

# 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



## A CUP OF JOE

October 13, 2024  
28th Sunday of the  
Year

man ran up and knelt before  
him, and asked him:

**Good Teacher, what  
must I do to inherit  
eternal life?**

Mark 10:17

Father Mark Beard, an up and coming social media sensation from Louisiana preached almost infectiously about the importance of family and community. He passed away a couple of years ago with only eleven years into his priesthood. During his last sermon which now was turned into a YouTube “shorts’ video, he said something that was perfect for this week’s readings. He stated, *“The only thing you can take to heaven is family.”* In the past, I have heard people say there’s nothing you can take with you when you die, But, Father Mark believed that when our time comes, we will see in Heaven the people we brought to know and love Jesus Christ. All the money and prestige in the world means nothing. Its value isn’t the grand scheme of life, This Sunday’s readings are about the value of our souls and how we can’t hide from God, nor should we hide our God given talents. While money is good to have, but it can serve as an anchor that bind us down to the things of this world or it can be used to help with the mission of bringing souls to Jesus. Our God wants all of us... those with or without money. True wealth and the true glory are of the things of God and last for Eternity.

Money is useful and can indeed be passed down, but how much better would it be to pass down the wisdom and love of God? The first reading alludes to it when it tells us we should have an appetite for wisdom. The reading states: (referring to wisdom) *I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her. Because all gold, given her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire.*

God wants us to know we have value in our talents. With those talents we need to be wise and we can make a difference in people’s lives. Our talents are an ability that shouldn’t be discounted or devalued. Catholic author Matthew Kelly would say, *“We all have value, but sadly we sometimes value the wrong things and misvalue our time and things of no importance.”* You see it’s important we know our worth. The rich man in the Gospel didn’t know his, nor did he know the value of Jesus. He stood right in front of the God of the universe and couldn’t let go of his riches and let God take over his life. One day we will meet God, and on that Day of Judgment, we can’t hide from God. Truth will be staring at us and that money we worked so hard for won’t save us. Our bank accounts can be full, but it won’t pay off our debt of sin. Only Jesus can do that. Our God tells us that we will render an account of the neglect we have toward our fellow man.

In closing, if we are to be Saints of God, we should pray and try to teach the importance of true worth and richness to the people of God; after all, the only thing that we can bring to heaven is the people we bring to know Christ.

*God, your gift to us is our potential, our gift to you is what we do with that potential. Lord, with the potential you gave us, help us to let go and let you govern our lives; help us to bring souls to the richness of your love. Amen.*

Prayer Inspired by Thomas Piotta

### We Welcome Our Alumni!!

To our Alumni: We hope this message finds you in great spirits and good health. It gives us immense joy to have you back at Nativity as we celebrate you and our cherished alumni community. You are not only a treasured part of our history, but also our enduring legacy. Please use this time to reconnect and pray with old friends, also reminisce about shared experiences, and see how our church has evolved and stayed the same. Your presence blesses our community and strengthens our mission of fostering a lifelong commitment to Catholic fellowship.

### FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year October 13<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 AM**  
live streamed. Homecoming Sunday

**Monday, October 14<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](mailto:Hermenia32@yahoo.com) to receive the Zoom link]

**Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>:** [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

**Wednesday, October 16<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, October 17<sup>th</sup>:** 8:00 AM Holy Hour 9:00AM Mass.

**Friday October 18<sup>th</sup>:** [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

**Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>:** [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year October 20<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 AM**  
live streamed.

#### THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**28th Sunday**

**First Reading:**

*Wisdom 7:7-11*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*

**Second Reading:**

*Hebrews 4:12-13*

**Gospel Reading:**

*Mark 10:17-30*

#### NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**29th Sunday**

**First Reading:**

*Isaiah 53:10-11*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

**Second Reading:**

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

**Gospel Reading:**

*Mark 10:35-45*

### 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, a man ran up to Jesus and knelt before him and asked Him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother." He replied and said, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus said, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." The man leaves in sadness because he had many possessions. The challenge Jesus gave him proved that while he may have kept the outward letter of the law, he had not really kept the more important *inner spirit* of the law. The disciples were astonished when Jesus said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" Until they started following Jesus, they were of the same mind as this rich young man and Jews of their day. They thought that eternal life was something you proved that you were worthy of by doing good works in keeping with the law of Moses. This was the time in Jesus' ministry when He was headed to Jerusalem to die. He was making sure that His disciples understood that salvation is not a reward that God gives for doing good works. It is gift He gives, because of Christ's work. Based on today's Gospel, what challenges do you have that may require an inner transformation?

Reference: [Mk 10:17-30](#)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **Food Pantry**

We are so grateful for your continued support. This week we need Family Size Peanut Butter, Spaghetti Sauce, and Fruit. We will be filling bags for the children of the pantry to give to them the last couple weeks in October if you'd like to donate towards those, it would be 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.

Thank you for all you do to help us meet the needs of our families.

### **Hurricane Relief**

The link for Catholic Charities USA, the official disaster relief agency of the Church in the United States, is: <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/?form=helene> if you wish to help those affected by the hurricane.

Please note, 100% of donations made via the link above go to support recovery efforts. Catholic Charities USA works directly with local Catholic Charities agencies in the affected areas to provide humanitarian relief.

### **SAVE THE DATES**

**(Sign ups and flyers by Mary's Altar)**

### **OCTOBER**

**October 27<sup>th</sup>:** Trunk or Treat Sign up is by Mary's Altar. All are welcome!

### **NOVEMBER**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Black Catholic Gospel Concert

**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 for everything will be published as we have more information. We will be distributing to families the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>.



## 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

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The Nativity Alumni and Friends of Nativity

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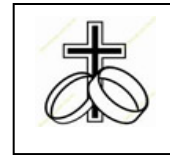
Justin Carnaghi (Frances & Laura Carnaghi)

Tina Roberts (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

10-14: Dorcas Scott

10-18: Justin Scott



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

10-13: Ben & Anita Flores

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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## 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

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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.*