

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Nativity:

Sunday 9:30 AM



November 5, 2023

31st Sunday of the Year



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

Praised be Jesus Christ! Today, Jesus refers to the Scribes and Pharisees, but He focuses us on those who follow Him. We are to be rooted in our identity as Beloved Daughters and Sons of the Father, as Members of Christ's Body and as the Temple of the Holy Spirit. When we are attentive – and not just “maybe-yes-maybe-no” to Jesus within us, when we trust the love of the Father and open our lives-beyond-our-strength to the Holy Spirit, we don't need to signal virtues, flash titles or live defensively around one another. When we suffer, we are as St. Paul says, “more than conquerors because of Him who loved us (Romans 8:37).”

Thanks for coming and praying for our loved ones who have passed during this year. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Black Catholic History Month. November is Black Catholic History Month and we are invited to a celebration at St. Augustine/St. Monica after Mass today, including a short presentation which I will give on early Black Catholic Families in Detroit. There will be vendors and food available.

Here I am, send me! We are getting ready for our Time/Talent/Treasure next week. Please pray in the next days, asking the Lord to open you to the joy of service in the parish.

Praying for Peace. The Holy Father asks us to continue to pray and fast for peace. The other day, I heard from two families I know in the Holy Land, both asking for prayers from us.

The Synod. The first part of the most recent Synod of Bishops (this year, including other members of the Church) finished last week in Rome. One of the commentators suggested before the Synod that there was so much hype about the Synod (from those calling for change, and those fearing destructive change), that the result might be not only that people would be disappointed but feel deceived. The Pope, on his part, has consistently called people to prayer. The official report, the Synthesis Report, can be found in a number of news sources, including this summary, from the Vatican News Service: [Synod Report: A Church that involves everyone and is close to world's wounds - Vatican News](#) We will be looking at the report to see how our Family of Parishes can serve by its inspiration at our next meeting of the Family of Parishes Pastoral Council (January 31st).

The Family of Parishes Pastoral Council met last week at our parish. We reviewed our progress on the Missionary Strategic Plan. Among the events we talked about is our upcoming **Advent Revival** here at Nativity on December 3rd at 3 PM, with Minister Enna Bachelor as our revivalist. We also will have a **training for ministers of hospitality** for people from all of our parishes so that we have committed parishioners greeting people and welcoming people as they come to our parishes. We continued speaking about having a **joint picnic** for all the parishes (in addition to our individual parish picnics). We are working on **training for bereavement ministers** in each parish to better assist families at the time of their loss and to assist them in the following months.

Transitions. As you may have seen, Archbishop Vigneron turned 75 last week and sent in the usual offer of resignation to the Vatican. (continued below)

It seems from conversations in the Archdiocese that a new Archbishop will be appointed in the coming year. The Archdiocese continues to work to find a new pastor for Sacred Heart Parish (who might also help with some of the other parishes), particularly looking at religious orders. We are very blessed that Father David is assigned to our Family of Parishes. Fr. Tim McCabe, other Jesuit and Capuchin priests have given very generous service at Sacred Heart and St. Elizabeth. For the next months, Father David and I will be offering the Saturday evening Mass at Sacred Heart at 5 PM; it was nice to see members of the other parishes two weeks ago.

*With a prayer,
Father Dan*

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time and Prayer for All Souls/ November 5th 9:30 AM Mass livestreamed/ Presider and Preacher: Fr. David

Monday, November 6th 7 PM Detroit Lower Eastside Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next Sunday's reading. Pls email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link]

Tuesday, November 7th [Mass at Sacred Heart, 5 PM]/ 6 PM Men's Faith Sharing

Wednesday, November 8th [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, November 9th [Nativity, 8 AM Holy Hour; 9 AM Mass; Emergency Food Pantry: Open 1:00-4:00 [SSAM 11 AM Bible Study on the Sunday Gospel series on Thursdays, / 6:30 Women's Bible Study on Luke; 8:15 PM Holy Hour for vocations

Friday, November 10th St. Charles: 11 AM Mass

Saturday, November 11th [SSAM 8 AM Holy Hour; 9 AM Mass; Sacred Heart 5 PM: Father David]

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time/November 12th
11:30 Mass Priest and Preacher: Father Dan

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

The past weeks' Gospels told how Jesus' authority and knowledge of the law was questioned and tested by the religious leaders of that time. Today Jesus speaks the truth about them to the crowds and disciples. He said, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen." Jesus goes on to say, they wear large phylacteries (scrolls of the old testaments in leather boxes) and long tassels (a status symbol of distinction). They love places of honor at banquets and in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Why did Jesus instruct them to do and observe all they were told by the scribes and Pharisees, but not follow their example? As disciples of Christ, we are called to share the Gospel and build God's kingdom. What relevance does this message have for us today?

Reference: [Mt 23:1-12](#)

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

31st Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 23:1-12

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

32nd Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

Wisdom 6:12-16

Responsorial Psalm

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

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 25:1-13

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food Pantry

Your support of the pantry continues to be a blessing every week.

Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we are asking for: Noodles, Mac & Cheese and Pork & Beans.

Strangers No Longer Assembly for Human Dignity December 1st at 10 AM

Union Carpenters and Millwrights Skilled Training Center in Detroit. More details coming soon.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE AT NATIVITY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 9:00 AM
THANKSGIVING MASS

DECEMBER 3rd: Advent Revival 3:00 PM

DECEMBER 4th-15th: CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM-Sign ups with shifts for volunteering will be
posted in November.

DECEMBER 24th, 4th Sunday of Advent normal Sunday
Mass time: 9:30AM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: 5:00PM
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: 9:30AM

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Once again, this year we will pack the gifts for the families in our Christmas Program. Our hope is that next year we will be able to have the Christmas Store for families to come in and select their children's gifts.

We know for sure volunteers will be needed for the weeks of November 27-December 15. We could need help picking up food and gifts from other churches that do food drives or have us on their Giving Trees. Dates aren't known at this time, but if that is something you are willing to help with, please let Anne know by calling or emailing the office.

There will be day and evening shifts.

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
November 18th

9:30 AM 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 <https://www.youtube.com/@NativityofOurLord-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/



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

MASS Intentions

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Mert Kroetsch (Family)

Ernestine Carnaghi & The Deceased of the Carnaghi Family
(Fran Carnaghi)

Cynthia Hurford-Minnick &
Charlotte Hurford
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12, 2023

Phyllis Treece (Pantry Volunteers)

Bob McKenzie (Family & Friends)

Kevin Dupre (The Kulchy Family)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK 10/08

11-06: Rashid Buford, Jr.

11-07: Diane Impastato, Trudy Shiemke

11-10: Major Ragland



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

11-7: Gary & Tish Collett

11-10: Jim & Cookie Kulchy

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

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Tish Colett

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Linda Cunningham

Charvala Wheeler

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.