

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 18, 2024
1st Sunday of Lent

"THE TIME IS FULFILLED,"
HE SAID, "AND THE
KINGDOM OF GOD IS
NEAR. REPENT AND
BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL!"
- MARK 1:15



ABOUT FR. DAVID BUERSMEYER

When I let go of administrative duties last July and became what is called a "Senior Priest," I told Archbishop Vigneron I was looking forward to being available to cover Masses and other sacramental needs when my brother priests needed help. I did not expect to be asked to administer a parish. Certainly not five of them! Yet, when the archbishop asked me to administer the five parishes of the Lower Eastside Family of Parishes for the next few months, I had a very peaceful feeling and gladly accepted this assignment.

I know it will be both challenging and rewarding. Challenging, because each parish has its own identity and needs, and you have just lost the leadership of Msgr. Dan Trapp, a truly gifted priest and man of God. And Fr. Norm Thomas' death about a year ago was a huge loss, especially for Sacred Heart, St. Elizabeth, and for all the many people and outreaches in which he was so actively involved. Such men and priests are not truly replaceable. But I accepted this assignment because I know it will also be rewarding. These faith communities have a history of resiliency, strong faith, dedicated people, and joyful worship. I know my faith will be strengthened.

A more permanent, long-term plan for pastoring these parishes is being worked on by the Archdiocese. My role is to help the parishes keep moving forward on their mission in the interim. Fr. Preuss and Fr. McCabe will continue to provide the priestly support they do so well, and I will assume the sacramental responsibilities that Msgr. Trapp provided.

I always tell people the best way to get to know me is through my preaching, but if you want more information, I invite you to peruse www.churchworldkingdom.org, a website I created as I entered Senior Priest status. Please continue to direct any needs or concerns to the pastoral associates/leaders in each parish. I will be in continual contact with them. Looking forward to our journey together these next few months.

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

First Sunday of Lent, February 18th 9:30 AM Mass live streamed, Presider; Fr. David

Monday, February 19th 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 20th [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

Wednesday, February 21st
[Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link]

Thursday, February 22nd Nativity church basement 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass Presider: Fr. John McKenzie

Friday, February 23rd [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

Saturday, February 17th [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Second Sunday of Lent, February 25th 9:30 AM Mass live streamed, Presider; Br. Gary

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 the Gospel on this first Sunday of Lent, we hear, *"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him."* Consider how Jesus may have felt in His humanness. His temptations were just as difficult to resist as those we encounter...sometimes in subtle ways not recognized, such as wanting to find an easy way to avoid difficulties. The challenge is to walk through pain and darkness; to persevere and take the difficult path trusting God will use it for our good. For Jesus, time in the desert prepared Him for His earthly mission. What temptations or challenges do you encounter that hinder your purposes or work as Christ's disciple? How will you use this Lenten season as an opportunity to face and grow from them? How will you be different at the end of your Lenten journey than when you began? Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit guides us. We too have angels available and many Christians on this journey with us!

Reference: [Mk 1:12-15](#); [Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#).

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading:
Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm
I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading:
Romans 8:31-34

Gospel Reading:
Mark 9:2-10



"He fasted for forty days
and forty nights..."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food Pantry Items Needed This Week: Many thanks for your generosity! We know it will be a good week when donations fill the shopping cart. This week we need Cereal, Soup, and Fruit.



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 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.

2024 Lenten Series: The Sacraments – A Lifetime of Grace,

Begins Wednesday, February 21st and every Wednesday through Lent.

Daytime talks at the Solanus Casey Center begin with a Mass in the chapel at Noon. Mass will be followed by lunch and the presentation by our speaker and conclude with an optional Blessing of the Sick Service at 2:00 p.m.



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

First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

Joseph, Josephine & Dennis Novara
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Helen Randall (The Nativity Family)

Doris Pelham (Frances & Laura Carnaghi)

Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024

Fr. Dan Trapp
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

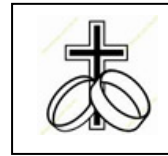
Tom Mudloff (Family)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK 10/08

2-21: Sharon Estes & Adrian Gabriel

2-22: Giuseppina Darolfi

2-24: Terrell Halthon



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

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Fr. David Preuss, Priest in Solidum

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Maura Corrigan

Linda Cunningham

Norma Danzie

Willie Lewis

Chris McLaughlin

Kim Milligan

Mark Miller

Sharon Mudloff

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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.