

# NATIVITY NEWS

## Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,  
Detroit, MI 48213

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

**Nativity:**  
Sunday 9:30 AM



***Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!***

**November 26,  
2023**

***Jesus King of the  
Universe***

**Matthew 25:31-46**

<sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

Fr. Dan couldn't do an article this week. This is taken from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.  
**SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING: BACKGROUND**

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (*Quas primas*, 7). Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures" (*Quas primas*, 13).

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:

*He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.'* -*Quas primas*, 33

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public. "Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King" (*Quas primas*, 26).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE  
READINGS**

**Jesus King of the Universe**

**First Reading:**

*Exodus 34:11-12, 15-17*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall  
want.*

**Second Reading:**

*1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*

**Gospel Reading:**

*Matthew 25:31-46*

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE  
READINGS**

**First Sunday of Advent**

*Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we  
shall be saved.*

**Second Reading:**

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

**Gospel Reading:**

*Matthew 13:33-37*

**WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!**

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or religious education programs?

Contact Joni Scott, Director of Formation at the Parish House at 313-922-0033.



**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 church and drop in the collection basket.

**Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 26<sup>th</sup>** /8:45 Confessions/9:30 Mass  
Priest and Preacher: Father Dan

**Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** 7 PM Detroit Lower Eastside Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next Sunday's reading. Pls email Joni Scott @ [jiscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jiscott820@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link]

**Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>** [Mass at Sacred Heart, 5 PM]/ SSAM 6 PM Men's Faith Sharing]

**Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** 8 AM Holy Hour, Mass at 9 AM Mass/SSAM [Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ [jiscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jiscott820@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link]

**Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** 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, December 1<sup>st</sup>** [St. Charles: 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** [SSAM 8 AM Holy Hour; 9 AM Mass; [Sacred Heart 5 PM]

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** 9:30 AM Mass  
livestreamed/ Priest and Preacher: Father David  
Advent Revival: 3:00PM

**Evangelization Committee  
Bible Question of the Week**

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues to speak to his disciples about the final judgement. "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left." Those on the right are called blessed by the Father and will inherit the kingdom. Those on the left are called cursed and sent into eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. What did those called blessed do that those called cursed did not? How do you feel when you read the King statement, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." What about the opposite one, "Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me."

Reference: [Mt 25:31-46](#)



The Special Needs Disciples Prayer group is in need of a bus driver to pick up members from group homes.

**You must have a chauffeur's license.**

They meet one Saturday a month in the afternoon beginning again in January. Please see Deacon John for more information. You will be paid for your time.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we need: Pork & Beans, Peanut Butter (yes again), both Large Family Size and the 1lb jars, and Candy for Christmas boxes.

We pre-pack for 30 families each week and 20 single person sizes. So at a minimum we need 125 cans of pork & beans/baked beans weekly. Thank you for your continued support.

### SIGN UP TO HELP WITH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AFTER MASS

#### CALLING ALL PARISHONERS

Can you spare a few hours? We really need help the next few weeks getting our Christmas Assistance program ready to distribute the week of December 11th.

TAGS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS ARE IN THE BASKET  
BY MARY'S ALTAR: Please bring gifts back by December 3rd.

#### DATE CHANGED

Strangers No Longer  
Assembly for Human Dignity  
December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

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

### HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE AT NATIVITY

DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>: Advent Revival 3:00 PM  
DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>: CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent normal Sunday  
Mass time: 9:30AM

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

### SUPER RAFFLE YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Will you help by selling a few tickets?  
RAFFLE FORMS ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE CORNER OF THE  
ELEVATOR WALL.  
Tickets will be passed out in Mass on December 17th for  
those wanting them for Christmas gifts.



## 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.)**



### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

*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 surrounds 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

## 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 church.

Coins for Haiti Jug: Donations are welcomed. Jug is located in front of the church altar.

Parish Website: <https://www.nativitydetroit.org/>

Parish Face Book Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit>

Parish Instagram Page: [https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch\\_detroit/](https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch_detroit/)



# Online Giving

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

## December BIRTHDAYS

Teresa Ragland	12-01	Mary Ellen White	12-05	Phyllis Treece	12-23
Sr. Marcia Haggins	12-02	Billy Dombrowski	12-08	Nikki Woodfork	12-24
Hermenia Romaine	12-02	Lisa Benberry	12-08	Anthony Sierengowski	12-25
Paula Dombrowki	12-03	Mariah Elmore	12-16	Martell Stephens	12-26
Larry Shelton	12-03	Jeanne Purrenhage	12-20	Dolores Kein	12-30
Robert Campernel	12-04	Mark Crawford	12-21		
Terra Jones	12-04	John Pierick	12-22		

**DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 12-03: Melvin & Theresa McCoy, 12-27 John & Gail Urso,  
12-29: Michael & Wendy Kent, Karl & Roseanne Schwartz: 12-31

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** 11-28: Arias Clark, 11-29: Karen Scamihorn, 11-30: Selena Houston

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Marty Carnaghi (Fran & Laura Carnaghi)

Phyllis Treece (Jim & Cookie Kulchy)

Tanya Woods (Nancy Silveri & Tony  
Novara)



### First Sunday of Advent

**December 3, 2023**

Fr. Jerome Singer (The Nativity Family)

Pat Wimble (Jim & Cookie Kulchy)

Joan Sierengowski  
(Anthony Sierengowski)

Emily & Steve Seaman (The Kulchy Family)

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### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams

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Tish Colett

Maura Corrigan

Linda Cunningham

Norma Danzie

Willie Lewis

Chris McLaughlin

Kim Milligan

Mark Miller

Sharon Mudloff

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.*