

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

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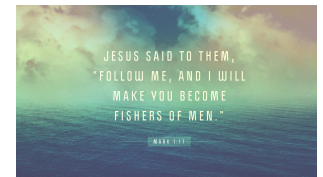
Sunday 9:30 AM

St. Charles:

Sunday 11:30 AM



January 21, 2024
3rd Sunday in
Ordinary time



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

A reflection from your DJ (Deacon John)

A special word we can come to know as we read the Scriptures this week is the word “process.” One of the classes for the diaconate or pastoral associate formation was taught by a wonderful nun. The class was to help us to be able to present to the parishioners in our ministries. We were told not to use the phrase, “Here is a program or event for you!” We had to give a presentation to our class and could only use the phrase, “Here is a process for you to experience.” The process is described in the Gospel this week (Mark 1:14-20) when we hear, “repent and believe in the Gospel” or when He tells the apostles to, “come after me and I will make you fishers of men”. Jesus is beginning the PROCESS for these disciples!

Recently, I was invited to attend a Mass and dinner to celebrate four seminarians at different stages of the process of becoming priests. They each gave a summary of each of their calls to the priesthood. As I was reading today’s Gospel in preparation for this article, I recalled how the seminarians at that event explained the process of how they decided to pursue the priesthood. They were being called by Jesus just like the Gospel!

The men in formation talked about their families as they began this journey (process.) Another part of today’s Gospel that has always touched me as a son, a brother, a dad, and a grandfather is the one line after Jesus started the process by calling “James, the son of Zebedee and his brother John.” Their process included following Jesus and leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat. That began a process for Zebedee as he watched his sons follow Jesus. The process for him was a bit complicated but after some time, as he prayed, the process brought him great joy.

We may often experience a process in our lives. When we receive Jesus in the Eucharist the process continues. We try with the help of Jesus to make the best of our lives. That involves listening to Jesus in the Gospels which results in us serving those in the world that are in need. We can begin the process of following the Lord as his Disciple. Being in that process is a great New Year’s Resolution. Enjoy the prayers and process! Spirituality is a beautiful process of growth in our relationship with God!

That worked for James and John.

Nativity Weekend Retreats

Feb. 16-18, 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

Sunday, Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 21st 9:30 AM Mass livestreamed, Presider : Br. John Celichowski

Monday, January 22nd 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, January 23rd [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

Wednesday, January 24th [SSAM 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass] [Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link]

Thursday, January 25th Nativity church basement 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Communion Service]

Friday, January 26th [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

Saturday, January 27th [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 28th 9:30 AM Mass livestreamed, Presider; Br. Peter Chinnappan

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, the time of waiting is over. God is about to begin His reign. John the Baptist belonged to the time of preparation and completed his mission. He has been put in prison and silenced. Jesus belongs to the time of the establishment of the reign. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As He passed by the Sea of Galilee, He calls His first disciples who will become the builders of His kingdom far beyond Galilee. He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." He called James and his brother John who were in a boat mending their nets. They left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed Him. They followed Him immediately! All Christians are called to discipleship - to be kingdom builders sharing Good News. How do you respond? Is there a sense of urgency in your daily life or do you tend to say, "wait a minute?" If so, what causes you to procrastinate?

Reference: [Mk 1:14-20](#)

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fourth Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel Reading:

Mark 1:21-28

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food Pantry Items Needed This Week: Many thanks for your generosity! This week we need Soup, Peanut Butter (yes again,) and snacks.

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.

SUPER RAFFLE: It is not too late to get in the 2024 **NATIVITY SUPER RAFFLE**. There are 48 weeks left, which is 144 chances to win. Two parishioners have won the \$100 prize so far, pretty good after only 3 weeks.

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.



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, 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 Givi

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

MASS Intentions

Third Sunday of the Year
January 21, 2024

Phyllis Treece (The Kulchy Family)

Emily Fazi (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

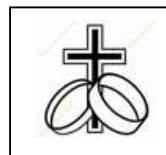
Dale Grace (The Nativity Family)

Fourth Sunday of the Year
January 28, 2024

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK 10/08

01-23: Tina Roberts

01-26: Karen Stevens & Michael Peeples



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

01-27: Bill & Mickey Dietz

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

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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.