be last?

Reference: [Mt 20:1-16a](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

This past week, letters to the Alumni and Friends of Nativity were mailed out. In the letters we announced that our SUPER RAFFLE has returned. This is our major fundraiser for the year to help balance the budget. There are copies of the letter and Raffle order forms on the Communion rails for you to take.

Food Pantry

We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we are asking for Fruit, Vegetables and Cornbread Mix.

The Dominican Literacy Center 2023 Spelling Bee Fundraiser Thursday, Sept. 28th at 6pm

Located at Jam Handy, 2900 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit. Delicious Food, Entertainment, Fun AND a team from Nativity, including Wendy Kent, Harry Wimble and Mark Miller.

Dominican is an adult literacy center that does amazing work. \$30/ticket, or \$60/team of 3 spellers.

<http://www.dcliteracy.org/2023-spelling-bee/>

Ask Sr. Marcia for details. She ministers there!

St Patrick Senior Center Celebrates 50 Years! On the day Sr. Mary Watson opened the doors, she served seven meals to Cass Corridor residents in need. Today St. Pat's is Detroit's largest health and wellness center for people 55 and older - thanks to support from so many, including our friends at Nativity parish. To celebrate our milestone, we invite all our friends to join us at our 50th Anniversary Dinner on Sunday, October 15 at MGM Detroit. For complete details, visit www.stpatsrctr.org.

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 29th after Mass until 12:30ish

Sign up today to pass out treats and/or if you are bringing kids who trick or treat.

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY SEPTEMBER 30th

9:30AM IN THE PARISH HOUSE

Bible Study



TOPIC IS THE SUNDAY READINGS



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, and all those who need our prayers. **(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

NEW LOCATION

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**

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 2023

Carole Clemons (Patty Adams and Norma Danzie)

Tim Messerschmidt (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

The Dubiel/LaPrairie Families (The Kulchy Family)

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 1, 2023

Fr. Jerome Singer (The Kulchy Family)

Sr. Jolene VanHandel (The Nativity Family)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

09-24: Jarel Adams, Jr., Jerry Alderman, &
Owen Johnston

09-27: Mike Peralta

09-28: Tom McGovern

09-29: Peter Iwu, Roslyn King, Andrea Milligan,
Lenore Mondalek

09-30: Cookie Kulchy



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

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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 a commitment to social justice, and service to the neighborhood, the community, and each other.