

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP

SCHEDULE:

Nativity:

Sunday 9:30 AM

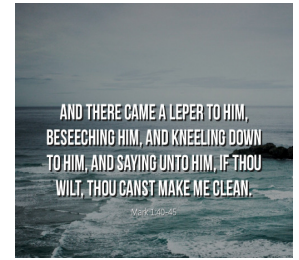
St. Charles:

Sunday 11:30 AM



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

February 11, 2024
6th Sunday in
Ordinary time



A CUP OF JOE

This week's first reading and Gospel are from the Books of Leviticus and Mark. They both discuss how to deal with the lepers in their prospective time periods. Lepers were people who have the disease leprosy that leaves its victims disabled, broken, contagious, and lost. In the book of Leviticus, worshippers of God are given instructions to outcast them and label them as unclean. In comparison to Mark's Gospel, we can examine how Jesus deals with them with love, concern, acceptance, and courage.

In the scriptures, leprosy can be seen as a symbol of sin and uncleanness. Uncleanness and sinfulness can have detrimental effects on us in our mission as Christians. Sin can disable, deform us, render us unrecognizable, and separate us from God. So this leads to the question of "What are we to do with sinners? Do we label them and cast them out or do we respond with the intent to give love and bring them into our church community?" The answer is simple. As Catholic Christians, we are always called to do as Christ did. We are all lepers in a way and Jesus is here in our midst to let us know that we belong and our limitations end where his compassion begins, a compassion that's genuine, loving, and strong.

Jesus saw the horrendous emotional and physical pain of the lepers and saw that they have value and worth. In the same way, he sees us in our sin worthy to still be loved. Jesus has come to clean us and make us whole just as he did the lepers. But we must be willing to come to him and not get fixed on identifying the wrongs in people and ourselves. Many people have walked away from the church thinking the church does not want or cannot accept them. But Christ wants us. He wants us as we are and he asks us to bring our brokenness, our confusion, our doubts, fears, anxieties, addictions to him because he wants to make us whole again.

Prayer

"Jesus, we humbly come to you and ask you to touch our mental, physical, emotional, financial and spiritual wounds and make us whole. Amen"

"Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel, Saint Joseph, and Mother Mary please pray for us."

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 11th
9:30 AM Mass live streamed, Presider :

Monday, February 12th 7 PM Detroit Lower Eastside
Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next Sunday's
reading. Pls email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com or
Hermenia Adams @Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the
Zoom link]

Tuesday, February 13th [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

Wednesday, February 14th ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM Mass St. Augustine/St. Monica

12:00 Noon Mass Nativity

6:00 PM St. Charles

[Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott
@ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link]

Thursday, February 15th Nativity church basement 8 AM
Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass Presider: Fr. John McKenzie

Friday, February 9th [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the
rectory]

Saturday, February 10th [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Sunday, Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 18th
9:30 AM Mass live streamed, Presider; Fr. David

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, a leper broke the rules of religion
and approached Jesus. He was excluded from society
and considered unclean and sinful. The same for
anyone who came close to him. He said to Jesus, "If
you are willing, you can cleanse me!" In other words,
"There is no need for you to touch me! If You are just
willing that is enough to heal me." Jesus heals him
first from his solitude. He also breaks the law of
religion at that time and touches the leper. It is as
though He says to him, "For me, you are not an
outcast. I welcome you as a brother!" He heals his
leprosy, saying, "I am willing. Be cleansed!" He tells
the leper to tell no one of this, but to present himself
to the priest and offer his cleansing for what Moses
prescribed as proof for them. Instead, he left and
spread the news of his cleansing abroad. Who are
the marginalized and outcast of society today? As a
society, are we moving in the direction of Jesus'
example? How about the church? Is everyone
received and extended a brotherly welcome as Jesus
demonstrates? Like the leper, do you freely share
what the Lord has done for you?

Reference: [Mk 1:40-45](#)

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sixth Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

Responsorial Psalm

*I turn to you, Lord, in the
time of trouble, and you fill
me with joy of salvation.*

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel Reading:

Mark 1:40-45

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

Genesis 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm

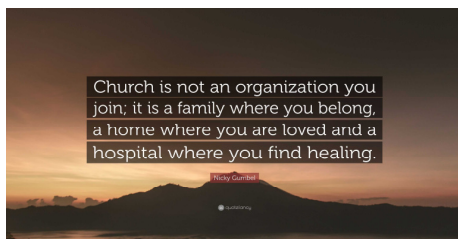
*Your ways, O Lord, are love
and truth, to those who
keep your covenant.*

Second Reading:

1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel Reading:

Mark 1:12-15



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food Pantry Items Needed This Week: Many thanks for your generosity! This week we need Pork & Beans, Soup and Snacks..

Just a thought: If you live alone, do you have someone who you check in with everyday? Or do you know someone who lives alone that you could just check in on every day? Would you be interested in someone calling to check on you or you calling them to check in? Please let Anne know if you are interested in something like this. If there is an interest, we can get a list together.



ASH WEDNESDAY: February 14th

9:00 AM Mass St. Augustine/St. Monica
12:00 Noon Mass Nativity & Sacred Heart
5:00 PM Sacred Heart
6:00 PM St. Charles

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH SOUP SUPPER: Every Friday rotating with St. Charles

You can sign up to attend and/or bring soup to either church

February 16th: 6:00 PM: Nativity
February 23rd: 6:00 PM St. Charles
March 1st: Nativity
March 8th: St. Charles
March 15th: Nativity
March 22nd: St. Charles
(If there is any change, we will let you know)

LENTEN FAITH SHARING GROUPS:

MONDAY, February 19th: 7:00 PM: Email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com or Hermenia Adams @ Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link

SATURDAY Mornings: Parish House 9:30 AM beginning February 17- March 30th.

If anyone would like to host a Sunday group after Mass please let Anne know. It can begin at the end of coffee and donuts.



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

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/



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

MASS Intentions

Sixth Sunday of the Year February 11, 2024

Thurman Bailey (The Nativity Family)

Trudy Shiemke (The Pantry Volunteers)

Dr. Bob Preuss (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

Joseph & Josephine Novara
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Helen Randall (The Nativity Family)

Doris Pelham (Frances & Laura Carnaghi)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK 10/08

2-14: Helen Randall

2-16: Jerry Susko

02-17: Ewan Dombrowski



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

2-17: John & Sharon Estes

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

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Chris McLaughlin

Kim Milligan

Mark Miller

Sharon Mudloff

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.