

NATIVITY NEWS

Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

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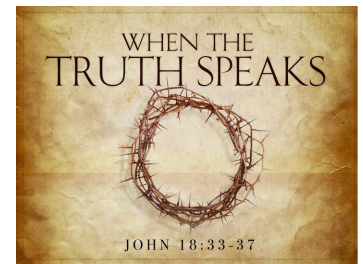
WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Nativity:
Sunday 9:30 AM

St. Charles:
Sunday 11:30 AM



**November 24, 2024
Christ the King**



A CUP OF JOE

The final Sunday of the liturgical year marks the Feast of Christ the King. The first reading is from the prophet Daniel. He has a vision of an authoritative figure from heaven, the coming of Jesus, the King of Kings, and the architect of truth. In the Gospel, we see Jesus on trial. Pilate asks, "Are you the king of Jews?" because he believes it's a political stunt thinking Jesus is coming for his kingdom. But Jesus is the king beyond the imagination of man. Jesus tells him this when he says his kingdom is not of this world. Jesus tells us how to get to that kingdom in the book of John when he says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life, and no one comes to the Father but through me." In a world with so many religions and beliefs, Jesus makes a foundational statement for his followers that he is the only path. This leaves no doubts, maybes, or what-ifs. He makes it clear who he is. We as Christians must take this proclamation and cement it in our souls. We can't get caught up in the web of lies and false teachings the world offers. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus states, "for this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Jesus is the embodiment of the truth and we should reflect on the nature of his reality. The path to finding truth is illuminated when we attempt and strive to gain an understanding of the teaching of Jesus. Jesus is the only path to heaven, the source of life itself, and a true measure of righteousness. The only path to God is through him; however, there is a path to Jesus and it is us, his followers. We are the path to him. He removes the fog from our eyes to bring forth a clear vision for others to follow, a path to the eternal world. That path is free from the lies of our flesh that tell us to obey what we want, free from the lies of the world that tell us that doom is always upon us and that Satan is winning, and free from the library of paths to darkness. Jesus is the only way to heaven and we can become paths to him.

But do we believe this? Like Jesus, sometimes we feel like we are always on trial. It seems like it's always someone or something challenging or judging us, lying to us and telling us we're not good enough. But we do not have to give in. You know, Jesus made only seven "I am" statements in the Bible. One of them was when he said, "I am the way and the truth," and from that we should refuse all doubt. As we grow in faith, we should grow in love, and intellectually and spiritually know that truth endures and we are witnesses to it. We should behold it in all our interactions.

One story I heard from a priest was about the commandment that you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. He stated that, in all his years as a priest, it was one he never confessed to because he hadn't done it, but it was because he didn't understand it. He soon realized that he bore false witness when he failed to reflect Christ in his actions. He went on to state that when we engage publicly in negative conversations, if we dress inappropriately or give advice that is not in line with the church's teaching, we lie: we bear false witness to Christ. In closing, we are to recognize that God is nothing but the truth and the path of true enlightenment, and we as Christians are to direct others down that path to him with our actions and with love.

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year November 24th: 9:30 AM live streamed.

Monday, November 25th: 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 26th: [Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM]

Wednesday, November 27th: 6:00PM Nativity
[Rosary: 7 PM on Zoom. Email Joni Scott @ jlscott820@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link]

Thursday, November 28st: Thanksgiving
9:00AM Sacred Heart

Friday November 29th: No Mass/ Offices closed

Saturday, November 30th: [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

First Sunday of Advent December 1st: 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.

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Today is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. We celebrate The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Gospel is a portion of the passion from St. John, which is also part of the Gospel reading proclaimed each year on Good Friday. Jesus was handed over to Pilate by Caiaphas and the high priests charged him with a political crime that required a punishment of death. Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." In His responses to Pilate's questions, Jesus distinguishes His kingdom from the political powers of this world. Jesus is king, but not the kind of king that was expected or recognized by many. Today's Gospel invites us to see with eyes of faith that we might recognize that Jesus, through His crucifixion and death, is indeed King and Savior. As a modern-day disciple, how do you view Jesus' Kingship and kingdom differently from the worldly political structures and authorities?
References: [Jn 18:33b-37](#)

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Christ the King

First Reading:

Daniel 7:13-14

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel Reading:

John 18:33-37

NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

1st Sunday of Advent

First Reading:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel Reading:

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

FAMILY OF PARISHES THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, November 26, 2024: 6:00PM St. Augustine/St. Monica (Potluck to follow Mass)

Wednesday, November 27, 2024: 6:00PM Nativity with dessert afterwards

Thursday, November 28th, 2024: 9:00AM Sacred Heart

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food Pantry

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

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 493 more tickets. We need everyone's help selling these tickets.

SAVE THE DATES

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

NOVEMBER

November 27th: Thanksgiving Mass with Dessert afterwards 6:00PM (Sign up is on the table by Mary's altar to bring a dessert.

DECEMBER

December 1st: Sort Christmas gifts after Mass-coffee and donuts will be provided.

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

Strangers No Longer

Strangers No Longer is currently in our fund raising month. We need your prayers, friendship & support. We are @ the \$2000 mark in trying to raise our \$60,000 goal. I know it seems like a stretch, but you made a huge difference last year when we far exceeded our goal. We thank you & appreciate you. You have always given so generously & graciously through the years. Please visit the website: strangersnolonger.org & see all the fun, interesting & life changing activities we've been involved in & then please consider a donation so we can continue this journey of love for those unable to speak for themselves. Let's give everyone a voice.

"Whatever you do for the least of my brothers & sisters you do for me."

Thank you, Nancy Silveri, SNL



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 the 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

Christ the King

November 24, 2024

Rose Merlo (Lenore Mondalek)

Marty Carnaghi (Frances & Laura Carnaghi)

Wayne Ezell (The Ezell Family)

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

Fran & Buzz Busacca (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Tina Roberts (Jim & Cookie Kulchy)

Joan Sierengowski (Anthony Sierengowski)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

11-24: Christine Snypes

11-28: Arias Clark

11-29: Karen Scamihorn

11-30: Selena Houston



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

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

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.