

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 10, 2024
32nd Sunday of the
Year



A CUP OF JOE

This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on stewardship and the intent behind it. The story of the widow and Elijah in the first reading is an example of how to trust in God. This widow is preparing what she believes to be her final meal, but when Elijah asks for the last of her food, she gives it without hesitation. It's a reflection of true generosity. She could have said "I have nothing left to give," but she offers what little she has. She recognizes it's not all about sharing material resources, but about trusting that God sees our hearts and responds to our willingness to give.

In this reading, what stands out to me is how the widow is physically poor, but is rich in the spirit of generosity. Her poverty doesn't define who she is. She is open-hearted and willing to give out of love which makes her rich in God's eyes. In a world where we often measure generosity by how much we have to give, the widow is an example of someone who gives not because it's easy, but because she recognizes that all she has belongs to God. Her act of giving is born from a place of trust in God.

Today's Gospel highlights a similar theme. We see the wealthy giving from their surplus and the widow giving her last two coins. It means that it's not about the size of the gift, but the sacrifice behind it that is important. Jesus calls us to recognize the importance of sacrifice and it should be done with love. Recognition could be given to motivate others to give, but who are we doing this for? If it's for God, then our intent should be pure.

And this is where the call to serve God unconditionally comes into play. If we look at how Jesus gave himself on the cross, we see the ultimate act of love and sacrifice. His love had no boundaries. He gave his life for the salvation of humanity trusting in the Father's plan for him. As Christians, we are called to follow this example, to serve God and others with a heart of love and generosity, even when it's difficult. We have to trust in God. I wonder how often we put conditions on our service. Did I not do something good because the person annoyed me or may be ungrateful? How easy is it to give when things are comfortable and convenient? Jesus died for sinners, He died for the people who annoy us and sometimes are hard to put up with. After all, none of us are worthy of him. Also, how much more powerful is it when in moments of discomfort, we still choose to serve with love, patience, and joy? Jesus did.

Overall, the true measure of our generosity isn't found in how much we give, but in how much we are willing to sacrifice. Jesus wants us to love with no strings attached, to serve with no expectations of return. Like the widow, our small acts of love, patience, and service, when done with a gentle heart and trust in God, have the power to transform lives and build his Kingdom. So are we willing to give everything to God, even when it's hard? Are we willing to love without limits, to serve without boundaries, and to trust that God will provide for us just like he provided for the widow?

Precious Lord, help us to become better stewards of the things you gave us. In our lives where we are lacking in love and trust in you, we ask for an abundance to share love and provisions for those who you call us to help. Amen

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Monday, November 11th: 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 12th: [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

Wednesday, November 13th: 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 14th: 8:00 AM Holy Hour 9:00AM Mass.

Friday November 15th: [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

Saturday, November 16th: [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year November 17th: 9:30 AM live streamed.

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.

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

33rd Sunday of the Year

First Reading:

Daniel 12:1-3

Responsorial Psalm

You are my inheritance, O Lord

Second Reading:

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel Reading:

Mark 13:24-32

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.

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. In past weeks, we heard Jesus arrived in Jerusalem to prepare for the Passover. He cleared the Temple of buyers and sellers. His authority was questioned by the chief priest and scribes. Today we hear Jesus is teaching in the temple area and warns the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes. "Beware of the scribes who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext recite lengthy prayers. **They will receive a very severe condemnation.**" Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. Those who were rich gave large sums and those with less means gave smaller amounts. Jesus calls attention to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Calling his disciples, He said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. **For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.**" Jesus conveys a standard for leadership and stewardship. What do you hear Him saying to you? You may want to review Mark's previous related messages in Chapter 10.

References: [Mk 12:38-44](#) or [12:41-44](#); [Mk 10:17-30](#); [Mk 10:35-45](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Help is needed after Mass to bring Christmas gifts from cars to the basement. It won't take long and there will be coffee and donuts too.

Food Pantry

We are so grateful for your continued support. This week we need Spaghetti Sauce, Vegetables, and Cereal.

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. As of this week we still need to sell 541 more tickets. 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

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Cookie & Jim Kulchy (Friends of Nativity)

Trudy Shiemke (Frances Carnaghi)

Edna Boyd (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Donald Adams (Patty Adams)

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Fr. Jerome Singer (The Nativity Family)

Trudy Shiemke (Cookie & Jim Kulchy)

Aurie Mitchell (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

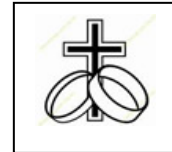
Peter Salvia (Family)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

11-10: Major Ragland

11-12: Chris McLaughlin

11-16: Jim Kulchy



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

11-10: Jim & Cookie Kulchy

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

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