

# 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



*Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!*

December 31, 2023  
Holy Family

AND THE CHILD  
GREW AND BECAME  
**STRONG**  
HE WAS FILLED WITH  
**WISDOM**  
AND THE GRACE

**Praised be Jesus Christ!** Today is the seventh day of Christmas and Holy Family Sunday. We continue to thank God for Jesus being among us. In our families, following the Holy Family, St. Paul tells us to *Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience...*

**Tomorrow is the Solemn Feast of Mary**, the Mother of God and New Year's Day. Because it is on a Monday this year, the Feast this year is not a holy day of obligation. There will be Eucharistic Adoration at St. Augustine/St. Monica this evening, New Year's Eve/Watch Night from 7 until midnight. The one Mass for the three parishes will be here at Nativity at 9:30AM on Monday, New Year's Day. Please join in welcoming members of the other parishes who join us for Mass.

**Next Sunday is the fourth of the great Christmas feasts, the Solemn Feast of the Epiphany** when we remember the visit of the Magi. It is also a traditional day to bless houses. Blessing kits will be available, with instructions, if you would like to bless your house for the year ahead.

**Daily Mass.** A thousand-year-old custom in the Church is for those of us who can to go to Mass each day to hear the living Word of God, to receive the Risen Lord in Holy Communion, and for fellowship. For the first thousand years of the Church, we would gather twice a day for prayer following the old synagogue pattern for Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. If you are able to, I strongly suggest going to daily Mass in this New Year of Our Lord, 2024.

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

**Family of Parishes** Thank you to everyone for the beautiful services at our parishes. About a hundred people took part in *las posadas* at St. Augustine/St. Monica so that we could pray, catch up and eat too much. St. Elizabeth was beautifully decorated and work was done in the hall so we can be together as the Church as we work on the church. Nativity hosted the Sunday 5 PM Mass and good numbers of parishioners from the other parishes came to worship. St. Charles continues to see people start up their worship again after the COVID interruption. The Christmas program for children at Sacred Heart last Saturday morning was a lot of fun, a good time to teach, as well as sing to the Lord.

*With a prayer,  
Father Dan*

### **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 commitment to social justice, and service to the neighborhood, the community, and each other.*

## FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKLY MASSES

**Holy Family Sunday/New Year's Eve December 31<sup>st</sup>** 9:30 AM Mass livestreamed/ Presider: Fr. David and Preacher: Deacon John/ [SSAM: 7 PM to Midnight Eucharistic Adoration in church]

**Monday, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1<sup>st</sup>** Nativity of Our Lord, 9:30 AM Mass Priest: Fr. Dan

**Parish offices closed Christmas through Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pls call the rectory and the staff will return your calls.**

**Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>** [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

**Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>** [SSAM: 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass]

**Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>** Nativity of Our Lord basement hall: 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass]

**Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>** [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

**Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** [SSAM, 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass/Sacred Heart 5 PM]

**Sunday, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 7<sup>th</sup>** 8:45 Confessions and 9:30 AM Mass livestreamed, Presider and Preacher: Fr. Dan

## WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!

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

Contact Joseph Taylor 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 it in the collection basket.

## Evangelization Committee Bible Question of the Week

In the Gospel, Joseph and Mary took infant Jesus to the temple to present him to the Lord and to observe all customs written in the law of the Lord as given to Moses. There was an aged man named Simeon who was righteous and devout, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. He came in the Spirit into the temple and took Jesus into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." A prophetess, Anna, also advanced in years, who having been widowed many years never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. She also received revelation of baby Jesus as Savior and testified to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. The Holy Family returned to Nazareth where Jesus grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. What insights does this scripture give you when you consider: Parents Joseph and Mary? Role of the Holy Spirit? Character of Simeon and Anna?

Reference: [LK 2:22-40](#)

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### The Holy Family

##### First Reading:

*Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*

##### Responsorial Psalm

*Blessed are those who  
fear the Lord and walk in  
his ways.*

##### Second Reading:

*Colossians 3:12-21*

##### Gospel Reading:

*Luke 2:22-40*

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Epiphany

##### First Reading:

*Isaiah 60:1-6*

##### Responsorial Psalm

*Lord every nation on earth  
will adore you.*

##### Second Reading:

*Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6*

##### Gospel Acclamation

##### Gospel Reading:

*Matthew 2:1-12*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Food Pantry Items Needed This Week:** As we open the pantry again this week, we need: tuna fish, pancake mix and syrup, and corn muffin mixes. Many thanks for your generosity!

**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.

## HELP WANTED

The Special Needs Disciple Prayer Group is in need of a bus driver. This involves one Saturday a month through May. You must have a chauffeur license. See Deacon John for details.



## Nativity of Our Lord Prayer Group

**When: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the Month at 9:30 AM  
January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Where: Parish House Living Room  
Led By: Deacon John Wright**

**Scriptures are from the readings we will hear at the Sunday liturgies for that weekend. Books or Copies that include those readings and commentary are available for you to have and take home. We read, share, and pray for one hour maximum about how the Scriptures touch our lives today. *Join us!***



## 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.)**



## 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 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>

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Michael Awan	01-01	Tina Roberts	01-23
Jubilee Archer	01-06	Karen Stevens	01-26
Mary Jane Accavitti	01-09	Michael Peebles	01-26
Jarel Adams	01-12	Joseph Barnes	01-28
Geoff Shahady	01-13	Racine Adams	01-29
Delores Susko	01-13	Monica Bezel	01-30
Fr. Dan Trapp	01-14		



Contact the Parish Office if we missed your birth date or anniversary.

**JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 01-27: Bill & Mickey Dietz, 01-29: Daniel & Charlene Goeddeke

**The Holy Family**  
**December 31, 2023**

Al Mudloff (Family)

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
**January 1, 2023**  
All Women



**The Epiphany**  
**January 7, 2024**

Dorothy Mudloff (Family)

Dorothy Kroetsch (Family)

Emmett Quaine  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

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### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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