

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



November 3, 2024
31st Sunday of the
Year



A REFLECTION FROM FRAN

“Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’^[b]³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[c] There is no commandment greater than these.” Mark 12: 29-31

I am writing this one week before Election Day as we are in the process of choosing new leadership for our country. By all accounts, people have strong opinions about their choices with well over one third of our fellow citizens having already cast their ballots. The election will soon be over, and the choices will have been made. However, I suspect that I am not alone in having a certain degree of concern and anxiety about what lies ahead. Regardless of the outcome, will we be able to heal the politics-based ruptures in so many of our families? Will we be able to turn the page and communicate with neighbors, friends, co-workers in a way that allows us to listen to each other rather than dismiss each other? Will we choose to frame our thinking about the election in terms of how we move forward rather than in terms of winners and losers? Will we do all in our power to keep the focus on peaceful behavior and healing as well as continuing to champion the needs of the poorest, the most excluded and most needy among us?

For me, the way forward that offers hopefulness amidst uncertainty and anxiety is precisely the message in Mark’s Gospel. It is a straightforward message calling us to focus our hearts, souls, minds and strength on our love for God and our neighbor. There is no room for mistreating or rejecting people who do not share our views or choices. Jesus is crystal clear about his expectations. No matter what the outcome of the election is, our call is to pray, listen, learn, include, repair, sometimes forgive or seek forgiveness, but always LOVE.

Thomas Merton, the Trappist Monk and author in We Are One With You offers his thoughts:

**“O God, we are one with you. You have made us one with you.
You have taught us that if we are open to one another, you dwell in us.
Help us to preserve this openness and to fight for it with all our hearts. Help us to realize that there can be no understanding where there is mutual rejection.**

O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely, we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you, and we love you with our whole being because our being is your being, our spirit is rooted in your spirit. Fill us then with love and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united in this one spirit which makes you present in the world, and which makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love. Love has overcome. Love is victorious.”

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time/November 3rd:
9:30 Mass Nativity

Monday, November 4th: 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, November 5th: [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

Wednesday, November 6th: 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, November 7th: 8:00 AM Holy Hour 9:00AM
Mass.

Friday November 8th: [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the
rectory]

Saturday, November 9th: [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year November 10th: 9:30
AM live streamed.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

31st Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Responsorial Psalm

*I love you Lord, my
strength.*

Second Reading:

Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel Reading:

Mark 12:28-34

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

32nd Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

1 Kings 17:10-16

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading:

Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel Reading:

Mark 12:38-44

DETROIT CATHOLIC ALLIANCE

We are looking for one or two parishioners to represent
Nativity on the Community Action Committee of the DCPA
(Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance).

They meet virtually on the 4th Monday of each month.

They currently are focusing on legal rights reform and are
working on behalf of Returning Citizens in a program of the
Alliance called Friends of Returning Citizens.

Please call or email Anne in the office if you are interested.

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 takes place after Jesus has arrived in
Jerusalem for the Passover. He had cleansed the
temple area of those selling and buying. He taught
them saying, "Is it not written: "My house shall be
called a house of prayer for all peoples"? But you have
made it a den of thieves." Upon hearing this, the chief
priests and the scribes were seeking a way to put Jesus
to death, but feared Him because the crowd was
amazed at his teaching. Today we hear one of the
scribes came to Jesus and asked Him, "Which is the
first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The
first is this: **Hear**, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord
alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your
heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with
all your strength. The second is this: You shall love
your neighbor as yourself. The scribe replied, "Well
said, teacher. You are right in saying, "He is One and
there is no other than he." And "to love him with all
your heart, with all your understanding, with all your
strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself" is worth
more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when
Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, He said
to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."
The word **Shema** is Hebrew and in simplest terms
means "**to hear**." But it also means "**to obey and act**."
So, to hear God is to obey God and to obey God is to
hear God." It is not enough to know what God says but
to live it. What do you hear God saying to you from
today's Gospel? How will you obey and act – with all
your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and
with all your strength?

Reference: Mk 10:46-52

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please join us downstairs for coffee and donuts after Mass today.

Food Pantry

We are so grateful for your continued support. This week we need Noodles, Family Size Peanut Butter, and Fruit.

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 will help with our monthly bill.

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

SUPER RAFFLE

Don't forget to send in or bring your Super Raffle order forms. We need everyone's help selling these tickets.

SAVE THE DATES

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

NOVEMBER

November 23rd: Magnify the Lord Concert

November 27th: Thanksgiving Mass with Dessert afterwards 6:00PM

DECEMBER

December 1st: Bring out Christmas stuff after Mass-coffee and donuts will be provided.

Advent Revival 3:00PM St. Augustine/St. Monica

Strangers No Longer

We would like to invite the Nativity family to attend our 2nd Advocacy Day to Lansing on **Tuesday 11/12, 9A-3P**. We held our first advocacy day on 2/23 & many of you joined us then. Although it's been frustrating that we still have not met our goal, we remain hopeful & working hard to have the drive safe bills voted on before year's end. These bills would reinstate the ability for persons to get state ID & driver licenses regardless of immigration status.

The whole day is planned, lunch is provided & there is the option of driving independently or taking a bus from 2 different locations. Mary Traub & Nancy Silveri would be very happy to provide details if you're interested. Just ask & please consider joining us for an interesting day & a good cause. Registration is required to plan for lunch & the bus.

Remember Bishop Gumbleton's words:

"Be doers of the word"



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/



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

MASS Intentions

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mert Kroetsch (Family)

Andrew King & Phil Gintner (Cousins)

Ernestine Carnaghi &

The Deceased of the Carnaghi Family
(Frances Carnaghi)

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Cookie & Jim Kulchy (Friends of Nativity)

Trudy Shiemke (Frances Carnaghi)

Edna Boyd (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

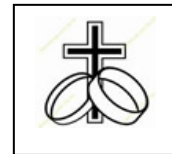
Donald Adams (Patty Adams)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

11-03: Tish Colett

11-06: Rashid Buford, Jr.

11-07: Diane Impastato



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

11-7: Gary & Tish Collett

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

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Fr. David Preuss, Priest in Solidum

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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

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.