

# NATIVITY NEWS

## Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,  
Detroit, MI 48213

### WORSHIP

### SCHEDULE:

#### Nativity:

Sunday 9:30 AM



December 17, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent



***Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!***

**Praised be Jesus Christ!** Today, we rejoice in the Lord on the Third Sunday of Advent, traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. St. Paul gives us the key to rejoicing today – to be thanking God always.

**Christmas Program.** Thanks to everyone who has helped with this year's Christmas program. Special thanks to Anne for being such a good leader and servant.

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve day.** Among the three parishes, in addition to our Masses at Nativity, we will also have an 8 PM Mass at St. Charles and a Midnight Mass at St. Augustine/St. Monica. On Christmas Day, in addition to our Mass at 9:30, there will be a 10 AM at St. Augustine/St. Monica and an 11:30 Mass at St. Charles.

**Pray about who you will invite to Mass for Christmas.** Many times, the Holy Spirit touches people who come to holiday Masses and they return to practicing their faith. Let's all do our part to open the door.

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

**Family of Parishes** Last week, it was good to see parishioners from our Family of Parishes attending the Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Last Sunday, St. Elizabeth hosted the annual Spaghetti Checkbook dinner and it was good to see parishioners from the other parishes supporting St. Elizabeth. On Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>, we have the chance to thank John Thorne for his service at Sacred Heart and St. Elizabeth, and all of our parishes.

*With a prayer,  
Father Dan*

### 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

## FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

**Gaudete Sunday December 17th** 9:30 AM Mass  
livestreamed/ Presider and Preacher: Fr. David

**Monday, December 18th** 7 PM Detroit Lower  
Eastside Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next  
Sunday's reading. Pls email Joni Scott  
@ [jscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jscott820@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link]

**Tuesday, December 19th** [5 PM Mass at Sacred  
Heart]

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** [8 AM Holy Hour/9 AM  
Mass, Presider: Fr. Dan, Preacher: Deacon Chris  
[Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott  
@ [jscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jscott820@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link]

**Thursday, December 21st, Nativity**, in the church  
basement: 8 AM Holy Hour/ 9 AM Mass

**Friday, December 22nd**, [11 AM Mass at St. Charles  
Rectory]

**Saturday, December 23rd** [SSAM 8 AM Holy Hour/9  
AM Mass [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass, Father David]

**Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 24th/9:30 AM**  
Mass Priest and Preacher: Father Dan/

**Christmas Eve Mass 5 PM** Priest and Presider: Father  
Dan

**Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup>** 9:30 AM Mass Priest

## 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

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, we hear John testify to  
his mission and confirm what we heard from Mark's  
Gospel last week. Jews, Levites and Pharisees were  
sent to ask John who he was. After their inquiries and  
responding that he was not the Christ, not Elijah, or a  
Prophet, he said, "I am the voice of one crying out in  
the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord' as  
Isaiah the prophet said." Then they ask him, "Why  
then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah  
or the Prophet?" He responded, "I baptize with water;  
but there is one among you whom you do not  
recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose  
sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." Both Mark  
and John's Gospels describe John's place in God's  
plan. He was sent by God to bear witness to Jesus the  
Light, so that everyone might believe through him.  
He was not the Light. Notice in Mark's Gospel, John  
told those being baptized, "I have baptized you with  
water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."  
How are you including the Holy Spirit in your Advent  
journey and beyond? Has He helped you know your  
place in God's plan?

References: [Jn 1:6-8, 19-28](#); [MK 1:1-8](#)

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Third Sunday of Advent

##### First Reading:

*Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11*

##### Responsorial Psalm

*My soul rejoices in my God.*

##### Second Reading:

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

##### Gospel Reading:

*John 1:6-8, 19-28*

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

##### First Reading:

*2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16*

##### Responsorial Psalm

*Forever I will sing the  
goodness of the Lord.*

##### Second Reading:

*Romans 16:25-27*

##### Gospel Reading:

*Luke 1:26-38*

I'd like you to send a big Thank You for all the prayers, cards, and messages that my Nativity family has sent during my recovery. It has meant so much to me and I feel truly blessed.

Thanks so much!

Wendy Kent

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

Your 2024 Church envelopes are on the table by the elevator. Please pick them up on your way out. If you would like envelopes, please take a parish registration form and fill it out and return it next week and envelopes will be issued to you.

### THANK YOU!

Another Christmas program is in the books. Thanks to all of you, it was a great success. Final numbers won't be complete until after the holidays, but I'm sure we will be at 100 families and over 400 people served.

Whether you donated a gift, worked setting up, packing, provided lunch, cookies and snacks for volunteers or prayed for the program's success and everyone involved in it, we are truly grateful.

To have such a big program that is run solely on donations with zero expense to the parish is a true testament to the Nativity Family as well as others who joined us in saying "Yes" to Jesus.

Thank you never seems to be enough, but know we are truly grateful and truly say thank you.

### Food Pantry

We are grateful for your continued support and generosity to Nativity Pantry throughout the year.

The pantry will be closed until January 4, 2024.

If you would like to help restock our shelves for when we return, items needed are: Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Peanut Butter, Noodles, Tuna, Cereal, Pork & Beans, and side dishes.

Thank you!

### HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE AT NATIVITY

**DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> 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

You can still purchase Raffle Tickets. Any order received by January 3<sup>rd</sup> will be in the first drawing.



### 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, 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/](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

### Third Sunday of Advent

**December 17, 2023**

Cameron Lewis (The Kulchy Family)

Chico Mondalek (Family)

Daniel Medellion (Anthony Sierengowski)

Phyllis Treece (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**December 24, 2023**

The Volunteers (Anne Crowe)

**Christmas Eve 5:00PM**

The Nativity Family

**Christmas Day 9:30 AM**

Peace on Earth

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK 10/08

**12-20:** Jeanne Purrenhage & Kathy McDonald

**12-21:** Mark Crawford

**12-22:** John Pierick

**12-24:** Nikki Woodfork

**12-25:** Anthony Sierengowski



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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Email: [nativityol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nativityol@sbcglobal.net)

Monsignor Daniel Trapp, Pastor

Deacon John Wright

Joseph Taylor, Pastoral Minister Coordinator

Anne Crowe, Parish Secretary

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams

Norma Danzie

Mashauna Adams

Willie Lewis

Sr. Ellen Burkhardt

Chris McLaughlin

Jerry Burns

Kim Milligan

Tish Colett

Mark Miller

Maura Corrigan

Sharon Mudloff

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.*