

NATIVITY NEWS

**Nativity of Our Lord
Catholic Church**
5900 McClellan,
Detroit, MI 48213

September 1, 2024
22nd Sunday
In Ordinary Time

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30 AM

St. Charles:
Sunday 11:30 AM



ONCE AGAIN JESUS
CALLED THE CROWD TO
HIM AND SAID, "ALL OF
YOU, LISTEN TO ME AND
UNDERSTAND:
- MARK 7:14

A CUP OF JOE

In the readings this Sunday, Our God gives us an insight into commitment, purity of intention, and being hypocritical. One challenge we can take from our readings is to challenge ourselves to focus on our purity. Our journey for eternity starts within. When serving others, do we do it with pure intentions? We must ask ourselves if our actions are intended to look good rather than be good. What are we trying to get out of it? Is our heart in the right place?

One person I know who had pure intention was a parishioner I met in Santa Ines, California. She was an amazing mom to her five children and she was my mother away from home. She made the most amazing meals. When asked what seasonings she adds to the food to make it taste so good, she said she uses salt, pepper, and a lot of love. She truly worked with pure intention. When she cooked, you saw so much love in what she was doing. She sang and prayed the whole time. She looked as if she was cooking for Jesus himself. You see, sometimes we look to be loved and appreciated by man, but the desire to be appreciated by man has left so many out of the presence of God in eternity. Her commitment and actions were pure in her heart. After all, all gifts come from God. If God is the source of our food, we should cook with his love and give with his love.

We need to have pure intentions when we correct people with love. I know we all have been called hypocrites before. It almost comes with the choice of being a Christian. Hypocrisy in the church is the chief complaint of people leaving the church. Sometimes our desires to see people do better often overlooks our own mistakes and faults. It's easy to judge the physical actions of a man, but Jesus teaches that true degradation and impurity come from the core of our souls. Luke's Gospel tells us: *The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good, and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.*

St. Teresa of Avila talks about the tug of war between good and evil. She wrote that the soul is an interior castle and she believed that if we are immersed in worldly matters and pleasures, we develop a weak relationship with God so we scarcely see his light. She believed that acts of sin are a violation of our human temples. We should be Christ-centered and built from within so that our conversation to build our fellow man up will exhibit love and direction instead of forcefulness, judgment, and criticism. With God's love, our actions will appear with pure love.

Prayer

Oh Lord, give us today a deeper appreciation of the need to do all things out of love and with purity of intention. Give us a deeper love of You in the Eucharist. Allow us to see Your Face more clearly in the marginalized of today - the rejected, the lonely, the disabled, the elderly, and the dying. Help us to be icons of mercy to a hurting world. ~Sr. Faustina

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year, September 1st: 9:30 AM live streamed. Presider: Fr. Dave Buersmeyer

Monday, September 2nd: 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, September 3rd: [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

Wednesday, September 4th: SS. A/M 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, September 5th: 8:00 AM Holy Hour 9:00AM Mass, Presider: Fr. Chris Talbot

Friday, September 6th [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

Saturday, September 7th: [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year, September 8th: 9:30 AM live streamed. Presider:

WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!

Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith or religious education programs?

Contact: Joseph Taylor, Parish Minister Coordinator at the parish office: 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.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

22nd Sunday

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Responsorial Psalm

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second Reading:

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel Reading:

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

23rd Sunday

First Reading:

Isaiah 35:4-7

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading:

James 2:1-5

Gospel Reading:

Mark 7:31-37

Evangelization Committee Bible Question of the Week

Today we return to Mark's Gospel. The Pharisees and some scribes had come from Jerusalem and are gathered around Jesus. They observed some of his disciples ate their meals with unwashed hands. Keeping with tradition, Pharisees and Jews carefully washed their hands prior to eating and observed other traditions including purification of cups, jugs, kettles, and beds. They asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He goes on to say, "Hear me, all of you and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. From within people, from within their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile." Our obedience and love for Jesus is not demonstrated by blindly observing empty traditions, but by what is in our hearts. Matthew and Luke's Gospels also teach "the mouth speaks from the abundance of the heart." Our inner life is paramount. How often do you take an inventory of what you hold in your heart; your thoughts; actions that may be right but have wrong motives or purposes? We have the Holy Spirit within us guiding our ongoing transformation.

References: [Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#); [Matt 12:34-35](#); [Luke 6:45](#)



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food Pantry

We are grateful for your continued support of the pantry. Your weekly donations make a difference. This week we are asking for Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce and Peanut Butter.

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, September 18, 2024 is the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance Annual Harvest Dinner. It will be held at Eastern Market Shed 5 from 6:00-9:00PM. Tickets are \$75.00 each. If you are interested in going, please let Anne know. Checks need to be made out to DCPA. Let's try to fill another table.

Strangers No Longer Highlights for September

Mark your calendars!

- On Sunday, September 8th, we will be privileged to have a speaker from the Catholic High Schools' Circles of Support at the end of our Mass. They will share their personal experiences with Strangers No Longer, why migrant issues have become so central to their service, and the importance of participating in SNL programs in the future.
- On Sunday, September 22nd, Senator Joseph Tate will meet with Nativity/St. Charles Circle leaders after Mass in our social hall. The goal of the meeting is to encourage the Senator to bring the Drive Safe Bills to the floor of the legislature during the Lame Duck Session of Congress. We need to get these bills passed this year!
- Finally, on Sunday, September 29th, we invite everyone to join us to celebrate the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees at the Cathedral. The celebration of diversity begins at 2:30, with Mass at 3:30 p.m. Please see the flyer in last week's bulletin for more details.

Thank you, Lord, for hearing and responding to the prayers from the parishioners for the sick of the Nativity family.

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.)**



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

REOPENED!

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

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>

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Liam Dombrowski	09-03	Joyce Shahady	09-12	Emile Wheeler	09-21
Linda Cunningham	09-06	Brooke McMahan	09-13	Jarel Adams, Jr.	09-24
Ruth Duddy	09-06	Bert McAlister	09-14	Jerry Alderman	09-24
Karl Schwartz	09-06	Anne Crowe	09-15	Owen Johnston	09-24
Dick Couture	09-07	Renee Heimes	09-15	Mike Peralta	09-27
Zettie Kelly	09-07	Marty Gulewicz	09-16	Peter Iwu	09-29
Evan Kent	09-07	Mia Halthon	09-19	Roslyn King	09-29
Robert Dege	09-09	Sharon Bezel	09-21	Andrea Milligan	09-29
David Brancato	09-10			Lenore Mondalek	09-29
Sara Bezel	09-11			Cookie Kulchy	09-30

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ned & Diane Impastato 9-02

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Mae Johnston (Family)

The Nativity Community

Dr. John Calwell
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Those who are Grandparents or
provide a Grandparent figure to a
child

PARISH DIRECTORY

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams	Norma Danzie
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Sr. Ellen Burkhardt	Chris McLaughlin
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Linda Cunningham	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 commitment to social justice, service to the neighborhood, the community, and each other.