

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

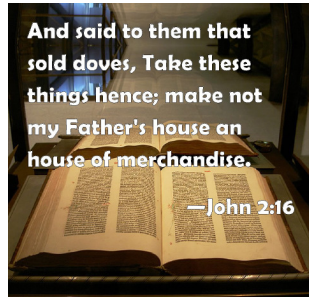
Nativity:
Sunday 9:30 AM

St. Charles:
Sunday 11:30 AM



Praised Be JESUS CHRIST!

March 3, 2024
3rd Sunday of Lent



A CUP OF JOE

In our first reading today, we are presented with the Ten Commandments. The Israelites were given these Laws because they disobeyed God. Laws are rules that bind all people living in a community. They protect our general safety and ensure our rights as citizens against abuses by other people. The Ten Commandments are Mosaic Laws that also serve the purpose of setting boundaries to protect us from entering into eternal damnation.

I recall a wise man stating that rules aren't made to prevent people from having fun, but they are made to make sure that people manage their fun with purpose and dignity. Why do we break these laws? One reason is a desire for more which often leads to us wanting things that are unhealthy for us. Amid the unhealthy habits and people, we come to start making sinful decisions that can strip away our God-given dignity.

To help protect ourselves from breaking God's laws and falling into sin, healthy boundaries need to be set. Christians must be willing to say no to sinful habits that take them out of the light of Christ. It's not a rejection of people, but a rejection of sinful habits. In today's gospel, we see Jesus' love for his Father pushes him to take the initiative of setting boundaries in his father's house by driving away the sinful habits of the money changers. They made decisions that were against the love of God, decisions that rejected the dignity and worth God wishes to clothe us in.

We can all be materialistic at times like the money changers, but we need to stay within the bounds of Christ's love and protection by obeying his laws and rejecting our sinful nature. Just like we sometimes yearn for something negative, Christ yearns for us to give more of ourselves to Him. When we do that, we can become an extension of His love. That love extends to sinners and transforms their souls allowing them into the bounds of Christ's everlasting life.

Lord God, help us to love ourselves by conquering temptations that seek to pull us away from you. Amen

Don't forget Wednesday Night, March 6th at 6:00PM is the Spirit Awards.

Come and support the great volunteers in the parishes but especially ours.

BEN & ANITA FLORES

Easter Triduum/Mass Schedule - 2024

Holy Thursday at St. Charles 6:00PM
Good Friday 12:30 PM/Stations 1:00 Service
Easter Vigil at Nativity 8:30 PM Mass
Easter Sunday 9:30 AM Mass

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Third Sunday of Lent, March 3rd 9:30 AM Mass live streamed, Presider; Fr. Dave Buersmeyer

Monday, March 4th 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, March 5th [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

Wednesday, March 6th
[Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link]

Thursday, March 7th Nativity church basement 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass Presider: Fr. Dave Buersmeyer

Friday, March 8th [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

Saturday, March 9th [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 10th 9:30 AM Mass live streamed, Presider: Fr. David Preuss

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, at a time near the Passover of the Jews, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found those in the temple who sold oxen, sheep, and doves which were to be used as a sacrifice. Jesus made a whip and drove them out of the temple area with the animals and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He commanded those who sold doves to take them out and to stop making his Father's house a marketplace. His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, "*Zeal for your house will consume me.*" The Jews responded, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." They thought He meant the temple building, but He was speaking about the temple of His body. Jesus cleansed the temple of corruption and sinful activities that distracted from proper worship. Are there distractions or activities to cleanse from the temple of your heart and soul for more zealous worship of God? Lent is a good time to work on it.

Reference: **[Jn 2:13-25](#)**

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

Exodus 20:1-17

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel Reading:

John 2:13-25

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second Reading:

Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel Reading:

John 3:14-21

Stepping Out in Faith: Evangelization Training

Stepping Out in Faith will be an opportunity for participants to become more effective and more confident at sharing their faith and helping others encounter Jesus in daily life. We'll have a presentation and then demonstrate and practice scenarios that could occur in families, out in public, with co-workers or neighbors, all of which can become opportunities to share the goodness of the Lord. Stepping Out in Faith will be held in the St. Augustine St. Monica social hall on Saturday March 9 from 12:00 to 4:00. Lunch is included. There is no charge. Please RSVP to (313) 921-4107 or kocourek.genevieve@saintamparish.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food Pantry Items Needed This Week: Many thanks for your generosity! This week we need Cereal, Peanut Butter, and Macaroni & Cheese.



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.

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.

EASTER BAG GIVEAWAY

It's that time of year again and we are collecting items for the Easter Bags/Baskets for the children of pantry families and those at Mass.

We are hoping to fill 60 bags.

Ideas of Items we need:

Stuffed Animals

Individual wrapped candy & snacks

Individual Wrapped Chocolate Easter Bunnies

Little Toys

Sidewalk chalk

Things that teens would like

Whatever other items you would put in a basket.

You can also bring in filled bags or baskets.

Please bring to church by March 17th.



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

Third Sunday of Lent March 3, 2024

Sue Winay
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Robert Kohloff (Family)

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 10, 2024

Willie Clay (The Nativity Family)

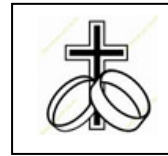
Brian Talley (Bakery Friends)

Fran Kausic (Frances Carnaghi)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK 10/08

3-05: Sr. Barbara Bouchard & Jimmy Duddy

3-07: Willie Clay & Gail Osborne



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Fr. David Buersmeyer, Administrator

Fr. David Preuss, Priest in Solidum

Deacon John Wright

Joseph Taylor, Pastoral Minister Coordinator

Anne Crowe, Parish Secretary

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams

Mashauna Adams

Sr. Ellen Burkhardt

Jerry Burns

Tish Colett

Maura Corrigan

Linda Cunningham

Norma Danzie

Willie Lewis

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.