

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



July 21, 2024
16th Sunday of the
Year

A CUP OF JOE

Before we go into the reading, and examine what it is to be a righteous shepherd for Christ under chaotic times. It's important to recognize the apostles are back from their overwhelming mission of casting out demons and preaching the gospel. They need rest. Judea was under Roman occupation and division was widespread. Amid that division, the people of God have leaders who are not living up to their greatest potential. So, the people are hungry for a shepherd to guide them while under corrupt Roman leadership rule.

Now after coming off a chaotic few weeks. We have learned firsthand how chaos can erupt quickly. We see so much divisiveness in the world. Chaos is a friend of division. This election year has been nasty, holistic, and extremely divisive. Some of us are dealing with division in our homes, workplaces, cities and the list goes on. There wouldn't be a more perfect time for a message of reconciliation and messages of courage to call for unity by the people of God who embody the message of Christ.

In this Sunday's readings, we can examine what it is to be called a messenger and a shepherd. Also, what type of Shepard was Christ? Christ is the embodiment of peace. The book of Matthew discusses the beatitudes, and One of them is blessed are the peacemakers. It's the blood of Jesus Christ, they can destroy the walls of hostility, and make peace, for it was Christ's blood that invited the apostles to end and amend the division of the gentiles and Jews. Our bible tells us that we are one body in Christ Jesus. It was Christ who sacrificed his body and blood that invites unity. We as Catholics receive it every time we attend mass.

Jesus is a compassionate shepherd who sacrificed so much of himself and teaches the importance of mercy and love. Mercy and love are the two cornerstones of unity. Christ's mercy extends itself over the wall of hostility and brings others together. His love is overwhelming and grants forgiveness, direction, and peace to all who open themselves to receive it. In the second reading, we see that Paul stresses a particular aspect of God's plans of bringing all nations into a single family, wiping away the differences that sin builds. All are welcome to the table of Christ.

In the first reading of Jeremiah, we see that God does have expectations for his shepherds. And will hold those accountable who lead his sheep astray. Often we blame leadership and in some cases rightly so. But Jesus is saying follow me, I will hold accountable those who lead you astray, but focus on me. Focus on my relentless love for you. I will find you and guide you out of the wildness your former leaders guided you in. Jesus also recognized how taxing preaching the word of God can be, so he told his apostles to find a quiet place to reflect and rest. But then Jesus prioritizes the spiritual and physical needs of the crowd. He took up the workload and sacrificed his time to the masses.

So, how do we transcend the conscience of Christ in a broken division world? How do we be shepherds and allow God to use us? I think we can do that by applying Christ to everything. We pray when we get up in the morning; pray before meals. Pray when we arrive at work and aunky things cause us stress. I recall an interview that a former president gave. The reporter asked, "How do you sleep at night with so many things going astray in the world?" He said, "Before I lay my head on the pillow; I say a prayer and just give it all to God," So, Let's surrender everything to God.

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year, July 21st: 9:30 AM live streamed, Presider: Fr. Chris Talbot

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

Wednesday, July 24th: SS. AM 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass Presider: Fr. Chris Talbot

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

Thursday, July 25th: 8:00 AM Holy Hour 9:30AM Mass Presider: Fr. Chris Talbot

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

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

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year, July 28th: 9:30 AM 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 last week's Gospel, Jesus sent the apostles out two by two to teach repentance, heal the sick and drive out demons. In today's Gospel, they return and report to Jesus all they had taught and done. Jesus said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." They had no opportunity to eat due to the number of people coming and going. So they went off in a boat to a deserted place, but crowds hurried by foot and arrived at the place before them. When they arrived, and Jesus got out of the boat and saw the vast crowd, His heart was moved with compassion for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things. Reflecting on this Gospel, how quickly do you move to meet the Shepherd in times of difficult circumstances? How might God be calling you to serve others in a shepherding role? You may want to meditate on Psalm 23 for deeper reflection.

References: [Mk 6:30-34](#); [Psalm 23](#)

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

16th Sunday

First Reading:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Responsorial Psalm

*The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall
want.*

Second Reading:

Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel Reading:

Mark 6:30-34

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

17th Sunday

First Reading:

2Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm

*The hand of the Lord feeds
us; he answers all our
needs.*

Second Reading:

Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel Reading:

John 6:1-15



We will again be collecting backpacks and school supplies to help the families cut their cost of getting the children ready for school.

Suggested items: backpacks, crayons, colored pencils, pencils, markers, 1 inch binders, wide & college ruled notebooks, folders, glue sticks, etc....

Thank you for whatever you can do!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

2024 Black Catholic Women's Conference

Early Bird registration ends 7/21/24 for our 2024 Black Catholic Women's Conference Saturday, August 10, 2024 (\$40 per adult 19+ & \$20 per youth 12-18 years of age). See the attached flyer & registration form for further details and how to register. As a reminder, if registering online, please enter Nativity of our Lord in the Parish Field and select 'Charvala Adams-Wheeler' as the Ambassador. Feel free to contact her at 313-590-2172 for assistance or questions.

Food Pantry

Your donations truly do help. This week we need Cereal, Pork & Beans, and Cornbread mixes. Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you are not a shopper, but would like to help the pantry, a check made out to Gleaners Food Bank with Nativity Pantry 1116 in the memo line can be dropped in the collection baskets or mailed to the office. Your donation would help with our monthly bill.

CSA

OUR GOAL: \$18,347.00

WOW! We are getting close.

Thank you to those who have made a donation or a pledge to the CSA. 47 families have donated or pledged \$15, 109.00. We are \$1,638.00 away from our goal.

Please help us reach our goal.

Did you know any money collected after our goal has been met comes back to the parish tax free.

Be sure you are clicking on 2024 CSA when donating online. Thank you.

Save The Date. You are Invited

Father Singer Memorial Scholarship

We will announce and recognize the recipients of the Nativity Father Singer Memorial Scholarship Sunday, **August 4, 2024.**



SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 11th



WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING FOR

Mary Jane Accavitti, Frank Accavitti, Jr., Brandon Adams, Brenda Banks, Judy Bartnik, Michele Bezel, Hedwig Buczek, Frank Candela, Brian Cavanaugh, Frank Candela's brother-in-law, Ed, Aaron Cole, Erin Cronin, Teri DeHem, 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 & Keith 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, the Benigni and Chida Families, the Gracey Family, 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. 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.

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

Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

July 21, 2024

Deacon John & Annette Wright
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Bill Francis (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)
Tina Roberts (Ruth Duddy & Karen Scamihorn)
Cameron Lewis (Family)

Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

July 28, 2024

Br. Ray Stadmeyer (The Nativity Family)
Fr. Dan Trapp (Carol Frattini & Lenore Mondalek)
Kevin Dupre (Family)

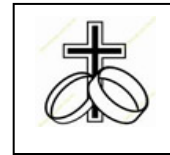
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

7-22: Ben Flores

7-24: Michele Bezel & Br. Ray

7-25: Wendy Bryant

7-26: Aimee Sergent



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

PARISH DIRECTORY

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Fr. Christopher Talbot, Moderator- Priest in Solidum

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams

Mashauna Adams

Sr. Ellen Burkhardt

Jerry Burns

Tish Colett

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Linda Cunningham

Norma Danzie

Willie Lewis

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Kim Milligan

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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.