

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



January 14, 2024



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

A CUP OF JOE

Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:9

In 1st Corinthians 7:35 Paul states: I say for your benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is appropriate and *to secure* undistracted devotion to the Lord. In the readings today, there are a lot of passages to draw inspiration from to help us overcome the noise and distractions of that world. "Here I am Lord " and "Speak Lord your servant is listening" are two parts of scripture that communicate that our focus should be on Christ, but we often put our focus elsewhere. Sometimes in life, we are so caught up in our interests that we miss the calls of others. Children often miss the calls of their parents because they are too distracted playing video games, watching a movie, or simply on social media. Can you recall moments in your life when you were too busy or too attuned to things you felt were more important or entertaining that you missed the mark on what is important?

Let us ask ourselves, "What often distracts me from hearing the call of God?" Could it be working late or that over-dedication to the gym? Perhaps it's your collegiate studies, a book from your favorite author, or your affinity for a certain hobby. It could even be that so-called can't-miss sports game your favorite team is in.

What is God telling you? How many times have you had the feeling to reach out to someone?

To hear the voice of our God, we have to put away distractions and have moments of silence and meditation so we can hear and respond to the voice of our God just as Samuel and Eli did. And just as God did with Eli, when he speaks he will provide us with a platform to do his will and it won't just benefit us, but the kingdom as a whole.

So let's pray for each one of us to remove some of our distractions. Let's spend time in meditation and say to the lord every morning:

" Here I am lord, speak for your servant is listening."

Prayer

Lord, help me to recognize your voice amid distractions. Grant me the grace to move and respond accordingly. AMEN

Nativity Weekend Retreats

Feb. 6-8, 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

Sunday, Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 14th 9:30 AM Mass livestreamed, Presider and Preacher: Fr. David

Monday, January 15th MLK DAY [11 AM Mass at the Cathedral]

Tuesday, January 16th [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

Wednesday, January 17th [SSAM 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass] [Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ jlsco820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link]

Thursday, January 18th Nativity church basement 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass]

Friday, January 19th [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

Saturday, January 20th [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Sunday, Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 21st 9:30 AM Mass livestreamed, Presider and Preacher: TBD

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

In today's Gospel we see John the Baptist as evangelist. He was with two of his disciples and as Jesus walked by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said, "What are you looking for?" They said, "Rabbi," (translated means Teacher) "where are you staying?" He said, "Come, and you will see." After spending the day with Jesus, Andrew, one of the two, went to find his brother, Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Christ). Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter). Simon could have laughed or ignored his brother Andrew, but something must have been different about Andrew. He knew he had found a treasure and felt a need to share his discovery with his family and friends. Thanks to his enthusiasm, Simon, the future St. Peter, met Jesus. We should ask ourselves: Have I really discovered Jesus? Have I discovered the love, hope and joy that come from Him as Savior? If so, have I overcome any fear, timidity, or anything that keeps me from sharing this treasure with others?

Reference: [Jn 1:35-42](#)

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS Second Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Responsorial Psalm

*Here I am, Lord; I come to
do your will.*

Second Reading:

*1 Corinthians 6:13-15,
17-20*

Gospel Reading:

John 1:35-42

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS Third Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Responsorial Psalm

*Teach me your ways, O
Lord.*

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel Reading:

Mark 1:14-20

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Beginning next week, we will discontinue the announcement about social distancing at the beginning of Mass. We feel at this time that everyone sits where they are comfortable and there is plenty of space for social distancing if that is your choice.


Food Pantry Items Needed This Week: Many thanks for your generosity! This week we need Tuna, Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles.

Offertory Envelopes, 2024: Please pick up your envelopes at church 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.



BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRY

HOLY MASS

FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

IN GRATITUDE FOR THE LIFE, WORK, AND EXAMPLE OF REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

As a champion of civil rights, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dreams were much aligned with many of our Catholic teachings: the life and dignity of all people; care for the poor and vulnerable; solidarity of our one human family, regardless of race, ethnicity, religious, or economic differences; fair wages and treatment in civic matters; peace, equality, and justice among all; and discipleship of Christ. Please join us in praying for continued progress on the work begun by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to bring peace to our country and the world.

Presider and Homilist:
Bishop Gerard Battersby

Deacons:
Deacon Michael Heard (*Our Lady of Sorrows*) and Deacon John Wright (*St Elizabeth*), with music by William Harrison

Date / Time / Location
Monday, January 15, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Detroit, MI)



WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR

Mary Jane Accavitti, Brandon Adams, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Michele Bezel, 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, 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/



Online Giving

[DONATE HERE](#) or go to the giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

MASS Intentions

Second Sunday of the Year

January 14, 2024

Fr. Dan Trapp (The Nativity Family)

Wynter Cole-Smith (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Third Sunday of the Year

January 21, 2024

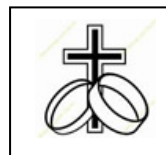
Phyllis Treece (The Kulchy Family)

Emily Fazi (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Dale Grace (The Nativity Family)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK 10/08

01-14: Fr. Dan Trapp



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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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.