

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Nativity:

Sunday 9:30 AM

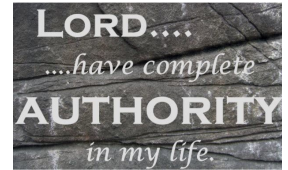
St. Charles:

Sunday 11:30 AM



January 28, 2024

4th Sunday of the
Year



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

A CUP OF JOE

"I would like you to be free of anxieties." **1st Corinthians 7:32**

The season of Lent will start in a few short weeks. At that time, we are expected to fast and let go of lavish goods and attempt to remove things that can distract us from being our best reflection of Christ. This includes worry and not letting God dictate our lives. In today's Gospel, Jesus wants us to remove anxiety and allow him to be the authoritative figure that rules our lives. So, what are some things that you can do to let that happen?

As we prepare for lent, detach ourselves from things of the flesh and allow more room for Christ to dwell in us. I recall 1st Corinthians 6:19-20 which states, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own."

In knowing that our bodies belong to Christ, we must grant him full authority over them, which includes surrendering our emotional and physical needs. We sometimes endure hardships and battles, but with grace, confidence, and hope we can overcome the negativity of the world. As Christians, we need to operate in hopes and understanding that God is stronger than anything we face and that he will come to save us, even from ourselves. But, we have to do our part. There are three things we can start with. The first is having a good confession. In confession, we surrender our past wounds to Christ. Confession of our sins can also release us from guilt and shame. The second is to have a strong prayer life which includes being thankful. So try this, instead of focusing on the bad, look around you today, what are some things that are going well in your life? What are some things you don't have to worry about? For example, maybe you have a place to live with heat and food or water. Thank God for the good you have. The third thing is to study the life of Jesus and read about the lives of his saints. Studying Jesus' works of salvation and the works of the saints can empower us, and help us to recognize Jesus' hand in our lives. We understand that He isn't just watching us, that He is walking with us in our decision-making throughout the course of our lives.

So by doing these three things, a good confession, having a strong prayer life, and studying the life of Jesus and his saints, we can come to recognize the Spirit of God is more powerful than anything in this world. It is more powerful than the things we fear or worry about. It helps us to be true to our call of bringing salvation to those who are lost no matter how the circumstances may seem. In closing, we have to surrender to God those unclean thoughts, negative desires, and worries that fog our minds and let Jesus rule and guide us.

Prayer

"Lord, I open myself to You and Your voice of authority. Help me to allow You to speak with clarity and truth. As You do, help me to be open to allowing You to change my life. Jesus, I trust in You."

(prayer is from <https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/>)

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

**TODAY'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

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

Fifth Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

Job:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm

*Praise the Lord, he heals
the brokenhearted.*

Second Reading:

*1 Corinthians
9:16-19, 22-23*

Gospel Reading:

Mark 1:29-39

WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!

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.



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 in the collection basket.

Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, January 28th 9:30 AM Mass livestreamed, Presider; Fr. David

Monday, January 29th 7 PM Detroit Lower Eastside Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next Sunday's reading. Please email Joni Scott:

@ jlscott820@gmail.com or Hermenia Adams: hermenia32@yahoo.com, to receive the Zoom link]

Tuesday, January 30th [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

Wednesday, January 31st [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, February 1st Nativity church basement 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM TBD]

Friday, February 2nd [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

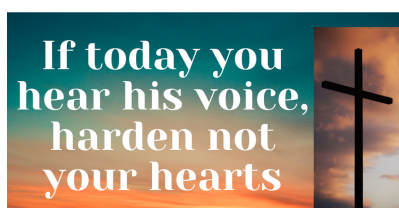
Saturday, February 3rd [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 4th 9:30 AM Mass livestreamed, Presider: Fr. David

**Evangelization Committee
Bible Question of the Week**

In today's Gospel, Jesus entered the synagogue on the sabbath and taught. "The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." There was a man there with an unclean spirit. "He cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit came out with a loud cry. "All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority." The Gospel concludes with, "His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee." What amazes you about Jesus that causes you to spread His Good News – His teachings and faithfulness to His promises; answer to your prayers; healing; the gift of His Holy Spirit; the gift of faith; or something else?

Reference: [Mk 1:21-28](#)



WHAT'S HAPPENING
COFFEE AFTER MASS

Many people have suggested that we have a basket out for donations for coffee and donuts after Mass. Beginning this week a basket will be on the table. The money collected will be given to the next host to help with the cost. We are hoping this will help encourage people to sign up to host. Please call Anne in the office if you have questions about what you need to do if you are hosting.

Food Pantry

We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we need Spaghetti Sauce, Noodles and Bags of Individually Wrapped Valentine Candy. Again, thank you never seems to be enough, but THANK YOU!

Jail Ministry Seeks Volunteers

The Wayne County Jail Outreach Ministry (WCJOM) is seeking volunteers to provide religious services upon request of jail inmates and to assist with helping returning inmates when they are released from custody. We hope to serve 500 clients in 2024. Our offices are at 8642 Woodward Ave, Detroit 48202 in the Works of Mercy Center. We partner with Chance for Life and Catholic Charities. We provide food, clothing, medical and dental needs, substance abuse services, and job training and job placement. If you have a heart for this work, please contact Maura Corrigan at 313-920-4966 or justicecorrigan@hotmail.com. Thank you for considering our request!

LENTEN FAITH SHARING GROUPS

We are two weeks away from the beginning of the Lenten season. We are sure Fr. Dan would like us to continue in the same format as last year with all of the different group opportunities in the family of parishes. We are looking for people to lead groups. If you are willing to lead a group, please let Anne or Joe know this week, by Monday if possible. It can be zoom, in your home or at the parish house. We already have a commitment for Sunday after Mass.



**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, 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, Barron Scott, Joyce Shahady, Edith Simmons, 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.)**



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

At the Solanus Casey Center

1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9:30AM to 4:00PM

REMINDERS:

Sunday Mass is streamed on the Parish's FB Page: Nativity - 9:30 AM & St. Charles – 11:30 AM

Church Library: Feel free to take and use books and other resources available in the back of church.

Coins for Haiti Jug: Donations are welcomed. Jug is located in front of the church altar.

Parish Website: <https://www.nativitydetroit.org/>

Parish Face Book Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NativityDetroit>

Parish Instagram Page: https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch_detroit/



Online Giving

DONATE HERE or Go to giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Drew Gulewicz	2-02	Theresa McCoy	2-07	Ewan Dombroski	2-17
Aria Shannon	2-02	Sr. Ellen Burkhardt	2-09	Sharon Estes	2-21
Frank Candela	2-03	Kassidy Hurt	2-10	Adrian Gabriel	2-21
Tiffany Marshall	2-03	Kyle Hurt	2-10	Giuseppina Darolfi	2-22
Alessia Hardway	2-05	Helen Randall	2-14	Terrell Halthon	2-24
Pamela Ford	2-06	Jerry Susko	2-16	Christine Pentrack	2-25
				Carol Frattini	2-29

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 2-17: John & Sharon Estes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Racine Adams, Joseph Barnes, & Monica Bezel

Fourth Sunday of the Year January 28, 2024

Chico Mondalek (Family)
Lisa Miller (The Kulchy Family)
Luz Ramos (The Nativity Family)
Sandy Leone
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)



Fifth Sunday of the Year February 4, 2024

Rose Jansen (The Nativity Family)

Fabio & Pierre Bernabel
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

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