

# NATIVITY NEWS

## Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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Detroit, MI 48213

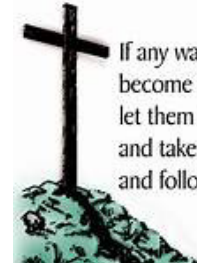
### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

**Nativity:**  
Sunday 9:30 AM

**St. Charles:**  
Sunday 11:30 AM



September 15, 2024  
24th Sunday of the  
Year



If any want to  
become my followers,  
let them deny themselves  
and take up their cross  
and follow me.

## A CUP OF JOE

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus gathers the apostles, and they actively take an authoritative approach to the gospel and embrace his mission as a healer, miracle worker, and exorcist. They embark on a journey to deliver a message of faith and love. This Sunday, the scripture wants us to recognize we are Christ's hands and feet, and we are to listen to God, persevere in our suffering, and work for the Kingdom of God.

I often wonder what holds Christians back from giving our best for the Kingdom of God. I know sometimes we get stuck in our ways and forget about the many gifts granted to us at our baptism. Other times, we give in to fear and discouragement, leaving those gifts idle. Do you remember the 1985 movie, *Brewster's Millions*? It starred Richard Pryor who played Montgomery Brewster, a man who was set to inherit 300 million dollars of his uncle's wealth. To do so, he needed to spend 30 million dollars in 30 days under a set of guidelines.

What if Christians adopted that same attitude? We should give as much love and teach as much about Christ as possible. Our inheritance would be greater than 300 million dollars because we would inherit the kingdom of God. We should start our day with a heart full of love and like Brewster in the movie, give it all. Exhaust all the love that our heart possesses. If God says we don't know the hour or the time, how sad would it be for us to die without giving God our best and all? How sad would it be for our last words on earth would be, "I could have given more? "

In the second reading, James emphasizes that faith without works is dead. It's almost like we became the walking dead when we don't live our faith and be a true reflection of Christ. So what are we afraid of? The Bible tells us to arm ourselves with the power of God.

It states,

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our Struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Take up the whole armor of God.*

So, we are covered in his armor; we are protected and have nothing to fear. A quote from Thomas Aquinas described fear as, "*the emotion we have when we perceive a future evil we can't overcome.*" So, sometimes we think we can't overcome suffering or doubts. But Christ tells us to go forth and don't be afraid to suffer for I am in control. The enemy may try to distract us from listening to God and scream that if we can't, we will suffer. But God silently says, "You will and I will suffer with you." Suffering is a part of our walk. Isaiah in the second reading describes that suffering is part of the journey. So we will suffer, but what a badge of honor to give love and suffer for the kingdom of God. Our God says, "I have come that they might have life, and have it to the fullest " You see, fear can try to paralyze us, Christ wants us to live out our faith. To honor our God let's give it all and when Christ comes for us for the heavenly banquet, we can say, I gave it all for you lord, I'm ready to go home.

### **St. Faustina's Prayer of Surrender to God**

*O Jesus, I want to live in the present moment, to live as if this were the last day of my life. I want to use every moment scrupulously for the greater glory of God, to use every circumstance for the benefit of my soul. I want to look upon everything from the point of view that nothing happens without the will of God. God of unfathomable mercy, embrace the whole world and pour Yourself out upon us through the merciful Heart of Jesus.*

## FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year, September 15<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 AM** live streamed. Presider:

**Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>:** 7 PM Detroit Lower Eastside Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next Sunday's reading. Please email Joni Scott @ [jlscott820@gmail.com](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) or Hermenia Adams @Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link]

**Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>:** [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

**Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>: 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](mailto:jlscott820@gmail.com) to receive the Zoom link]

**Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>:** 8:00 AM Holy Hour 9:00AM Mass, Presider:

**Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>:** [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>:** [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year, September 22<sup>nd</sup>: 9:30 AM** live streamed. Presider:

## 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

Today's Gospel is the turning point in Mark's presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus. The deeds of Jesus have shown Him to be the Son of God. Yet many have not realized His identity. Today we hear Jesus ask the disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They replied, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." Then He asked, "*But who do you say that I am?*" Peter replied, "You are the Christ." The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, He confides in them the outcome of his ministry. He began to teach that the Son of Man will be rejected by the elders, chief priests, scribes, and be killed and rise after three days. Peter rejects this and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus gave is not the image of the Messiah Peter was expecting. At that time, the image of the Messiah was that of a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus then teaches the crowd and disciples about the path of discipleship. He said to them, "*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.*" Today we believe in Jesus. But we may not understand or experience Him in the same way. What is your image of Him? In view of today's Gospel, how have you experienced the call to selfless discipleship? How have you carried your cross to follow Him? ❤️



Reference: [Mk 8:27-35](#)

### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

24th Sunday

#### First Reading:

*Isaiah 50:5-9*

#### Responsorial Psalm

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

#### Second Reading:

*James 2:14-18*

#### Gospel Reading:

*Mark 8:27-35*

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

25th Sunday

#### First Reading:

*Wisdom 2:12, 17-20*

#### Responsorial Psalm

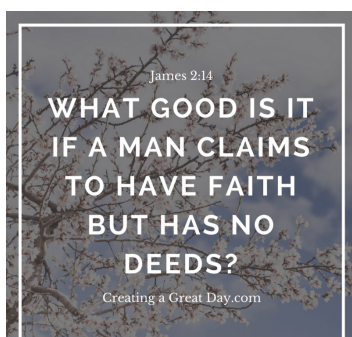
*The Lord upholds my life.*

#### Second Reading:

*James 3:-4:30*

#### Gospel Reading:

*Mark 9:30-37*



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### *Food Pantry*

We are so grateful for your continued support. This week we need family size Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Snacks and Candy.

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.

**PANTRY FACT:** We need 45 jars or the taller cans of spaghetti sauce to pre-pack each week.

## SAVE THE DATES

### OCTOBER

**October 4<sup>th</sup>:** Organize Christmas Gifts in Church Basement 9:30 AM

**October 13<sup>th</sup>:** Annual Homecoming/Alumni Mass and Reception

**October 27<sup>th</sup>:** Trunk or Treat

### NOVEMBER

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Magnify the Lord  
30th Anniversary Concert

**November 27<sup>th</sup>:** Thanksgiving Mass with Dessert afterwards 6:00PM

### DECEMBER

**DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>:** CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Exact dates for everything will be published as we know them. We will be distributing to families the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Keep in mind Election Day is fast approaching, November 5, 2024. ARE YOU READY?

In addition to following the candidates and their vision for our America, you need to be REGISTERED to vote so your voice will be heard. Strangers No Longer is ready and willing to assist anyone who needs help with this. If this is you or if this is someone you know, contact Anne in the parish office or speak to me at church and together we will make this happen. Nancy Silveri



## 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, 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/](https://www.instagram.com/nativitycatholicchurch_detroit/)



**DONATE HERE** or go to the giving site at: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/nativity>

## MASS Intentions

**24th Sunday of the Year**  
**September 15, 2024**

Dorothy Kroetsch (Family)

Gerald Johnston (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Mary Agnes Kenelly (Matthew Brenner)

**25th Sunday of the Year**  
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Shirley Szezepkowski (The Duddy Family)

Daniel Hass (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

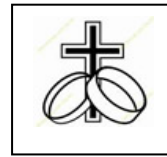
## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**09-15:** Anne Crowe & Renee Heimes

**09-16:** Marty Gulewicz

**09-19:** Mia Halthon

**09-21:** Sharon Bezel & Emile Wheeler



## 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

Fr. David Preuss, Priest in Solidum

Fr. Richard Baumann, 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.*



**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**



 Strangers No Longer

**COME CELEBRATE WITH US**

**THE  
INTERNATIONAL  
DAY OF THE  
MIGRANT**

**PILGRIMAGE BLESSED  
SUNDAY, SACRAMENT  
SEPTEMBER 29 CATHEDRAL**

**STARTS AT 2:30 PM  
9844 WOODWARD AVE, DETROIT**



**Celebrating Diversity with a Procession and Mass, multinational tables,  
music, flags, and dress. Bring your parish/organization's banner!  
For more information and to sign up..**



**Or call 248 - 765 - 4624 for more information**

**Strangers No Longer Highlights for September Mark your calendars!**

- 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 for more details.

30th Anniversary Concert

# MAGNIFY THE LORD

## *30 steps Higher*

Saturday the 23rd of

November, 2024 at 7:00pm

at St. Charles on 1491

Baldwin, Detroit, MI 48213

313 331 0253

<https://www.nativitydetroit.org/>

<https://www.stcharlesdetroit.org/>

Featuring

*-Magnify Gospel Choir  
-Nativity and St. Charles  
liturgical praise team*

