

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP

SCHEDULE:

Nativity:

Sunday 9:30 AM



December 3, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

Praised be Jesus Christ! Today, St. Mark becomes our evangelist for the year ahead. We begin every Church year with the Scripture showing us the world in need of Jesus. Today, Jesus calls us to be awake, or *nuptic*, which means being awake to God, the Spirit moving in our lives and the world around us. We also have to be awake to and aware of what is going on around us, but mostly, we need to be awake to God.

Revival! This afternoon, in collaboration with the Office of Cultural Ministries and Black Catholic Ministry, our Family of Parishes is hosting a revival at 3 p.m. here at Nativity of Our Lord. After much prayer and searching, the planning committee invited the preacher from this year's Black Catholic Women's Conference, Minister Enna Bachelor, who will preach on *Make My Heart Your Home*. A combined choir will lead our praises in song, prayer teams will pray for us and priests will be available for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick (those who are seriously ill, facing major surgery or whose health is weakened by age). Don't miss out on the blessings Jesus wants to give to you this afternoon.

Becoming a Catholic Many people come into full communion in Christ's Church through the invitation of someone who loves their parish and loves worship. If both of those things are true for you, invite someone you know this week to Mass. Then, let the Holy Spirit take the wheel.

Praying for Peace. Let's keep on asking, especially praying the rosary for peace.

Family of Parishes. Nice to see more people in church last week. Sacred Heart was blessed with three baptisms. A man came up after Mass at Nativity to say he was a visitor who made his First Holy Communion seventy years ago at Nativity. A full parking lot at Saint Augustine/St. Monica for the 10 o'clock. At St. Charles, the witness talk given by one of our young men as part of the homily was exceptional. Didn't make it to St. Elizabeth on Sunday, but still grateful for the graces of the Homecoming weekend.

*With a prayer,
Father Dan*

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

First Sunday in Advent December 3rd 9:30 AM

Mass livestreamed/ Presider and Preacher: Fr.

David/ **3 PM Advent Revival at Nativity**

Monday, December 4th 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, December 5th [5 PM Mass at Sacred Heart]

Wednesday, December 6th [SSAM 8 AM Holy

Hour/9 AM Mass, Presider: Fr. David, Preacher:

Deacon Chris [Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni

Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link]

Thursday, December 7th [No Holy Hour this week/ 9 AM Mass in the Nativity church basement, Capuchin Father]

Friday, December 8th [11 AM Mass at St. Charles Rectory]

Saturday, December 9th [SSAM 8 AM Holy Hour/9 AM Mass/ Sacred Heart 5 PM]

Second Sunday in Advent, December 10th/9:30

AM Mass Priest and Preacher: Father Dan [St. Elizabeth Spaghetti checkbook dinner 2-5]

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

As we end the liturgical year of Ordinary Time and today begin the Holy Season of Advent, the Gospel messages are similar. In Saturday's Gospel Jesus said to His disciples, "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." In today's Gospel, Jesus tells them, "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch." "May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" Advent, (from Latin *adventus*, "coming"), in the church calendar is the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. The Gospel tells us it is also a time of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ. We are His servants left in charge, each with our own work. How will you use your time during Advent and beyond to: Be watchful? Be Alert?
References: [Lk 21:34-36](#); [MK 13:33-37](#)

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading:

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:

Mark 13:33-37

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm

*Lord let us see your
kindness, and grant us your
salvation.*

Second Reading:

2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel Reading:

Mark 1:1-8

Nativity Weekend Retreats

Feb. 6-18, 2024 (Women) and May 3-5, 2024 (Men)

St. Paul Passionist Retreat Center Website: <https://www.stpaulretreat.org/>

Theme: Dancing With God

See details posted in Church. Call or email Hermenia Adams with questions (313-410-0871 / hermenia32@yahoo.com) Sponsored by Nativity Evangelization Committee

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food Pantry

We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we need: Cereal, Tuna, and Noodles.

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 during the week.

DATE CHANGED

Strangers No Longer Assembly for Human Dignity December 15th at 10 AM

Union Carpenters and Millwrights Skilled Training Center in Detroit. See attachment in weekly email and there are some available on the table.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE AT NATIVITY

DECEMBER 3rd: Advent Revival 3:00 PM

DECEMBER 4th-15th: CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: 5:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: 9:30 AM

NEW YEARS DAY: 9:30 AM

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. Ones that need to be mailed will go out no later than December 16th.



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

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Fr. Jerome Singer (The Nativity Family)

Pat Wimble (Jim & Cookie Kulchy)

Joan Sierengowski

(Anthony Sierengowski)

Emily & Steve Seaman (The Kulchy Family)

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

Kevin Dupre (The Kulchy Family)

Pat Wimble (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Joseph Grano (The Corrigan Family)

The Seaman family (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK 10/08

12-03: Paula Dombrowski & Larry Shelton

12-04: Terra Jones

12-05: Mary Ellen White

12-08: Billy Dombrowski & Lisa Benberry



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.