

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 29,
2024

**26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**



A Cup of Joe

Some of this reflection is from an excerpt from Pope Benedict XVI titled,
“Strangers in the Community.”

I thought this would be fitting considering the event that will take place at the Cathedral this afternoon. I am ending with a prayer inspired by Fr. Joel Okojie OSA from Nigeria. In the readings, we gain insight into how important it is for us as a body of Christ to recognize and understand that we are truly one and that what we do and don't do affects us as a whole. We often reap the rewards of our unity and setbacks because of the scandals of sin. Our saintly acts lead people to the body of Christ and our wicked acts can fog the true image of Christ and push people away. Like the fog, sin can keep us from going forward. Father Mark Beard would say, "We have to recognize that we are never stagnating, we are either going forward to God or going backward toward something else. So let's go forward with joy and love in our hearts and serve God. Now here is the excerpt from our Previous Pope, Pope Benedict the XVI:

“Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday’s Gospel presents one of those episodes in Christ’s life which, even if they are noted, so to speak en passant, contain a profound meaning (cf. Mk 9:38-41). The event involved someone who was not a follower of Jesus who had expelled demons in his name. The Apostle John, a young man and ardently zealous as he was, wanted to prevent him but Jesus did not permit this; on the contrary, he drew inspiration from this circumstance to teach his disciples that God could work good and even miraculous things even outside their circle, and that it is possible to cooperate with the cause of the Kingdom of God in different ways, even by simply offering a missionary a glass of water (v. 41). St Augustine wrote in this regard: “as, therefore, there is in the Catholic — meaning the Church — something which is not Catholic, so there may be something which is Catholic outside the Catholic Church” (cf. On Baptism, Against the Donatists, PL 43, VII, 39, 77).

Therefore if a stranger to the community does good works in Christ’s name, so long as he does so with upright intentions and with respect, members of the Church must not feel jealous but must rejoice. Even within the Church, people can find it difficult, in the spirit of deep communion, to value and appreciate good things achieved by the different ecclesial entities. Instead, we must all and always be able to appreciate one another, praising God for the infinite “creativity” with which he acts in the Church and in the world. The stream of invective of the Apostle James against the dishonest rich who rely on wealth accumulated by abuse, rings out in today’s Liturgy (cf. Jas 5:1-6). St Caesarius of Arles says in this regard in one of his sermons: “riches can do no harm to a good man, so long as he gives them compassionately, just as they cannot help a wicked man, so long as he keeps them greedily for himself or wastes them in dissipation” (Sermons, 35, 4). While the Apostle James’ words put us on guard against the worthless desire for material goods, they are a powerful appeal to use them with a view to solidarity and the common good, always acting with fairness and morality at all levels.”

Prayer

God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Help us not to look down on ourselves, though we don't have all the material possession of the world, we have you. Strengthen us and help us to always stay in your presence.

Inspired by Fr. Joel Okojie OSA from Nigeria

**TODAY'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

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE
READINGS**

27th Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

Genesis 2:18-24

Responsorial Psalm

*May the Lord bless us all
the days of our lives*

Second Reading:

Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel Reading:

Mark 10:2-16

WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!

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

Contact Joseph Taylor, Director of Formation, at the Parish House at 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 it in the collection basket.

NATIVITY CHURCH SUPER RAFFLE

Cost: \$30.00 for one year of drawings

53 Weeks for a chance to win

DRAWINGS EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

January 1st through December 31st, 2025

Based on Michigan Wednesday Evening Daily 3
Drawing

Prizes:

Number Straight: \$100.00 One Number Up or Down:
\$25.00

(Example: Winning Number is 123: If you have 122 or
124, you win \$25.00)

***Straight, No Boxing--Bonus Numbers Excluded--
Numbers randomly assigned.***

Only 1000 tickets available

SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

October 5th

8:30AM IN THE PARISH HOUSE

ALL ARE WELCOME

Bible Study



TOPIC IS THE SUNDAY READINGS

**Evangelization Committee
Bible Question of the Week**

Today's gospel continues from last week. The disciples had been discussing among themselves who was the greatest. Jesus' response was, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." In today's Gospel, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." Jesus then gives a discourse on sin. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." Three members of the human body come into focus for severe judgment: hand, foot, and eye. "And if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire" The same severe judgment follows with the foot being cut off and with the plucking out of the eye. The unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name without being one of His followers. How do you rely on and use this power? How does Jesus' discourse on sin speak to you? Do you spend more or less time on introspection versus judging behaviors of others? Reference: [Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48](#)

FAMILY OF PARISHES

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time/ September 29th: 9:30 AM Mass livestreamed

Monday, September 30th: 7 PM Detroit Lower Eastside Family Zoom prayer and discussion of next Sunday's reading. Please email Joni Scott @ jscott820@gmail.com or Hermenia Adams @Hermenia32@yahoo.com to receive the Zoom link]

Tuesday, October 1st: [Mass at Sacred Heart, 5 PM]

Wednesday, October 2nd: [SSAM 8 AM Holy Hour, 9 AM Mass [Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ jscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link]

Thursday, October 3rd: Nativity, 8 AM Holy Hour; 9 AM Mass

Friday, October 4th: [St. Charles: 8 AM Holy Hour/11 AM Mass]

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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time/October 6th: 9:30 AM Mass livestreamed

WHAT'S HAPPENING

There are copies of the letter and raffle order forms that were mailed out to the alumni and friends of Nativity by Mary's Altar. In the letters, we announced that our SUPER RAFFLE will be our fundraiser again this year. This is our major fundraiser for the year to help balance the budget. We are hoping everyone will help sell tickets.

SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER

October 4th: Organize Christmas Gifts in Church Basement 9:30 AM

October 13th: Annual Homecoming/Alumni Mass and Reception

October 27th: Trunk or Treat

Food Pantry Items Needed This Week: Your donations help us to keep feeding those in need. This week we need: Cereal, Noodles and Pork & Beans/Baked Beans. Thank you, your continued support is greatly appreciated.



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.)



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 surround us to give us health and strength through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

09-29: Peter Iwu, Roslyn King, Andrea Milligan & Lenore Mondalek

09-30: Cookie Kulchy

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/



Online Giving

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Patty Adams	10/04	Kathy Walsh	10/11	Rosy Krembel	10/27
Jerry Burns	10/04	Dorcas Scott	10/14	Tony Novara	10/27
Joseph Sergent Jr.	10/04	Justin Scott	10/18	Lisa Canty	10/28
Sister Jolene	10/04	Alesia Adams	10/23	Amia Davis	10/29
Fred Rottach	10/08	Akira Buford	10/25	Joe Sergent Sr.	10/31
Lorelei Krembel	10/10				

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Teresa & Major Ragland 10/12 and Anita & Ben Flores 10/13

MASS Intentions

**26th Sunday of the Year
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Fr. Jerome Singer (The Kulchy Family)

Margie Lee (The Crowe/Kohloff Family)

**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 6, 2024**

Sr. Jolene VanHandel (The Nativity Family)

Trudy Shiemke (Cookie & Jim Kulchy)

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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 commitment to social justice, service to the neighborhood, the community, and each other.