

# 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



September 22, 2024  
25th Sunday of the  
Year



## REFLECTION FROM FRAN

They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he (Jesus) began to ask them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”  
*Mark 9:33-37*

I have no difficulty identifying with how Jesus must have felt as the Apostles argued about who was the greatest as they were following him on the way to Capernaum. He has been trying to prepare them for what lies ahead, but they cannot comprehend his message. Instead, they argue. Many parents have experienced this same feeling when they hear their children bickering over who is the smartest, who gets the biggest cookie or who Mom and Dad love the most while the parents are working hard to raise loving, unselfish children. Similarly, think of the dinner table conversations where teen or adult siblings joust with each other over a variety of things including politics and who is their parents’ favorite or most successful child while the parents sit exhausted from preparing the house and a meal with everyone’s favorites in mind with the hope that this time together will create a happy family memory.

To set the stage for the arguing in today’s Gospel, consider that the Apostles were probably tired and feeling the stress of constantly being on the road. Remember that in the Gospels for the last three weeks, we have heard that they have been in Tyre and Sidon in Lebanon and eventually traveled to Galilee and Capernaum in Israel. This path which they walked (no Uber for them) is about fifty miles long and the Apostles had none of the comforts of home. For his part, Jesus is also tired, and he is also under the pressure of knowing his time is short to preach his message. He knows what lies ahead. He is constantly being followed and questioned, he is expected to do miraculous things, and he is trying to prepare his Apostles to carry on his legacy after he is gone.

With this background, now we see Jesus in today’s Gospel. I suspect he has ‘had it’ with his bickering Apostles who don’t understand the big picture and who have decided instead to busy themselves with arguing about who is the greatest among them. Kudos to Jesus who doesn’t lose his temper as his Apostles remain silent rather than owning up to their petty conversation. He doesn’t give up on them and second guess his choice of them to be his disciples. Instead, he gently tells them that if they want to be first, they need to be the last of all and the servant of all. Then Jesus does what every good teacher or preacher does: he uses an example to drive his point home. Jesus embraces a child and tells the Apostles that if they receive this child in his name, they will receive him and his Father. The message is clear: if you wish to be great, understand that serving the needs of others and approaching them without judgement (as you would a child) is the way to the heart of Jesus and his Father.

## FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

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

**Monday, September 23<sup>rd</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 24<sup>th</sup>:** [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

**Wednesday, September 25<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 26<sup>th</sup>:** 8:00 AM Holy Hour 9:00AM Mass.

**Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>:** [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

**Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>:** [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year, September 29<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 AM** live streamed.

### THIS 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*

### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**26th Sunday**

**First Reading:**

*Numbers 11:25-29*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

**Second Reading:**

*James 5:1-6*

**Gospel Reading:**

*Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48*

## 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, like last week, we hear Jesus foretell His passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. They are on a trip through Galilee, a Jewish territory where Jesus had already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to prepare His disciples. The disciples still did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what He meant. Perhaps it was due to Jesus' strong rebuke of Peter in last week's Gospel. When they came to Capernaum and were inside the house, Jesus asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" They remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves who was the greatest. Jesus called the Twelve and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching His disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? How do you respond? Do you serve with the heart and intent to serve Jesus?

Reference: [Mk 9:30-37](#)

For where you have envy  
and selfish ambition,  
there you find disorder  
and every evil practice.  
James 3:16 NIV

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### *Food Pantry*

We are so grateful for your continued support. This week we need family size Pork & Beans, regular & family size 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 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 of everything will be published as we have more information. 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?  
If you need help registering to vote, please see 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

### 25th Sunday of the Year September 22, 2024

Shirley Szcpekowski (The Duddy Family)

Daniel Hass (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

### 26th Sunday of the Year September 29, 2024

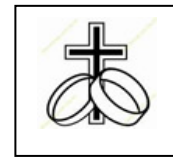
Fr. Jerome Singer (The Kulchy Family)

Margie Lee (The Crowe/Kohloff Family)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**09-24:** Jarel Adams, Jr., Jerry Alderman &  
Owen Johnston

**09-27:** Mike Peralta



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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Fr. David Preuss, Priest in Solidum

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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.*





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

- 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.