

# NATIVITY NEWS

## Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,  
Detroit, MI 48213

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

#### **Nativity:**

Sunday 9:30 AM

#### **St. Charles:**

Sunday 11:30 AM



**December 24, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**



**Christmas Eve**  
**December 25, 2023**  
**Christmas Day**



***Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!***

**Praised be Jesus Christ!** Today we rejoice in the Lord on the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the promise of the Angel Gabriel to Our Lady is announced to us as well: *of His Kingdom, there will be no end.* Thank God for the living Word of God.

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve day.** Among the three parishes, we will also have a 5 PM Mass at Nativity and an 8 PM Mass at St. Charles and Midnight Mass at St. Augustine/St. Monica. On Christmas Day, Mass will be offered here at Nativity at 9:30.

**Planning ahead:** Next Sunday is the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God and New Year's Day. Because it is on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation. There will be Eucharistic Adoration at St. Augustine/St. Monica on New Year's Eve/Watch Night from 7 until midnight. The one Mass for the three parishes will be here at Nativity at 9:30 on New Year's Day. Please reach out and welcome the people who come from other parishes.

**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 Sunday, the designation of Rivard Street in honor of Father Norman Thomas took place and we are grateful to the work of Ms. Suzan Pozey who led the committee in having the street signs installed. In each of the parishes, work has begun in the short transition from Advent to Christmas. Nativity's Christmas Program, with the collaboration of members and resources of the other parishes, was in full gear and over 750 people were served. St. Charles hosted a large congregation for the funeral Mass of Father David's brother, Dr. Robert Preuss. It was good to see so many of the Capuchin friars and Father's homily was an inspiration. The Christmas Bazaar at St. Augustine/St. Monica was beautifully planned and decorated, had wonderful vendors and was well attended. St. Elizabeth had a successful planning meeting for the year ahead as we position ourselves for *a future full of hope* (Jeremiah 29:11)

***Wishing you a wonderful Christmas. Unsolicited advice: focus your heart on thanking God for each of your family members and asking blessings on them.***

I will be visiting my sister and her family in Texas for a few days.

***With a prayer,  
Father Dan***

**TODAY'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*

**Christmas Eve**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**First Reading:**

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

**Responsorial Psalm**

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

**Second Reading:**

*Acts 13:16-17, 22-25*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Gospel Reading:**

*Matthew 1:1-25*

**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 church and drop it in the collection basket.

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.

And she shall  
bring forth a son,  
and thou shalt  
call his name  
Jesus: for he shall  
save his people  
from their sins.  
—Matthew 1:21



**Christmas Day**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**First Reading:**

*Isaiah 52:7-10*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*All the ends of the earth  
have seen the saving  
power of God.*

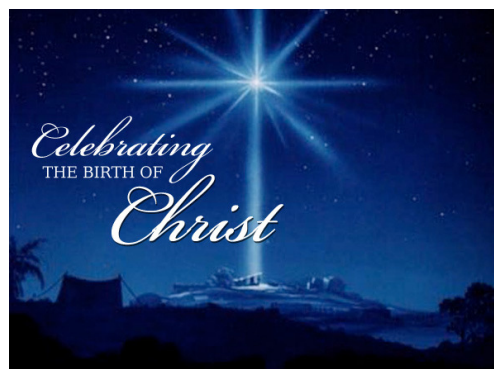
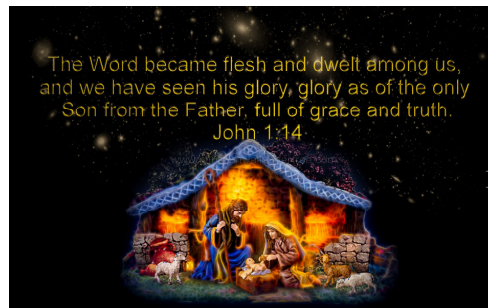
**Second Reading:**

*Hebrews 1:1-6*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Gospel Reading:**

*John 1:1-18*



**Evangelization Committee  
Bible Question of the Week**

On this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, the Gospel tells of Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary. His greeting was, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." Mary was troubled by his greeting. He said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, *for you have found favor with God*. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." As Mary was betrothed to Joseph, of the house of David, and had no relations with a man, Angel Gabriel said, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. Mary replied, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. *May it be done to me according to your word*." How do you perceive God's visits in your life? How has He visited you during your Advent journey? Have you been a visit from God in the life of others? How have you experienced God's favor in your life? How does this text help you to discover the visits of God in your life and how you should respond?

Reference: [Lk 1:26-38](#)

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**  
**NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**

**There is no Holy Hour or Thursday Mass this week.**

The chapel within St Bonaventure happily welcomes all for weekday Mass, especially when we aren't having one. 7:30am Daily Mass and their Jan 1 Mass is at 9am.

**Sunday, New Years Eve:** Normal Mass Schedule

9:30 AM: Nativity

10:00AM: St. Augustine/St. Monica

11:30 AM: St. Charles

**Feast of Mary, the Mother of God and New Year's Day**

Monday, January 1, 2024

**9:30 AM Nativity**

*The Parish Office is closed until January 3rd. Phone messages will be checked daily, so please leave a message if you need something.*

**Offertory Envelopes, 2024:** Please pick up your envelopes on the way out today.

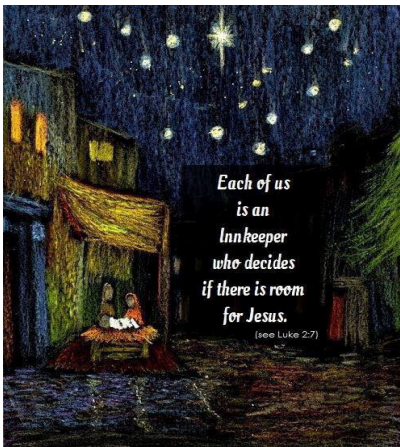
If you do not have envelopes and would like to receive them, we can provide them for you. If you give electronically, we can assign an envelope number to you without a physical set. Please do not use envelopes if you make your contribution online. If you have questions, please contact Anne, in the office, (313) 922-0033.

**Food Pantry**

We are grateful for your continued support and generosity to the 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!



**WE PRAY FOR GOD'S  
HEALING FOR**

Mary Jane 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.)**



**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 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 giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

## MASS Intentions

**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

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
**January 1, 2024 9:30 AM**  
All Women

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**12-24:** Nikki Woodfork  
**12-25:** Anthony Sierengowski  
**12-26:** Martel Stephens  
**12-30:** Ned Impastato & Dolores Kein



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**12-27:** John & Gail Urso,  
**12-29:** Wendy & Michael Kent,  
**12-30:** Karl & Roseanne Schwartz

**If you are a registered member of the parish and your birthday or anniversary isn't listed, please let us know.**

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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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.*