

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Nativity:

Sunday 9:30 AM



November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday of the Year



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

Today, Jesus continues to preach the fifth of His five sermons in Matthew's Gospel. Like the five books of the Torah of Moses, Jesus' five sermons give us the core of His teaching. Today, Jesus teaches wisdom, which is knowing about how things are so that we can live in the Kingdom of Heaven (that is, the best life here on earth which continues into eternity). To be lit and to stay lit, we each need to love. No one can love for us. In order for us to thrive in this life, we have to be like the five women who loved and so did not stumble in the darkness.

Black Catholic History Month. Fun facts: the first African Pope: Pope Victor I. What percentage of Catholics in Nigeria attend Mass at least once a week? 94% In the United States? 17% (we need to call more on the Holy Spirit, rest more on the Sacred Heart, and trust the love of the Father). What American diocese has the highest number of Black Catholics? Brooklyn, NY.

Here I am, send me! To serve the Lord, we need to check our attitude, our attention and our action. If our attitude towards God is loving, we can serve. If our attitude is open to newness, we can serve. If our attitude is right, we'll be attentive and we'll act.

Praying for Peace. Don't give up on prayer! *The race is not given to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all Ecclesiastes 9:11).* Time and chance are affected by our prayer. As James 4:2 says, "You do not receive because you do not ask." Let's keep on asking, especially praying the rosary for peace.

Last week, our Family of Parishes was blessed with the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo and a large number of alumni filled the church basement (boiler down, warmer in the social hall). This coming weekend, St. Elizabeth celebrates its feast day with Mass at 12:05 on Friday. Everyone is welcome.

Revivals. We are especially blessed in the coming weeks with the chance to be renewed by revivals at a west side parish on November 30th at 7 PM (Black Catholic History Month), and at Nativity on Sunday, December 3rd at 3 PM (Advent). Revivals or Missions were started in the Catholic Church after the Council of Trent and were a great source of renewal in the Holy Spirit. The Lord has chosen to give the Holy Spirit in a new way to those who take part in pilgrimages (seeking the Lord in a different place) and in Missions/Revivals (seeking the Lord in a different time). I encourage you to come to both revivals and see how the Lord renews your soul.

*With a prayer,
Father Dan*

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time/Commitment Sunday November 12th 8:45 Confessions/9:30 AM Mass livestreamed/ Presider and Preacher: Fr. Dan

Monday, November 13th 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 14th [Mass at Sacred Heart, 5 PM]/ SSAM 6 PM Men's Faith Sharing]

Wednesday, November 15th [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 16th 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 17th Feast of St. Elizabeth [St. Charles: 11 AM Mass; St. Elizabeth: 12:05 Feast day Mass]

Saturday, November 18th [SSAM 8 AM Holy Hour; 9 AM Mass; [Sacred Heart 5 PM: Father David]

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time/November 19th 9:30 AM Mass livestreamed/ Priest and Preacher: Father 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.

Evangelization Committee Bible Question of the Week

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples a parable. He said, "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise." The foolish ones brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil for their lamps. The bridegroom was long delayed and they all fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" The virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones asked the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise ones replied, "No, for there may not be enough for us and you." While they went to buy oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. When the other virgins returned and asked, "Lord, Lord open the door for us," He replied, "Amen, I say to you, I do not know you. Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." What is the message for us today? What do the lamp and oil represent? What does He mean about "stay awake?" In the chapter prior, Jesus speaks to His disciples about end times. It may be helpful to read it.

Reference: [Mt 25:1-13](#)

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

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

33rd Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

*Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20,
30-31*

Responsorial Psalm

*Blessed are those who fear
the Lord.*

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 25:14-30

SIGN UP TO HELP WITH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AFTER MASS

**TAGS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS ARE IN THE BASKET
BY MARY'S ALTAR**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food Pantry

Your support of the pantry continues to be a blessing every week. In October we had 233 families come for food. That is 531 individuals. Without your support, we couldn't continue doing what we do.

Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we are asking for: Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, and Noodles.

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

SUPER RAFFLE YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We still have over 500 tickets to sell. That is \$15,000 that could be added to our budget. The money we raise through fundraising helps keeps the budget balanced. It pays for unexpected expenses like the hot water tank that needed to be replaced in the parish house, the steam pipes in church that provide heat that due to age need sections replaced from time to time, and it helps with the Gleaners bill so we can continue to provide food to those in need.

As we all know, it is nice to have a little cushion in the bank account for those unexpected expenses.
Will you help by selling a few tickets?

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/



Online Giving

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

MASS Intentions

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 12, 2023

Phyllis Treece (Pantry Volunteers)

Bob McKenzie (Family & Friends)

Kevin Dupre (The Kulchy Family)

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2023

Fr. Jerome Singer (The Nativity Family)

Cameron Lewis (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK 10/08

11-12: Kathey McGovern & Chris McLaughlin

11-16: Jim 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.