

# NATIVITY NEWS

## Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church

5900 McClellan,  
Detroit, MI 48213

December 1, 2024

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

**Nativity:**  
Sunday 9:30 AM



*Happy 1st week of Advent!*



## ***A REFLECTION FROM FRAN!***

With Nancy Silveri and Judy Brooks as our liaisons, we are blessed as a parish to be able to take an active role in Strangers No Longer. As you know, SNL works to advocate for our immigrant brothers and sisters and, through this advocacy, to be the face of Jesus in their midst. As a parish community, we had the privilege of knowing Luz Ramos and her teenage children, Johnny and Yoselin, who escaped violence and came to Detroit from Guatemala. Along with other parishes, we supported the Ramos family with our prayers, friendship, tangible assistance and acts of service. They expressed their gratitude with their own service to us. Sadly, illness took Luz from us. Johnny and Yoselin are involved in separate legal immigration processes that are difficult, expensive, and currently do not offer a path to citizenship. Please keep them in your prayers and hearts.

Our parish has also been well represented on two SNL-sponsored trips to Lansing to advocate for Drive SAFE legislation. If you are like me who had only minimum knowledge about Drive SAFE and the larger immigration implications, please read the information contained in the following statement that provides a gospel as well as an economic rationale for its passing.

Catholic Sisters leading Michigan congregations that have collectively served the people of Michigan for more than 700 years are joining with other organizations and municipalities across the state in calling on state lawmakers to pass the Drive SAFE (Safety, Access, Freedom, and Economy) legislation pending in the legislature. The Drive SAFE bill package would make non-commercial Michigan driver's licenses and state identification cards available to applicants who do not have proof of U.S. citizenship or immigration status. The bill would allow undocumented immigrants to have driver's licenses and reinstate the right to drive in Michigan, a right that was revoked in 2008 and that currently exists in 18 other states and Washington, D.C. The Drive SAFE bill package is supported by Strangers No Longer of Southeast Michigan, an immigrant advocacy organization.

"As women of faith, we support this legislation because it honors the inherent dignity of all persons and supports the safety and welfare of all Michigan residents. We also support it as practical Michiganders because it makes common sense and is cost-effective," the leaders stated.

Providing access to driver's licenses and state IDs for all residents of Michigan – regardless of their documentation – gives residents the ability to care for their families and get to and from work and/or school without fear of being arrested, detained, and deported. It also enables residents to participate in daily activities in their communities that require identification.

"These bills would benefit all Michiganders, making our roads and communities safer and improving our economy by adding to the state's revenue," the Sisters said. The legislation provides that all drivers be trained, screened, and tested and required to have auto insurance. In case of emergencies, officials would be able to efficiently identify all individuals. The legislation is estimated to increase revenues in the State of Michigan by up to \$13.5 million within the first three years of its passage.

(The Michigan congregations whose leaders have issued this statement include Dominican Sisters of Adrian; Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids; Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Monroe; Congregation of St. Joseph, Detroit; Sisters, Home Visitors of Mary of Detroit; Servants of Jesus, Detroit.)

**TODAY'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*

**NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**First Reading:**

*Baruch 5:1-9*

**Responsorial Psalm**

*The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

**Second Reading:**

*Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11*

**Gospel Reading:**

*Luke 3:1-6*

**WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS!**

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

Contact Joni Scott, 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 in the collection basket.

**FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES**

**First Sunday of Advent December 1<sup>st</sup>: 9:30 AM** live streamed. 3:00PM Advent Revival at St. A/M.

**Monday, December 2<sup>nd</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, December 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Sacred Heart, Mass at 5 PM

**Wednesday, December 4<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, December 5<sup>th</sup>:** 8:00 AM Holy Hour 9:00AM Mass. (In the Rectory)

**Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:** [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>:** [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

**First Sunday of Advent December 8<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 AM** live streamed.

**EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE  
BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

This first Sunday of Advent begins the new liturgical year. Our Gospel readings will primarily be proclaimed from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear Luke's account of Jesus teaching on end times that is similar to that read from Mark the week before last. After Jesus describes the frightful signs and the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory, He warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. During Advent and the busyness of the holiday season and beyond, how will you be vigilant and pray for strength? How will you celebrate the birth of Jesus with a focus on His gifts of hope, peace, love, and joy? How will you share those gifts with others?

References: [Lk 21:25-28, 34-36](#); [Mk 13:24-32](#)



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### *Food Pantry*

We are so grateful for your continued support. This week we need Cereal, Mac & Cheese and Cookies or Cake Mix and Frosting for the Christmas boxes of food. 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.

### **DECEMBER**

**December 1<sup>st</sup>:** Sort Christmas gifts after Mass-coffee and donuts will be provided.

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

**DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>: CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>: Church Clean up**

**DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>: Decorate Church after Mass**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: 5:00PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: 9:30AM**

**NEW YEARS DAY: 10:00AM at St. Augustine/St. Monica**

**SIGN UP TO HELP WITH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AFTER MASS**

### **CALLING ALL PARISHONERS**

**Can you spare a few hours? We really need help the next few weeks getting our Christmas Assistance program ready to distribute the week of December 16th.**

**TAGS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS ARE IN THE BASKET BY the Elevator: Please bring gifts back by December 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### **SUPER RAFFLE YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

**Will you help by selling a few tickets?  
RAFFLE FORMS ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE  
CORNER OF THE ELEVATOR WALL.  
Tickets will be passed out in Mass on December 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
for those wanting them for Christmas gifts.**

## **NATIVITY WEEKEND RETREAT**

**THEME: *It's All About Presence***

**WOMEN: February 21-23, 2025**

**MEN: MAY 2 – MAY 4, 2025**

At St. Paul Retreat Center

See details posted in Church

(By Mary's Altar side)

**To register visit: [stpaulretreat.org](http://stpaulretreat.org)**



## **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 surrounds us to give us health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## **On the Rise Bakery Cafe**

### **REOPENED!**

At the Solanus Casey Center

1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9:30AM to 4:00PM

## 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/)



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>

## December BIRTHDAYS

Teresa Ragland	12-01	Fr. Chris Talbot	12-05	John Pierick	12-22
Sr. Marcia Haggins	12-02	Mary Ellen White	12-05	Nikki Woodfork	12-24
Hermenia Romaine	12-02	Billy Dombrowski	12-08	Anthony Sierengowski	12-25
Paula Dombrowki	12-03	Lisa Benberry	12-08	Martell Stephens	12-26
Larry Shelton	12-03	Mariah Elmore	12-16	Dolores Kein	12-30
Robert Campernel	12-04	Jeanne Kalkman	12-20		
Terra Jones	12-04	Mark Crawford	12-21		

**DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 12-03: Melvin & Theresa McCoy, 12-27 John & Gail Urso, 12-29: Michael & Wendy Kent, 12-31: Karl & Roseanne Schwartz

### First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2024

Fran & Buzz Busacca  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)  
Tina Roberts (Jim & Cookie Kulchy)  
Joan Sierengowski  
(Anthony Sierengowski)



### Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024

Fr. Jerome Singer (The Nativity Family)  
Kenny Matheny (Anthony Sierengowski)  
Miriam Moses  
(Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)  
Frank Wieckowski (Cookie & Jim Kulchy)

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### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Hermenia Adams

Mashauna Adams

Sr. Ellen Burkhardt

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Tish Colett

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Linda Cunningham

Norma Danzie

Willie Lewis

Chris McLaughlin

Kim Milligan

Mark Miller

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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.*