

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



December 22, 2024



A CUP OF JOE

The scripture readings this Sunday present insight into Christ's divine plan for our salvation. The book of Micah prophesied that a ruler would come and bring peace and security to the world. This prophecy resonates deeply in our hearts, especially in times of turmoil. As we enter the fourth week of Advent, and the year draws to a close, I think it's a perfect time to reflect on the gifts and experiences of 2024. This year has brought significant developments, particularly Donald Trump's return to the political stage—and many global conflicts such as war, floods, and food scarcity. So let us pause to appreciate how faith has guided us through another year. Despite what happens next year, we have Jesus. So, each upcoming day presents us with choices that can lead us closer to him. Let us embrace his love and his guidance as we look forward. Let us do so with hope, assured that Jesus is walking with us.

Here is the question for today. *If Jesus was in front of you, what would you express to him for which you're thankful?* Maybe it's new relationships you've formed with colleagues or precious babies who have joined your families. In considering the challenges of life, some of us are thankful for the personal spiritual journeys that allowed us to grow closer to him. Nevertheless, we all can be thankful for the simple blessing of being alive. Our very existence is a gift that we should be thankful for.

In the readings, Mary carries the most precious gift of all humanity in her womb. When she comes to visit, Elizabeth is thankful and is filled with the Holy Spirit understanding that Jesus on his own will has come to the world to offer himself as a sacrifice for the sins of humanity. Let us be mindful that Jesus came as an innocent child; he had to endure all the ups and downs of life. As a child, he needed a protector and a provider. His life was a free will gift to us so let us not take that for granted. Let us look upon this upcoming year thankful with hope and love knowing that Christ is with us and if he is with us, we can endure all things through him.

Prayer

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me. From the Mary's Prayer: The Magnificat

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped make the Nativity Christmas Assistance Program a success. You gave of your time, brought food and gift and prayed for us. Total figures won't be complete until after the New Year, but we know we assisted over 100 families and probably close to 600 people. Without your help, we couldn't have done it.

FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKDAY MASSES

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22nd: 9:30 AM live streamed.

Monday, December 23rd: 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, December 24th: Christmas Eve Mass at 5 PM

Wednesday, December 25th: Christmas Day 9:30 AM

Thursday, December 26th: No Mass

Friday, December 27th: [St. Charles, 11 AM Mass in the rectory]

Saturday, December 28th: [Sacred Heart 5 PM Mass.]

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 29th: 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

4th Sunday of Advent

First Reading:
Micah 5:1-4

Responsorial Psalm
*Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we
shall be saved.*

Second Reading:
Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Reading:
Luke 1:39-45

NEXT WEEK’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Holy Family

First Reading:
Sirach3:2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm
*Blessed are those who fear
the Lord and walk in his
ways*

Second Reading:
Colossians3:12-21

Gospel Reading:
Luke 2:41-52

FAMILY OF PARISHES CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

- 5:00PM Nativity
- 8:00PM St. Charles
- 9:00PM Sacred Heart

Christmas Day

- MIDNIGHT MASS: St. Augustine/St. Monica
- 9:00AM Sacred Heart
- 9:30AM Nativity
- 10:00AM St. Augustine/St. Monica
- 11:30AM St. Charles

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

On this the last Sunday of Advent, our Gospel reading tells us how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before His birth. Our past week’s Gospel readings focused on the ministry of John the Baptist in preparing the way for Jesus’s adult ministry. Today we hear of an event that preceded John’s birth when Mary visits the house of Elizabeth and Zachariah who (advanced in age) also had an encounter with the Angel Gabriel who foretold of their miraculous conception with John. “When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice, and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed” The Holy Spirit, revealed to both Elizabeth and the unborn John the presence of the unborn Messiah! Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. God is still working through believers. What has He asked of you during this Advent season? How has the Holy Spirit enabled you to respond?

Reference: [Lk 1:39-45](#)



WHAT'S HAPPENING

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

We are collecting donations for the Christmas poinsettias this Sunday. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Food Pantry

The pantry is closed until January 9th to give the wonderful volunteers time off. We thank you for all you do to help us meet the needs of our families. Pantry needs will return in a couple weeks.

SUPER RAFFLE

If you mail in forms for tickets and your envelope is post marked by December 31st you will be in the first drawing which is January 1st. We still have over 300 tickets to sell. So, it's not too late.

DECEMBER

December 22nd: Decorate Church after Mass.

December 24th: 5:00PM Mass

December 25th: 9:30 AM

FAMILY OF PARISHES Schedule For New Years

New Years Eve

9:00PM Sacred Heart

11:00PM St. Charles

New Years Day: The Solemnity of Mary

9:00AM Sacred Heart

10:00AM St. Augustine/St. Monica



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, Journee Jones, Mia Halthon-Jones, Alex Kelly, 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

Joseph Grano (Maura Corrigan)

Phyllis Treece (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Peter & Virginia Parisi (Jackie Parisi)

Joann Novara-Liuzzo (Tish & Gary Colett)

Holy Family Sunday

December 29, 2024

Al Mudloff (Family)

Delores Ferschneider (Nancy Silveri & Tony Novara)

Chico Mondalek (Family)

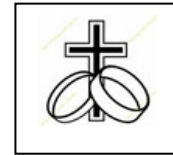
BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

12-22: John Pierick

12-24: Nikki Woodfork

12-25: Anthony Sierengowski

12-26: Martell Stephens



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Please let the Parish Office know if we missed someone.

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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.